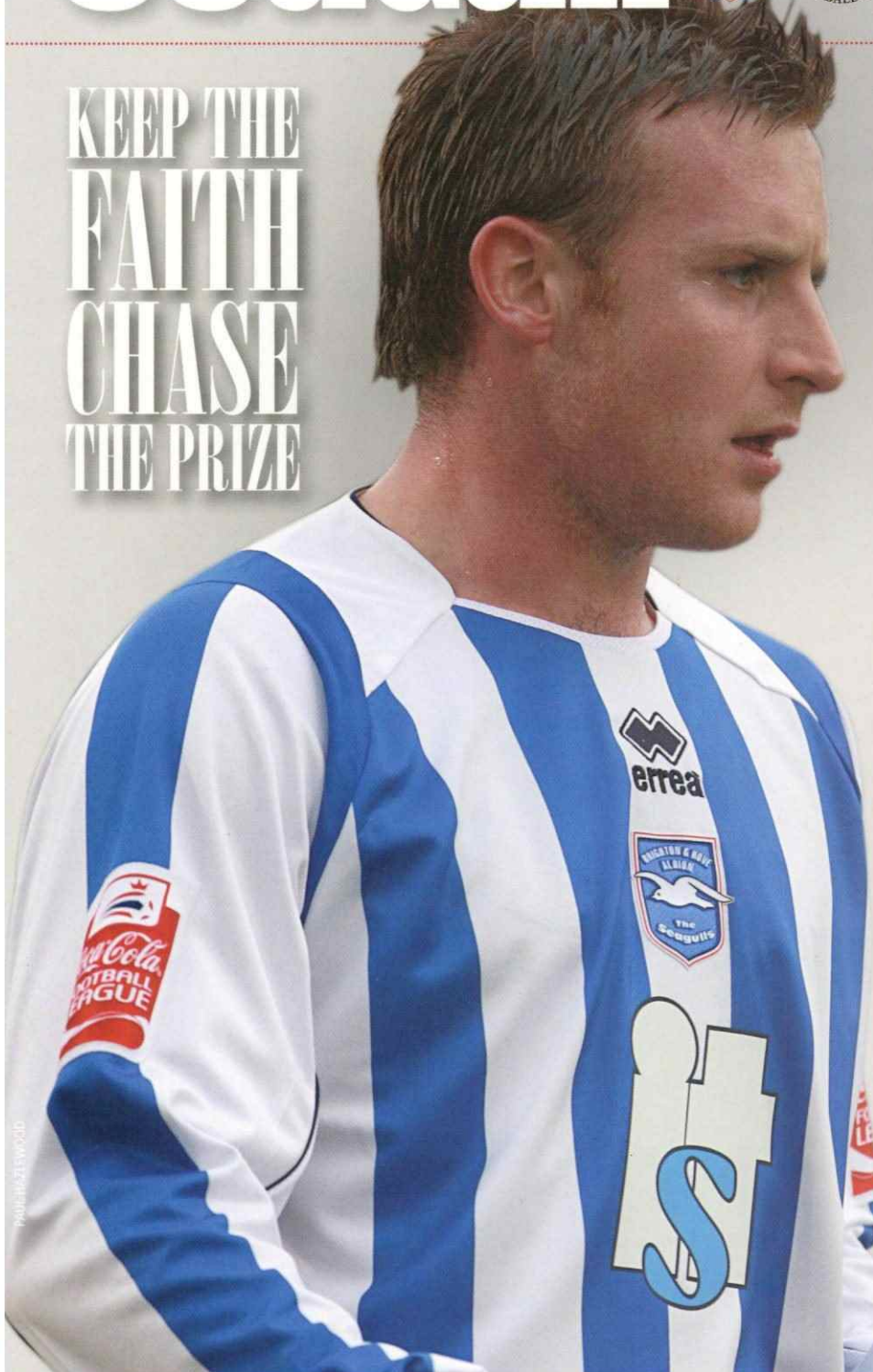


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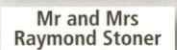


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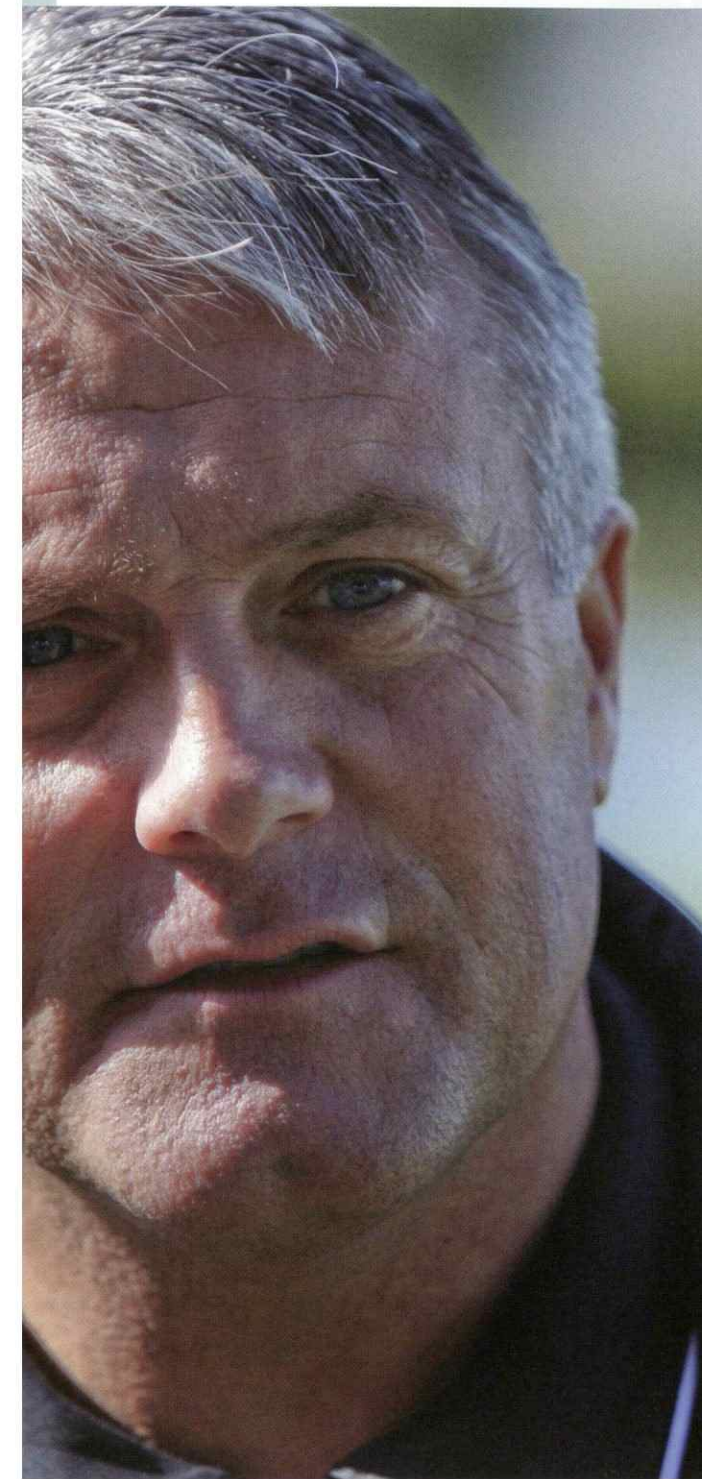
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MICKY TALKING

A moment of madness allowed Leeds to open the scoring

Tonight we entertain Luton Town in the first leg of our eagerly anticipated Johnstone's Paint Trophy area final, which sees both clubs just 180 minutes away from a mouthwatering Wembley final. It's a tie we have all been looking forward to since before Christmas, although one we have put to the back of our minds until tonight.

I would like to start by welcoming Luton boss Mick Harford, who undoubtedly began the season in THE toughest job in English football. Luton Town hit headlines this summer because of the 30-point penalty imposed by the football authorities, and they began pre-season with just a handful of pros and massive debts.

Not surprisingly they were everybody's firm favourites for relegation before a ball had been kicked – but somehow Mick has managed to motivate and galvanise his players to make something of the season. Without the harsh 30-point penalty, Luton would be comfortable in mid-table, and while relegation looks on the cards, their season is still very much alive which is huge credit to Mick and his team. Having watched them last week at Chester City, I know they are a very capable outfit.

