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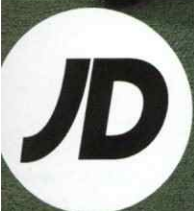


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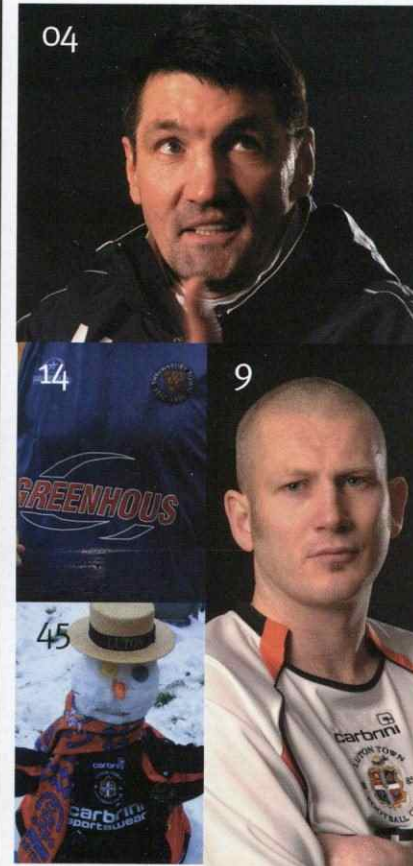
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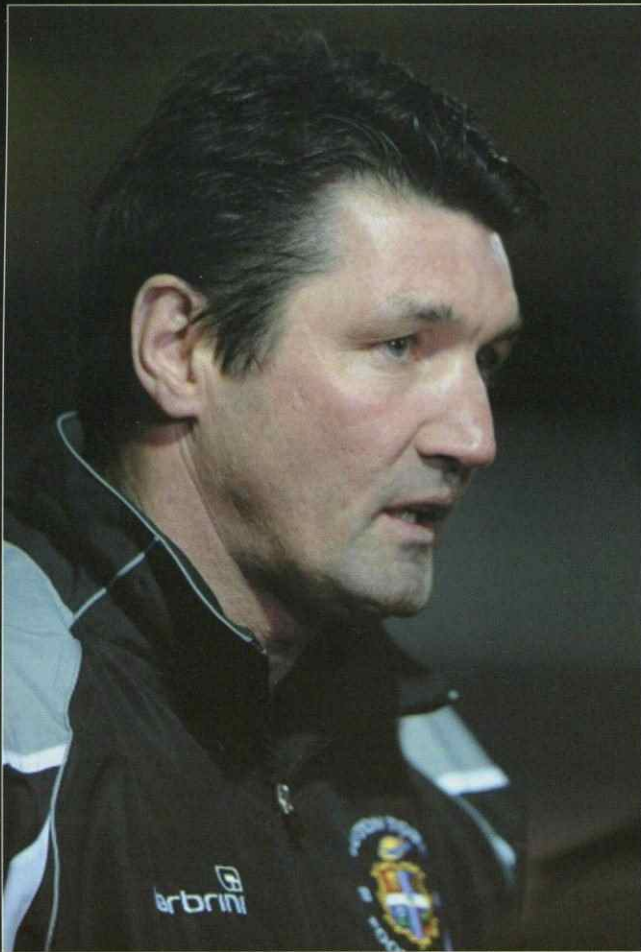


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Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the very important League 2 encounter with Shrewsbury Town.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Paul Simpson, his Directors, staff and supporters of Shrewsbury.

After all the excitement of Tuesday evening we are back to the real business of league football.

With 51 points left to play for you can be assured that myself, my staff and the players will be focused on getting as many of those points as possible.

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those points as possible. We know we are in for a tough game against this afternoon against promotion chasing Shrewsbury.

I can assure you we will be well prepared and ready for the challenge.

We must be competitive, hard-working, decisive, and honest and allied with the ability we have, not only for the today's challenge, but in the remaining games of the season.

In amongst these games we can look forward to a deserved visit to Wembley after victory over a good Brighton side.

With your support on Tuesday the atmosphere and passion, of you the fans, helped us achieve our Wembley place.

It is my job to keep the players focused on the league and not to be distracted by our big game in April.

I reminded the players this week about our Johnstone's Paint Trophy game against Brentford earlier this season.

We were 2-0 down and seemingly heading out of the competition, but we remained patient and kept playing our football and ended up winning the tie.

This philosophy must apply to our league games. We as a group must have faith in our ability and believe we can retain our league status.

MICK HARFORD MANAGER

Finally, I would like to say how delighted I am for the 2020 consortium and their impressive investors.

Since the day they stepped into the building they have worked tirelessly behind the scenes and supported me unreservedly in rebuilding the squad.