However, if we can produce a similar

performance to our recent displays, against Swindon and Leeds, but cut out the defensive lapses that cost us on Saturday, then we will give ourselves an excellent chance of going into the second leg of the tie in the driving seat in four weeks' time.

After the three-week break because of back-to-back postponements, I was pleased that the players continued from where they left off in the final game of 2008 at Swindon, and while Saturday's result against Leeds United was disappointing, I felt the performance of the players was a committed one and deserved something for their efforts – but then Leeds, with all their financial resources, are a very different prospect to most other League

One sides. Without being too harsh on the players, only a moment of madness, when we switched off at a free-kick, allowed them the opportunity to open the scoring in a game I felt we were on top of.

Finally, I would like to praise the supporters, who generated an excellent atmosphere and backed us from start to finish here on Saturday. That type of backing helps the players no end, and I am sure you will produce a similar atmosphere this evening as we look to get off to a good start in this two-legged affair. Enjoy the game.

Keep the faith,
Micky

EDITOR

Tonight is Albion's most significant cup game since the FA Cup semi-final of 1983, when the Seagulls beat Sheffield Wednesday to reach a Wembley cup final. For Luton it's their biggest cup tie since the late 1980s when they reached the League Cup Final in successive seasons. They famously beat Arsenal in the first appearance in 1988, in a season when they also went to Wembley in the now defunct Full Members Trophy.

Neither club is enjoying a great season in the league. Luton's in many people's eyes finished before it had even started, due to a ridiculous 30-point penalty for the actions of a previous regime at Kenilworth Road... and as always it is the fans who suffer, as the guilty men look on.

Many Albion fans will of course sympathise with their Bedfordshire counterparts, having suffered at the hands of our own club's "administrators" during the 1990s, and, with no disrespect to the other clubs embroiled in the League Two dogfight, there are many who have been secretly willing the Hatters to pull themselves clear of trouble all the time it is still mathematically possible (as unlikely as it may seem).

However, Luton can forget sympathy tonight, and again in four weeks' time. With Wembley in sight we can expect nothing less than a full-blooded cup tie between two clubs with great histories.

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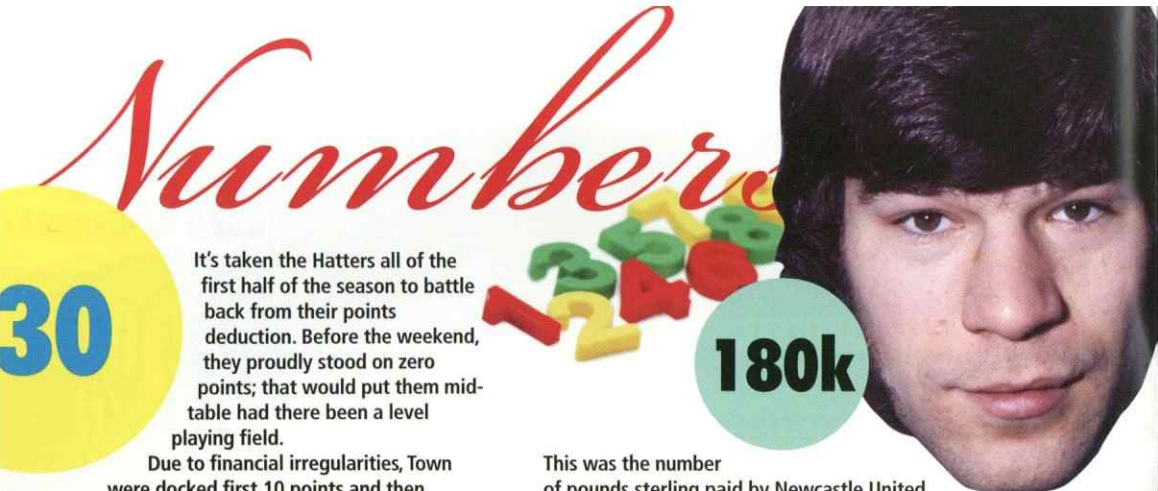
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It's taken the Hatters all of the first half of the season to battle back from their points deduction. Before the weekend, they proudly stood on zero points; that would put them mid-table had there been a level playing field.

Due to financial irregularities, Town were docked first 10 points and then another 20 by the Football League for coming out of administration without a CVA (Company Voluntary Arrangement) in place. To help kick off the fight, life-long fan Jane Ledson recorded the song "30 Down To Zero" with backing group 'The Shouty Boys', a bit of an anthem for a season at Kenilworth Road.

180k

This was the number of pounds sterling paid by Newcastle United to secure the services of Hatters' hitman Malcolm Macdonald. 'Supermac' – a former full-back – switched to striker with such effect that, after signing from Fulham in 1969, he racked up 49 goals in 88 league games for Town before what must be regarded even now as a modest sum which took him to St. James' Park and further adulation.

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An unwanted post-war record was set this time last week when Town earned a 2-2 draw away at Chester City, to bring their points total to a level zero. Only 1,652 watched the game at The Deva Stadium, the lowest post-WWII crowd to be in attendance for a Hatters' away league game.

Macc'sfield	23	4	1	7	14	26	4	2	5	15	2
Port Vale	23	4	1	7	12	21	4	1	6	12	1
M'cambe	23	4	5	2	16	12	1	5	6	9	22
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Rotherham	23	5	3	3	16	12	5	4	3	15	12 20 +7
Barnet	24	1	3	7	9	22	3	4	6	17	26 19 -22
Grimsby	23	1	4	6	10	17	1	4	7	9	25 14 -23
B'mouth	24	4	4	4	10	9	1	5	6	16	27 7 -10
Luton	24	4	4	4	20	19	3	5	4	12	16 0 -

Ten is the number of goals scored by Joe Payne during a Football League match in April 1936. The feat was achieved against Bristol Rovers (final score 12-0) and, unsurprisingly, remains a record to this day.

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Luton proudly lifted the League (Littlewoods) Cup, defeating Arsenal in dramatic style at Wembley. Brian Stein's early goal settled Hatters' nerves, but two second-half replies – from Martin Hayes and Alan Smith – had the Gunners ahead. Town keeper Andy Dibble then denied Nigel Winterburn from the spot, allowing late goals from Stein and ex-Albion midfielder Danny Wilson to win the cup for the side skippered by Fozy.



2020

1988

The suffix for the group which now owns and runs the Hatters. Fronted by 61-year-old Nick Owen – the former TV-am front-man, now a presenter for Midlands Today) – Luton Town Football Club 2020 (LTFC2020) had their application approved for takeover back in the summer. Poignantly, Managing Director of LTFC2020 Gary Sweet said upon assuming control of the club: "We now have a huge job on our hands, both on and off the pitch, to finally exorcise the ghosts of the past. There is a unity about the club that I haven't witnessed for many years."



Boss bullet points.

- Mick Harford:
- had a playing career which took in 10 clubs, over 700 appearances and nearly 250 goals
 - will be 50 on the 12th of next month (just in case any of the Luton players reading this had forgotten!). This is his fourth managerial appointment, following two caretaker spells (Forest and QPR) and a 2005 stint as boss at Rotherham United
 - is now in charge at the club where he enjoyed halcyon days as striker. Part of the 1988 Littlewoods Cup-winning side, he is often voted by fans as Town's best-ever player
 - was an England international in his playing days, earning two caps: against Israel in 1988 and then Denmark in 1989 (alas no goals)
 - had a spell at Birmingham City when he, Kenny Roberts, Mark Dennis and Tony Coton (among others) were known – on and off the pitch – for their no-nonsense behaviour.... ask a Blues' fan for more details!

Refusing to go quietly

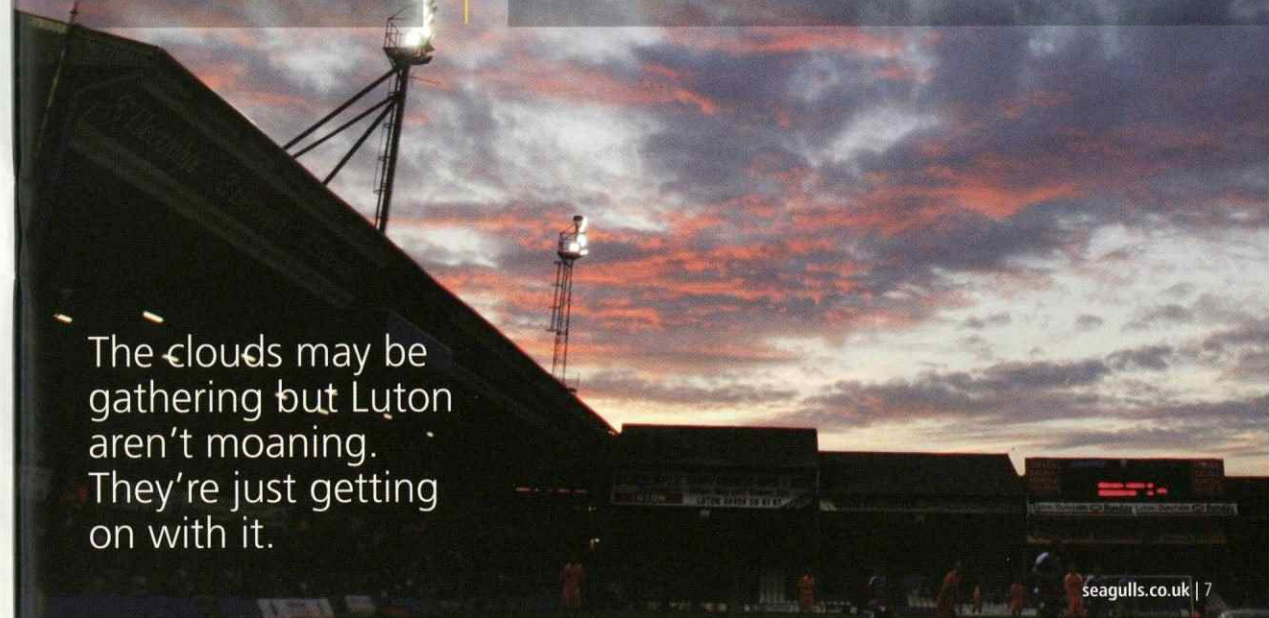
THEY suffered worst of all three teams to be punished for administrative reasons this season. Before a ball was kicked, the table showed Luton on -30, with Rotherham and Bournemouth on -17. Strange days indeed for League Two – and for the Hatters – with almost two separate competitions running within the division this term. Nick Owen and his Luton Town 2020 consortium couldn't really have bargained for quite such a parlous state when they took over the Kenilworth Road club in 2008. Previous owners Jayten have ensured it's far from a bed of roses for life-long Hatter Owen, best known for fronting GMTV with Anne Diamond. However, hope springs eternal since Town have now made up all of those 30 points and are now looking to edge into positive numbers. Can they catch the third-bottom side come May? You wouldn't back against them.

GUY'S GUIDE HOW TO MAKE GRIMSBY PEOPLE NERVOUS



"It would have been easy for the lads there this season to think we're doomed and not even try. But I can't think that Luton's players have had too much pressure to deal with because no one's expecting them to achieve the impossible.

When you're fifth or sixth, you're looking over your shoulder but with everyone above you the job's clear and well-defined. To get done for 30 points was really unfair and not a reflection on the players or the fans. But I've not heard much moaning from them; they just seem to have got on with it. I'm sure it's created a siege mentality and that can only work to your advantage. It's still a big ask, about five wins from safety, but every time they reduce the deficit, teams like Grimsby and Barnet will get a bit more twitchy."



The clouds may be gathering but Luton aren't moaning. They're just getting on with it.



Hatters

What you ought to know

Sean BRILL, English, 23, G, 7/0/0, youth
 In the form of on-loan Conrad Logan has meant the home-grown keeper is once again waiting for his opportunity.

Laude GNAPKA, French, 25, D, 4/2, Peterborough
 Long enough to see a player stay in the division in which he got promoted but, after a successful 07/08 during which he was one of the mainstays of Peterborough's successful League Two title bid, the flying arch full-back joined Luton this summer. Usually ever-present this season.

Col DAVIS, English, 29, D, 14/1/1,endon
 Needed for recovering from a stroke suffered the way to a match in the 2006/07 season, he's one of those defenders who really gets on with the job in hand.

Keith KEANE, Irish, 22, M, 27/1/0, youth
 "There's only one Keano" can often be heard drifting around the ground as the 22-year-old – ever-present this term – emerges in another crunching tackle.

Ian ROPER, English, 31, D, 18/0/3, Walsall SEE PANEL RIGHT

George PILKINGTON, English, 27, D, 1/0, Port Vale
 Left-back or centre-half who started his career with Everton but didn't get a look-in here. Over 250 appearances in five years at Port Vale came to an end this summer when he moved to the Hatters in the summer.

Ian HENDERSON, English, 23, F, 1/0, Northampton
 One of the Cobblers at the turn of the year

after no goals in 33 appearances; joined Luton's survival bid a few days later.

8 Kevin NICHOLLS, English, 30, M, 10/0/0, Preston
 A massive presence in the heart of the Hatters' midfield, the captain's been sorely missed through injury. Fans' favourite.

10 Ryan CHARLES, English, 19, F, 1/8/2, youth

11 Lewis EMANUEL, English, 25, D/M, 14/1/1, Bradford
 Equally at home at left-back or wide left in midfield.

14 Asa HALL, English, 22, M, 21/5/4, Birmingham
 Ex-Wolves YTS.

15 Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE, English, 20, D, 4/2/0, youth

16 Rossi JARVIS, English, 20, D/M, 27/5/2, Norwich
 Released from Carrow Road after never

truly breaking through, he's proved a vital and versatile addition for Mick Harford's side – capable in defence or midfield.

18 Chris MARTIN, English, 20, F, 29/2/7, on loan from Norwich
 Another of the Norwich exiles, this time on a season-long loan, the strapping striker is probably modelling his game on his manager's approach to leading the line. An automatic choice this season.

19 Drew TALBOT, English, 22, F, 6/5/0, Sheff Wed

20 Michael SPILLANE, Irish, 26, D/M, 29/0/4, on loan from Norwich
 Another Norwich loanee, he's hardly missed a beat of this campaign at the heart of the Town rear-guard. He can also do a decent shift in a holding midfield role.

21 Conrad LOGAN, Irish, 22, G, 25/0/0, on loan from Leicester
 His career's been a tale of loans. Four spells

LOYAL SERVANT

5 Ian ROPER, English, 31, D, 18/0/3, Walsall



GUY'S GUIDE

"For a really big lad – even bigger than me in my last few seasons – he gets around okay, and also pops up and scores the odd goal at the other end which is an invaluable knack to have.

As a big bloke myself, I know he's probably used to all the comments. And there are some managers who'll steer clear of taking you. But I've never seen Ian exposed too much in the games we had against Walsall. When you've got other qualities like a decent reading of the game, you can make up for not being quite as quick as the fellow you're marking."



GUY'S GUIDE TO THE ONES TO WATCH

at three clubs all told, the most recent of which sees him playing a starring role in trying to help the Hatters beat the drop.

23 Wayne ANDREWS, English, 31, F, 3/7/0, Coventry

24 Tom CRADDOCK, English, 22, F, 8/0/4, on loan from Middlesbrough
 Joined for three months from Boro, he's a natural goal-getter who's already running a one-in-two goal ratio for Town.

25 George BEAVAN, English, 18, D, 4/2/0, youth

28 Paul McVEIGH, Northern Irish, 31, M/F, 13/6/3, Norwich SEE PANEL

29 Jordan PATRICK, English, 16, F, 0/2/0, still a YTS

30 Mark FARTHING, English, 18, M, 0/0/0, still a YTS

32 Kevin GALLEN, English, 32, D, 10/0/1, MK Dons SEE PANEL

33 Jake HOWELLS, English, 17, D, 18/3/0, still a YTS
 Of all the youth-team products to break into the first-team this season, this left-back's probably had the greatest impact, having played over 20 games.

36 Aaron FLETCHER, English, 17, G, 0/0/0, still a YTS

40 Scott SINCLAIR, English, 18, M/F, 0/1/0, still a YTS



GUY'S GUIDE

SIZE DOESN'T MATTER

28 Paul McVEIGH, Northern Irish, 31, M/F, 13/6/3, Norwich

"I'm sure Paul gets the same ribbing Ian Roper does – for entirely the opposite reason. He's one of the smallest of small men in a front two I've played against, but a determined and aggressive character at times. He takes up really good positions and makes great use of space. He's quite happy to drop out of the line to receive the ball, which makes life difficult for defenders."



GUY'S GUIDE

VITAL EXPERIENCE

32 Kevin GALLEN, English, 32, D, 10/0/1, MK Dons

"He's a bit old-fashioned in that he'll give you a little dig but is quite happy to take one too. I've got respect for forwards like that because a lot of them out there would rather whinge. He's the sort of lad you'd have always liked to have in your team; a hard worker who can hold the ball up and poach a goal or two. Over 120 goals is a decent return for anyone's career – and he's scored most of those in the second tier of the game."



GUY'S GAME GUIDE

"Luton play to their strengths and that's no surprise. It's hard for them because they'll have to adapt their game a bit to what loan players are around and who's available. I know they've had more than their fair share of bad luck with injuries this season so that must have made it even harder to get any sort of momentum going in their push to get away from the bottom. Although they've got a lot of young lads in their squad, there's plenty of recognisable names as well, and they're going to need all those older heads to come to the fore now."

ME MUM'S HERE

...subject to World Cup commitments

New recruit Chris Birchall is delighted to have convinced Albion he was worth a more permanent arrangement, after a short trial with the club last week, and the Trinidad & Tobago international is now aiming to get his domestic career back on track, and extending his stay with Albion.

Birchall linked up with former boss Micky Adams for a second time when he signed a deal until the end of the season last Friday, as Albion nicked him from under the noses of Carlisle United and US MLS side San Jose Earthquakes – both of whom were keen to secure the 24-year-old midfielder's services. He had even spent a short time on loan at Brunton Park at the end of last year – but the opportunity of linking up with Adams again proved too good to turn down.

That loan spell at Carlisle ended a year or more in limbo at Coventry, after Birchall had fallen out of favour under Sky Blues boss Chris Coleman. Very much a fixture in the team under Coleman's predecessors Iain Dowie and Adams, the £375,000 spent to sign Birchall from Port Vale in the summer of 2006 looked to be money well spent – but the Soca Warrior was deemed surplus to requirements by Coleman and has had a frustrating 12-month spell on the sidelines. That same summer he signed for Coventry City, Birchall also appeared for Trinidad & Tobago at the World Cup Finals in Germany – playing against England in the group stages – and after returning from the tournament the entire Soca Warriors squad were awarded the prestigious gold Chaconia Medal – the country's second highest honour – although it is

fair to say Birchall was already a national hero.

In 2005 he had become the first white player to play for Trinidad & Tobago in over 60 years, qualifying through his mother, who was born in Port of Spain. Word had reached the T&T FA that Birchall qualified to play for their national team, and Denis Lawrence, then with Wrexham, approached Birchall during a game between the Welsh side and Birchall's then-club Port Vale: "I was playing for Vale against Wrexham and Dennis Lawrence came over to me during a break in play. He's 6ft 7in and I was thinking 'What's going on here?' But he just asked me calmly: 'I hear you've got some 'Trini' blood in you?'"

Sure enough he does, and legendary West Indian cricketer Brian Lara – a huge football fan – is also reputed to have played a part in Birchall's call up to the national team after being tipped off by former Warwickshire teammate Ashley Giles. He made his international debut in May 2005 and on 12 November that same year, Birchall was part of the Trinidad & Tobago side who found themselves trailing in the opening home leg of a vital 2006 World Cup qualifying playoff against Bahrain. Salman

Ghuloom had scored for Bahrain in the 72nd minute and were poised to take a 1-0 lead back home for the second leg – but in the 77th minute Birchall gained iconic status as he fired in a stunning goal from outside the box to level the scores. The Soca Warriors went on to win the return leg of the playoff in Bahrain 1-0 and made their first appearance at a World Cup Finals.

In Trinidad and Tobago, Birchall is known by his nickname: 'Me Mum'. The nickname was his two-word response to a reporter who asked him how he was eligible to play for the country's national team, the Soca Warrior for a second time, and predicts he will be a big hit with fans as he bids to win the longer-term deal with Albion he initially had his heart set on: "He will bring us energy. He can play in a couple of positions, right side or in the middle of the park, and he is trying to earn himself a contract for next season. In the two weeks that he has been here he certainly hasn't looked out of place. He has fitted in well with the lads and I think that is important."

Further international commitments could rule him out of games between now and the end of the season. Trinidad and Tobago play World Cup qualifiers in El Salvador on 11th February (between Albion fixtures at Hereford and at home to Carlisle); at home to Honduras, on 28th March (Albion play Tranmere that day); and in the USA on 1st April (three days before the Seagulls go to MK Dons or four days before a potential Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final, if Albion are to overcome Luton).

Birchall was delighted to get his Albion bow on Saturday against Leeds – putting in an impressive shift and playing for well over an hour – but feels he needs a couple of games to get his full match fitness back and be fully up to speed. "I haven't been used to playing week in week out so I think it will take a couple of games to get used to playing 90 minutes. There is nothing better than playing 90 minutes every single week – you don't realise how important that is until you're not playing. You do fitness work but you can't replace the fitness you pick up from games."



JOSH KEEPS THE SCORE DOWN



A young Albion reserve side slumped to a heavy defeat against a strong Reading second string, at Lancing FC's Culver Road. A bumper crowd saw the Royals cruise into a three-goal lead inside the first 19 minutes of the game, with a brace from Hal Robson-Kanu either side of Alex Pearce's strike.

Robson-Kanu, who lined up against Albion for Southend United earlier this season, opened the scoring after five minutes when he ran on to Pearce's flick before sliding the ball past Josh Pelling. Then Pearce, who faced Albion while with Bournemouth last season, stabbed the ball home from close range to double Reading's tally. Robson-Kanu made it 3-0 with another composed finish after racing on to another ball over the top.

Pelling kept the score respectable with a couple of good saves before half-time, as Albion recovered from a nightmare opening twenty minutes. Jake Robinson had two excellent chances after the interval, but was twice thwarted, before substitute Nicholas Bignall headed a James Henry cross past Pelling with five minutes to go to round off a comprehensive victory for the visitors. One positive was that Kerry Mayo played his first full 90 minutes since recovering from injury, along with Chris Birchall.

Albion: (4-4-2) Pelling; Royce, Dunk, Mayo, Brencher; Cox, Loft, Birchall, Brinkhurst; Upton, Robinson. Subs not used: Walker (GK), Wilkins, Cooper, Thomson, Smith.

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
1 Southampton	10	7	1	2	7	22
2 Millwall	8	6	0	2	12	18
3 Reading	7	5	2	0	24	17
4 QPR	9	3	3	3	3	12
5 Albion	7	3	1	3	-4	10
6 Aldershot Town	9	2	2	5	-3	8
7 Gillingham	7	2	2	3	5	8
8 Crystal Palace	6	2	0	4	-6	6
9 Lewes	7	1	1	5	-24	4
10 Charlton	6	1	0	5	-4	3

90 MINUTES FROM NORTH LONDON?

The second leg of tonight's tie takes place on Tuesday 17 February at Kenilworth Road with the winner lining up against Scunthorpe or Rotherham, who compete in the northern area final. One of the second leg ties will be televised on Sky, with a decision to be taken after tonight's first-leg games.

The Wembley Final takes place on Sunday 5th April, and it would be a first visit to the new national stadium for all four clubs – although all did play at the old venue, with Luton making five appearances, Albion three, Scunthorpe two and Rotherham one.

Meanwhile, Albion are again laying on free travel to Kenilworth Road, in recognition of the club's excellent loyal away support. Those who usually travel

with the Supporters' Club or A21 Club coaches should confirm availability by first booking their place with the club, which will cover the cost. Those wishing to travel on the club's coaches should indicate this on their ticket booking form and also where they want to travel from.

There will be three pick up points:

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- Withdean (3.30pm)
- Pease Pottage (4pm)



We've had a bit of a patchy time at home this season and everyone at the club is very grateful to the match and ball sponsors who have backed us so loyally. Things will get better soon! On the left is the group from Leeds match



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We try to be generous in defeat and gather that Joe Litchfield, MK Dons mascot at Withdean, was sorry that his photo didn't get into the programme. Sorry Joe, better late than never!



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Dogged Leeds spoil our Saturday

A rejigged Albion side, with Chris Birchall making a quiet debut in midfield, couldn't prevent a fourth successive home defeat, and the Seagulls remain in some trouble at the wrong end of the table.

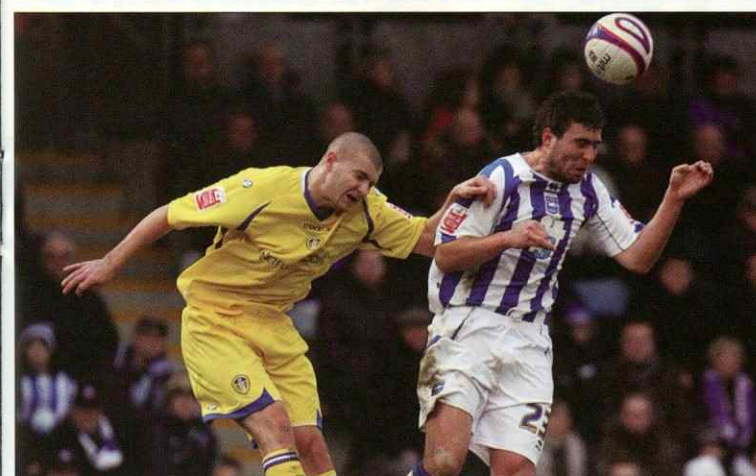
Early on, John Sullivan saved a poorly-struck Luciano Becchio spot-kick with his legs – justice, perhaps, as only referee Pat Miller saw any offence. That, coupled with a good chance squandered by Stuart Fleetwood, was as good as it got for Albion. Fleetwood's pace troubled United in the first half, but as the game went on, the visitors snuffed out that threat and took control.

Leeds went ahead just after the hour, when Lee Trundle linked well with his striking partner Becchio and finished cleverly. Confidence oozed from the Yorkshire side, and Fabian Delph showed just why top-level clubs are after his talents. Fittingly, it was the teenager who delivered the killer blow with a magnificent solo goal a few minutes from time, but in truth Albion had scarcely troubled the United defence.

There were a couple of late moments of hope for Seagulls fans, but nothing came of it. Fresh blood is surely on its way, and the link between midfield and the strikers has to be addressed.

Albion: Sullivan, Whing, Hinselwood, El-Abd, Elpbick, Fraser; Birchall (Murray 62), Virgo, McLeod (Cox 70), Fleetwood (Loft 85), Forster. Subs not used: Crichton, Mayo. Yellow cards: El-Abd, Fraser.

Leeds: Ankergrren, Richardson (Robinson 66), Naylor, Marques, Dickinson, Johnson (Howson 84), Douglas, Hughes, Delph, Becchio, Trundle (Christie 83). Subs not used: Lucas, Michalik. Yellow cards: Douglas.





A to Z of the Football League Trophy

A IS FOR Attendance

The highest crowd to watch a Football League Trophy match is 80,841 for the final in 1988. Wolves beat Burnley 2-0 at Wembley.

B IS FOR Birmingham City

The Blues beat Carlisle United in the 1995 final by a golden goal, the first time in Wembley Stadium's 72-year history to be decided in such fashion.

C IS FOR County

Stockport lost the final in two successive seasons, both to Potteries sides. In 1991/92, 1-0 to Stoke City; and 2-0 to Port Vale the following year.

D IS FOR Den

The Lions from London were the opposition when Withdean hosted its first Auto Windscreens Shield tie in 1999.



E IS FOR Earrings

Whilst playing for the Albion, German striker Dirk Lehmann was banned from wearing earrings during matches. His only goal in the stripes came against Swansea City in November 2001.

F IS FOR Football League Trophy...

...the generic name for the competition that features clubs from the two lower divisions of the Football League. It began in 1983 and was originally called the Associate Members' Cup.

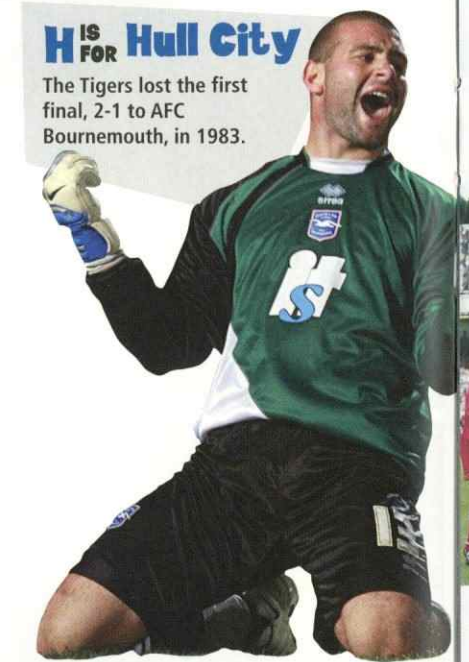


G IS FOR Gillingham

Our former landlords could only muster 963 supporters for our Auto Windscreens Shield visit in 1994. The game finished 1-1.

H IS FOR Hull City

The Tigers lost the first final, 2-1 to AFC Bournemouth, in 1983.



I IS FOR Inspiration

John Sullivan, on advice from coach Paul Crichton, guessed right and dived to save Grant Holt's penalty at Shrewsbury to earn Albion a place in the area final.

J IS FOR Johnstone's

This is the last of the three contracted seasons that the West Yorkshire-based company will sponsor the Trophy.

K IS FOR Kurt

Nogan scored on his Albion debut – the opposing goalkeeper kicked the ball into the Welshman's midriff, deflecting it into the net – in the 3-2 victory over AFC Bournemouth at the Goldstone in December 1992.



L IS FOR Leicester

The East Midlands outfit have enjoyed their first sojourn in the competition this season.

M IS FOR Most Finals

Bristol City (1986, 1987, 2000 and 2003) and Carlisle United (1995, 1997, 2003 and 2006) have both reached the final four times. City have won twice, in 1986 and 2003, while the Cumbrians have enjoyed a single victory, in 1997.



N IS FOR Notts County

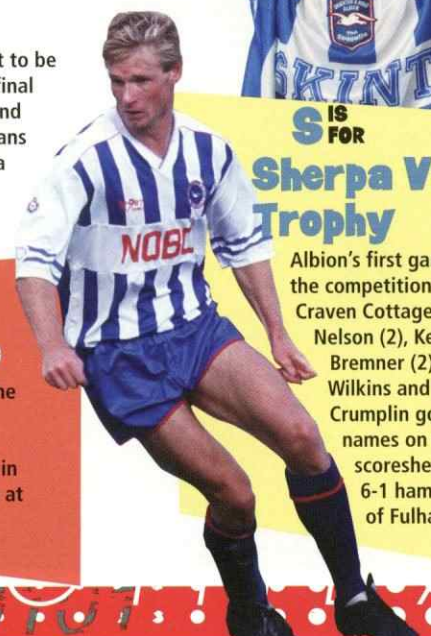
The Nottingham side visited the Goldstone in 1988 for the Southern Area Final. A crowd of 8,499 witnessed a 5-1 victory for the away side.

O IS FOR Only

The only game in the competition's history not to be 'sponsored' is the 2006 final between Swansea City and Doncaster Rovers. LDV Vans withdrew their backing a month before the Millennium Stadium showpiece.

P IS FOR Port Vale

The Valiants lifted the Autoglass Trophy, beating Stockport County 2-1 in 1993, in front of 35,885 fans at Wembley Stadium.



Q IS FOR Quarter mile

Walsall's Bescot Stadium is a short distance from their old Fellows Park ground. The Albion bowed out of the Auto Windscreens Shield 5-0 here in 1998. A hardy bunch of around 50 away fans made the journey.

R IS FOR Robinson

A 16-year-old called Jake scored on his debut – to become the club's youngest ever goalscorer – against Forest Green Rovers in the LDV Vans Trophy at Withdean in October 2003.



S IS FOR Sherpa Vans Trophy

Albion's first game in the competition was at Craven Cottage. Garry Nelson (2), Kevin Bremner (2), Dean Wilkins and John Crumplin got their names on the scoresheet in the 6-1 hammering of Fulham.

T IS FOR Three

Seven clubs have won the trophy twice but, as of yet, not one has managed three victories in the competition.

U IS FOR Unbelievable

A fantastic crowd of 2,003 travelled to Priestfield, just five days into 1999, to see the Albion capitulate 5-1 against Millwall.

V IS FOR Venue

Elland Road was the venue for the competition's highest ever crowd (except for the final). An attendance of 20,128 was at the home of Leeds United for the visit of near neighbours Bradford City in September last year.

W IS FOR Wigan

Albion's very own Paul Rogers scored the only goal of the Latics' 1999 Auto Windscreens Shield final win over Millwall.



Z IS FOR Zamora

Bobby's goalscoring talents were not required as Albion beat Cardiff City 2-0 in December 2000. Lee Johnson scored in his one and only appearance for the club.



Tearing along the dotted line. Adrian Blake of the Albion's ground staff applies some management restraints in front of the Withead dug-outs. 12.45pm, 17 January.

BENNETT DEAN

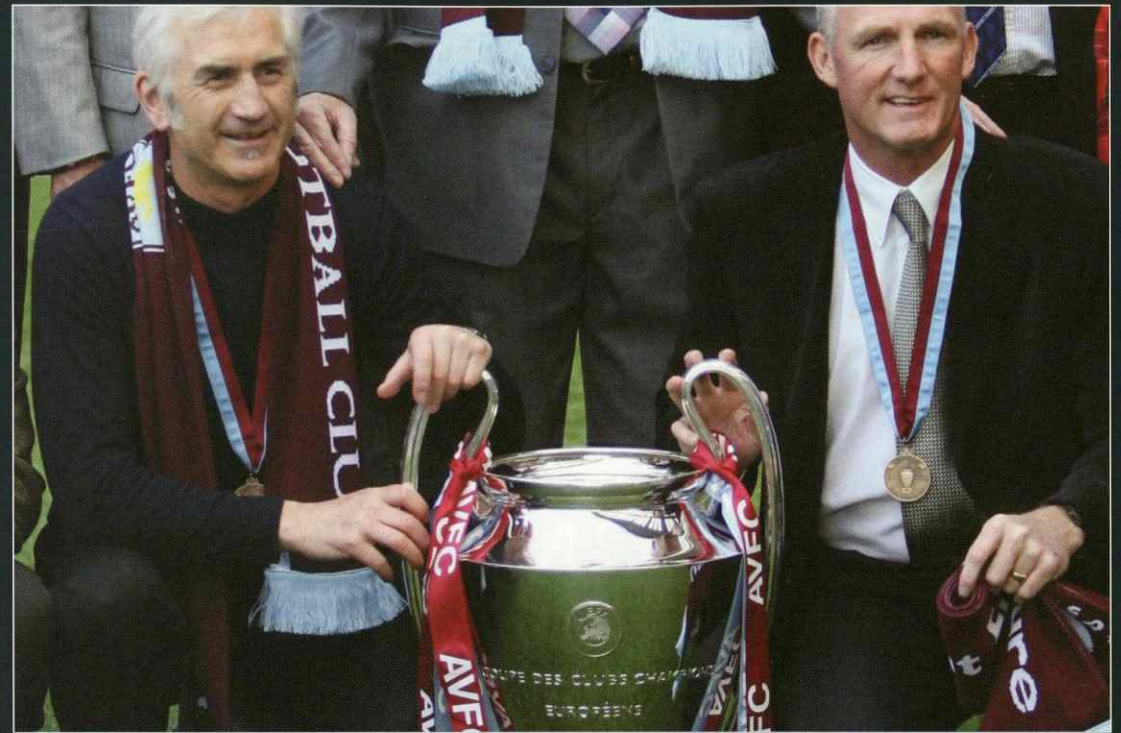
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WAS THIS MAN THE ALBION'S ALL TIME NUMBER ONE PLAYER? IN ONE WAY YOU COULD SAY EXACTLY THAT

Not many footballers can look back and say 'here I am with the European Cup what I won'. Dennis Mortimer (left) at Villa Park in 2007.



DIV 2 MENACE

To Albion fans under the age of 30 the name Dennis Mortimer will probably mean absolutely zilch. Yet for many of a certain vintage, in particular those who remember Chris Cattlin's reign as manager, the mere mention of the man is guaranteed to conjure up images of silverware. Why? Because Dennis is one of only two Albion players to have lifted the European Cup, or the Champions League trophy as UEFA likes to call it these days.

Okay, so he was Aston Villa's captain at the time rather than ours but we won't hold that against him. Still regarded within Villa circles as the club's finest ever leader, Dennis joined Brighton in 1985 three years after his moment of European glory in Rotterdam courtesy of a gutsy yet deserved win over Bayern Munich. For one solitary season Dennis was a vital cog in the midfield engine room that drove Albion to the quarter-

finals of the FA Cup and the verge of promotion to the top flight, some horrible form during the final weeks of the season costing us the ultimate prize and Cattlin his job. All told, Dennis played 49 times for Brighton during that eventful yet fruitless campaign, a total he should have built on the following year. And yet, as you are about to hear from the horse's mouth, Cattlin wasn't the only casualty brought about by that dreadful run at the climax to the 1985/86 season.

"I had come to the end of my contract with Villa and they weren't prepared to give me an extension," says Dennis of the circumstances behind his arrival on the south coast. "They clearly thought I didn't have the legs anymore and I thought they were wrong. Doug Ellis (Villa's former chairman) had just come back in and I think he wanted certain people out, and I got on the wrong side of him. Graham Turner had also come in as manager and I don't

think he had an awful lot of control over what was going on with Doug. Anyway, we lost one match 5-0 to (Nottingham) Forest and me and Des Bremner, my partner in midfield, were made the scapegoats. After that I was told I could go.

"It was at the end of that season that Chris (Cattlin) got in touch. He had been an ex-teammate of mine from Coventry City way back before I joined Villa, so I was really interested in hearing what he had to say. I was already toying with the idea of a career in coaching and Chris gave me a two-year contract at Brighton with a gentleman's agreement to look at the opportunity of me doing some coaching. But at the end of that first year Chris got the sack and Alan Mullery came in. He clearly didn't fancy me, told me I could move and that was that. The coaching idea came to nothing. I felt I had plenty more to give as a player though. I'd hardly missed any games during the previous season and felt I had done

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→ well. But Alan brought in a guy called Dale Jasper who was someone he had clearly watched before and liked. He swapped a player with no experience for one with plenty of experience, and I was let go. And of course Alan was only there for around four months before he was let go as well."

For the record Alan Mullery now regrets his 'second coming' as Albion manager (which actually lasted from May 1986 to January 1987) believing the only reason the board re-hired him was to do a hatchet job on some of the club's higher earners, including the likes of Alan Biley and Graham Moseley who were among those shown the door as part of a massive cost-cutting exercise. Despite also being axed from the payroll Dennis looks back with fondness on his all-too brief Albion career, albeit with a sense of 'What if?' in his voice. "When I got to Brighton I thought 'This is a great side! We've got a real chance here'. But we just couldn't seem to get our best side out week in, week out. We were very unfortunate to lose the likes of Justin Fashanu and Mick Ferguson with injuries and never seemed to be

able to get the right combination up front, although Dean Saunders was coming through at the time and showing us what a wonderful player he was going to become. It could have been a really good season and yet it fizzled out.

"There's no doubt Chris (Cattlin) wanted to change things and get new players in, but he was being a bit optimistic because the club had no money to do that. He was a good manager though with a lot of enthusiasm and it's a shame he hasn't worked in the game since. I saw him not so long ago at a Coventry City reunion and he was still his old self, having a laugh and getting far too carried away with the game we were watching! To tell you the truth I would've really fancied a player-coach role at Brighton. They could have done that instead of bringing in Alan or Barry (Lloyd) who was around at the time and later became manager. In fact it was a bit of a short-sighted move not doing that because it would have saved the club money what with one wage instead of two. My only big regret really was that I never got the opportunity to work professionally as a coach. I had a couple of near misses but never seemed to be in the right place at the right time. But you can't complain. I had a good career and won some things that plenty of other decent players would give their left arm to win."

Besides lifting the European Cup, Dennis also won the old First Division championship with Villa in 1981 to add to a League Cup winner's medal he received four years earlier. Want a taste of what Villa and Dennis were like in their pomp? Then go to uTube, enter Dennis Mortimer and click on 'Liverpool 1981, second goal'. The clip encapsulates everything that was great about a team that included the likes of Peter Withe, Gary Shaw and tricky winger Tony Morley. "It was a wonderful

club to be with at that time," admits Dennis, who now works for the Football Association as a Regional Coach Development Manager in the Midlands, liaising with the FA's county coaches throughout the area. "The funny thing is though that had I been playing now then I might not have joined Brighton after Villa. Premier League captains don't tend to drop down the divisions today, do they? They just retire. Can you imagine Steven Gerrard moving to Coventry City? Clubs just couldn't afford their wages, providing they were prepared to take the step down that is. But I'm glad I did because I enjoyed my time with Brighton. We kept our house in the Midlands and I bought a flat down there where my wife and kids came to stay during the holidays. Happy days. It's just a shame it didn't continue."

Scratching your head over the identity of the other ex-Albion player to have lifted the European Cup? Step forward defender Stefan Iovan who captained Romanian side Steaua Bucharest to victory over Barcelona in the 1986 final, joining Brighton five years later where he won yet more silverware in the form of a Sussex Senior Cup winner's medal. No prizes for guessing which

one takes pride of place on his mantelpiece. After all, it's not every day a Romanian gets to play on the winning side in a Sussex

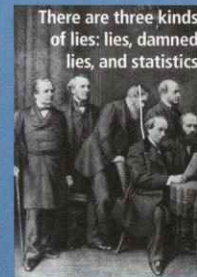
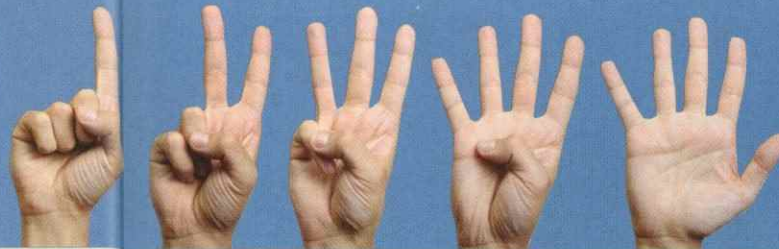
Senior Cup final! Stefan, 48, now coaches the Victor Piturca club in his native land.



"When I arrived I thought 'this is a great side - we've got a real chance here'."



Ferret's Stats!



Painting the town...

Given that this is our third home tie in this tournament, I trust you will forgive me for a little bit of repetition within this part of the article. But then again, seeing as only a little over 2,000 hardy souls made those two previous fixtures, when compared to the many more we should see tonight, what follows will come as "new" to 75% of you ... and that is an overwhelmingly positive statistic!

Been there done that!

While the Area Final of the Football League Trophy is new territory for the Albion, two of our players will be getting a sense of déjà vu tonight, although neither have the happiest memories of the final stages of this tournament.

Glenn Murray actually played in the 2006 final while at Carlisle. He came on as a second half substitute at the Millennium against Swansea, but had to settle for a runners-up medal after the Welsh side secured victory with a late goal.

Albion colleague Kevin McLeod came close to appearing in the same match. He featured in the Swans run to the final, including playing in the first leg of the Area Final against Colchester; but complications following a hamstring injury led to him missing out on the final itself.

Albion's appearance in tonight's Area Final is

the culmination of a decade of improvement in this competition, which is now in its 25th year, having been founded (as the Associate Members Cup) in 1983.

In the early years our league position meant that this was one tournament that we did not have to concern ourselves with, and that attitude proved hard to shake by the time we were being entered regularly in the 1990s.

However, things started to improve in the 2001/2 season, where we made the Area Quarter finals for the first time – ultimately losing at Cambridge on the Golden Goal rule.

Winning the title that year meant a single season sojourn, but by the time we were back down in League One again our appetite had clearly been whetted. We made the Area Quarter finals once more - this time losing at QPR, before promotion via the playoffs meant we waved goodbye to the Football League Trophy for two more years.

In 2006/7 we again made the Area Quarter finals but this time won, with Kerry Mayo netting a memorable winning penalty in the shootout against Millwall at the New Den. Two months later Mayo was at home in the bath listening to the match on the radio when we were eliminated in the Semis at Bristol City.

Finally, last season for the fourth time in a row we made the Area Quarter finals and our first home draw at that stage. We demolished Cheltenham 4-1, the middle of three cup games in 10 days against the Robins, and progressed to another away draw, this time at Swansea, where Daryl Duffy's 9th minute goal proved to be the difference between the two sides.

The velvet bag has traditionally shown

us no favours in this competition, with the recent pattern going as follows... two losing quarter finals (both away); two losing semi-finals (both away); and now an area final (following another away Semi, only this time a victory!).

Fortunately we no longer need to worry about home/away as there is one of each in the area finals, before the overall final on neutral territory at the new Wembley.



Hatters matters

Seagulls v Hatters
It may come as something of a surprise to hear that we have only been in the same division as Luton on three occasions in the past 26 seasons. In fact we went 20 years – from January 1983 until August 2003 without ever meeting in the League.

That January 1983 game was in the old first division, and our most recent meeting, in April of this year, was in the third tier of English football – which highlights how fortunes can change in football over time.

So six fairly recent meetings then, resulting in three Albion wins, two Luton wins and a solitary 1-1 draw.

The pinnacle for Hatters fans must have been their 3-0 home victory over Christmas 2005, when the Albion fielded a strike partnership of Mark McCammon and Frederico Turienzo. Neither striker completed the match; in fact Turienzo was substituted before half-time in what turned out to be the first and only start that the Argentinean made for the Albion.

Subsequent fixtures have gone in favour of the Seagulls, culminating in the home and away double last season.

Nicky Forster has come up against the Hatters most times during his career. Seven in total, but he has only scored two goals – the two he netted after coming on as a 66th minute substitute in the league here last season.

As a result, Fozz is eclipsed as the highest scorer against tonight's opponents. However, the recipient of that honour is not one of the usual suspects, but in fact is Kevin McLeod, who has netted three times in total.

Andrew Whing has a 100% record – four wins from four matches, but by contrast Adam Virgo has always been on the losing side when facing Luton, something he will be determined to change tonight.



FLEETING APPEARANCE...



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Nicky's mega milestone!
t Saturday against Leeds, Nicky Forster notched up the 549th League
pearance of his career. Those good at maths will therefore realise that on
urday against Cheltenham he will celebrate 550 (on the assumption that
Cheltenham are not otherwise involved in the FA Cup – their third round replay
Doncaster is tonight). He also has 197 career goals to date (including one for
England U21s). What price a celebratory hat-trick tonight to hit two major
milestones in the same week?



This is how it was done! A scene at the Goldstone Ground when the pitch was being cleared of snow and ice. An Albion director, Mr. Harold Paris, is on the left, and Frankie Howard can be seen near the corporation melting machine which was used. Albion's efforts made national news, and resulted in the pitch becoming playable.

HEAVY WEATHER

With the Albion frozen out between 28th December and 17th January, Seagull took advantage of two blank Saturdays to check the record books... *What is the longest spell the club has gone without a match during the season?*

There have been a few other times when the club has suffered three-week gaps because of postponements – for one reason or another – but the presence of a Friday night fixture at Workington meant 22 days without a game for Archie Macaulay's Albion in early 1966. It was just a few months before England lifted the World Cup on a sun-kissed day at Wembley.

BBC Southern Counties summariser Norman Gall was in the side which went down by a single goal 400 miles away at Workington on Friday 7th January and then had to wait until Saturday 29th January, when Mansfield visited the Goldstone.

The unofficial mid-season break was partly down to a particularly cold Sussex winter, which put paid to the 15th January home game with Oxford, but also due to the fact that Albion had been embarrassingly knocked out of the FA Cup to non-league Bedford Town in December.

Despite no competitive games during the 22-day period, Albion did play a friendly against Czech side Spartak Brno (now FC Brno) at the Goldstone on Friday 21st January, to make up for the lack of action. Albion won 3-1, thanks to goals from Jimmy Collins and Charlie Livesey.

Forty three years later, for similar reasons, Albion's first-team played a friendly match last Tuesday behind

closed doors at Crystal Palace's training ground. (Albion fans will be delighted to learn the Seagulls won 1-0, thanks to a goal from Glenn Murray.)

Asked to guess in which season Albion suffered their longest period without a game due to bad weather, you'd have been forgiven for thinking the 1962/63 season would have been the longest spell. That winter the country was gripped by the coldest UK weather for 200 years – icy from the end of December to late February. Temperatures in Brighton remained below freezing for 27 consecutive days and the football pools panel was formed to predict the results and keep the then very popular weekly pools game running.

Having played at Bristol City on Boxing Day 1962, Albion had already gone 16 days without a match when Palace arrived at the Goldstone on the morning of Saturday 12th January. Virtually all the matches in the country were already off; surely Albion's game would be postponed too... but it wasn't. The club beat the freeze with a novel idea. The ground staff used a tar-melting machine, on loan from Brighton Corporation, to thaw the frozen pitch!

It perhaps didn't work out as expected as the machine turned the pitch into a muddy quagmire, and it was Palace who mastered the difficult conditions much better than Albion and ran out 2-1 winners... but full marks to Albion's directors for the ingenuity: the match at the Goldstone was one of just four Football League matches played that day across all four divisions, and in the days of paying cash at the turnstile, the crowd of just

under 12,000 would have helped ease the cash flow at the club.

WHALE OF AN IDEA

Another ingenious contraption which played its part helping Albion beat adverse weather conditions at the Goldstone is Sussex County Cricket Club's 'whale' machine. It was last used to help clear water from the pitch on Valentine's Day 1995, which enabled a home game with Bristol Rovers to go ahead.

Again the ground staff might as well not have bothered as Albion went down 2-1, despite Ian Chapman putting the Seagulls ahead. At Walsall last week the Midlands club used wood burners and pitch covers in what was ultimately a failed attempt to keep the Bescot Stadium pitch playable ahead of last weekend's scheduled game – full marks for effort once more.

The Albion have suffered 21-day breaks on at least five other occasions, all in the new year, mainly because of weather, sometimes because of cup

defeats, and once or twice because of combinations of the two.

They were in 1946/47, 1947/48, 1961/62, 1984/85 and 1994/95.

Of course, any article on Albion and weather would not be complete without a mention of Peterborough in 1986. Fans over 30 will remember the team playing against Peterborough at London Road in the snow, using an orange ball and wearing a red kit. The Seagulls drew 2-2 in an FA Cup fifth round tie. Albion keeper Perry Digweed even used the snow to build a little launch pad for goal kicks! In an era when replays took place a few days after the initial tie the replay was postponed and eventually played 16 days after the London Road meeting – and only after 400 loyal Albion fans had cleared the Goldstone pitch and terraces of snow – and on this occasion it was worth it: Albion won 1-0 thanks to a second half Dean Saunders goal.

Below: Dean Saunders scoring against Posh; Dennis Mortimer in background.



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Leicester City

Away, Tuesday 27th January, 7.45pm

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Hartlepool United

Home, Saturday 31st January, 3pm

Tickets are now on sale for this match by usual methods, and season ticket holders can also apply for up to two half-priced tickets in the east stand. And subject to availability, season ticket holders may also switch their own ticket to sit in the east stand with guests.

Luton Town

Away, Tuesday, 17th February, kick-off 7.45pm

1800 covered seats allocated. The club is now accepting postal applications gold members only, who have a priority period for this match, until 5pm on Sat 24th January. Subject to availability, blue members and Young Seagulls should apply by post between Mon 26th and Sat 31st January. Remaining tickets will be available to white members, who can apply by post from Mon 2nd February. In recognition of the magnificent support away from home this season, the club is providing a number of coaches free of charge. Prices: adults £12; seniors £12; under-17s £6 (or free with a paying adult, two free tickets per adult); wheelchair supporter & carer £12 (call Luton ticket office direct on 01582 416976). Further details are on page 13, seagulls.co.uk and at the ticket office.

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● MICHEL KUIPERS	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 ● DEAN BRILL	Youth-team product made No. 1 spot his own last term, second-choice right now
ANDY WHING	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 CLAUDE GNAPKA	Ever-present full-back, League Two winner at Posh, career's taken in five nations
KERRY MAYO	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 SOL DAVIS	Defender now in seventh Luton season, over 200 appearances for Hatters
ADAM HINSHELWOOD	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 KEITH KEANE	Irish midfielder, ever-present this campaign, Town debut at 16 five years ago
JOEL LYNCH	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 IAN ROPER	Man-mountain centre-half served Walsall for 13 seasons, among the goals of late
ADAM EL-ABD	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 GEORGE PILKINGTON	Defender twice 'Player of Year' at Port Vale, ex-Everton trainee signed in August
DEAN COX	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 IAN HENDERSON	Young striker signed for Hatters days after parting company with Northampton
NICKY FORSTER	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 KEVIN NICHOLLS	Fans' favourite, midfield general and skipper in midst of his second Luton spell
CHRIS BIRCHALL	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 ● SAM PARKIN	Injury-plagued goalscorer, made name at Swindon, on loan at Orient
KEVIN MCLEOD	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 RYAN CHARLES	Teenage ex-YTS striker made more impact last season than this, but highly-rated
● JOHN SULLIVAN	13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 LEWIS EMANUEL	Versatile left-footer joined from Bradford in 2006, brief Brentford loan last term
DAVID LIVERMORE	14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 SUNDAY WASIU	Raw Nigerian striker on loan from Colchester, U's summer buy from St. Albans
GARY HART	15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 ASA HALL	Midfielder's had a big impact, ex-Wolves trainee on loan at Shrewsbury last year
COLIN HAWKINS	16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 ED ASAFU-ADJAYE	First-year pro, defender's progressed through ranks, now in and around squad
GLENN MURRAY	17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 ROSSI JARVIS	Versatile type, vital facet to a small squad. Released by Norwich this summer
DOUG LOFT	18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 CHRIS MARTIN	Powerful young striker doing a decent job on a season-long loan from Canaries
JAKE ROBINSON	19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 DREW TALBOT	Out injured, forward's workaholic approach makes up in part for lack of goals
JONNY DIXON	21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 MICHAEL SPILLANE	Another on loan from Carrow Road, defender's been in heart of the action
TOMMY FRASER	22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21 ● CONRAD LOGAN	Back-up Leicester keeper impressing on loan from Foxes till end of February
ADAM VIRGO	23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24 TOM CRADDOCK	One-in-two goal ratio for young striker during his loan from The Riverside
TOMMY ELPHICK	24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25 GEORGE BEAVAN	Fleeting appearances so far for promising centre-half, youth-team graduate
STUART FLEETWOOD	26	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	27 ● DEAN MORGAN	Striker or winger, at Town since 2005, coming to end of six-month loan at Orient
KANE WILLS	29	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 PAUL McVEIGH	Diminutive Ulsterman, ex-Spurs trainee served Norwich well, versatile striker
STEVE COOK	34	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	29 JORDAN PATRICK	Club's youngest player, striker debuted at Grimsby a week after 16th birthday
STEVEN BRINKHURST	35	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30 MARK FARTHING	Young midfielder, only 18 and still a YTS, has been on first-team bench this year
● PAUL CRICHTON	36	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	32 KEVIN GALLEN	Seasoned goal-getter, legendary status at QPR, only a minor role so far this term
● JOSH PELLING	37	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	33 JAKE HOWELLS	17-year-old left-back, who debuted last season, has featured regularly this term
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	36 ● AARON FLETCHER	Goalkeeper, also 17, has, like Farthing, made it to the subs' bench this season
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	40 SCOTT SINCLAIR	YTS striker or left-winger came off bench in October JPT tie to make his debut

● Goalkeeper ● Away player out on loan

Officials Today's referee is Mr P Taylor. His assistants are Mr T Mason (red/yellow flag) and Mr A D Sainsbury (yellow flag). The fourth official is Mr P T Crossley.

This evening's mascot 10-year-old Alex Knott lives in Brighton and goes to St Bernadette's School. He plays for Hollingbury Hawks, usually in the right midfield position. His hobbies include playing the guitar and skate boarding. He is currently a green belt in Tae Kwon-do. He can't wait for the day when he can watch the Albion play in a proper stadium... hopefully it will be Wembley. Come on you Seagulls!