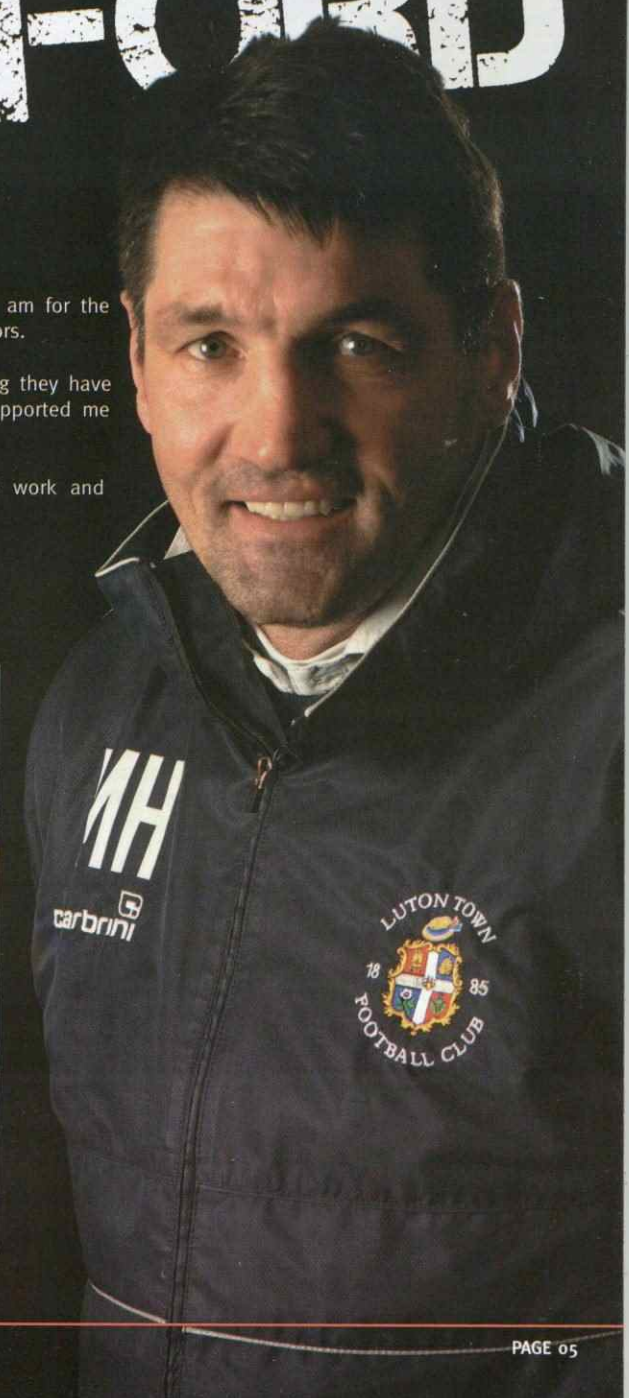
I would like to thank them for their hard work and support.

Keep the faith

Mick.



WEMBLEY BOUND: The players celebrate after Tuesday's win over Brighton.





Amid the mountain of challenges that our beloved club has faced over the last few years, it is sometimes easy to forget what an important, historically significant and utterly magnificent institution Luton Town Football Club actually is.

It is only after wonderful nights like last Tuesday when every Luton fan can proudly look back and rightly engrave that match in our memory banks alongside any other as a truly historical accomplishment.

Luton Town is the oldest professional Football Club in the South of England, we are simply steeped in history and success, especially in cup competitions. It is 50 years since the Hatters first

appeared at Wembley in the Cup Final of 1959. The team was captained by Syd Owen, the only man to ever pick up the English Player of the year award whilst playing for the Hatters. In goal was England International Ron Baynam and leading the line was the Hatters' greatest ever goal scorer Gordon Turner being ably served by the football legend of Billy Bingham. The equivalent today would be having John Terry, David James and Michael Owen in the Luton line up.

Fast forward three decades and it brings you to Luton's most magical moment; that gloriously sunny day in April 1988 when the current Town boss Mick Harford played in the team that beat Arsenal 3-2 to win the Littlewoods

Cup. Luton's cup success wasn't limited to that one game however, as twice previously that season Luton played beneath the Twin Towers. Once in the Wembley Centenary Cup and again in the Simod Cup. The fine cup form continued the next season, incidentally exactly 20 years ago, as Big Mick put the Town 1-0 up against Nottingham Forest, only for the Hatters to lose 3-1. It was quite fitting therefore that the Town's captain during that successful period, Steve Foster, was sat in the directors' box against Brighton on Tuesday night spurring the Hatters to another Wembley appearance.

Then exactly 15 years ago, the Hatters made their last appearance at the old Wembley Stadium, when a memorable FA Cup run that included wins over Newcastle, Cardiff and West Ham culminated in a Semi Final appearance against Chelsea.

Whilst our victory over Brighton may not appear to be as important in the hierarchy of English football as some of our previous Kenilworth Road encounters, mark my words; it is every bit as significant for our Club. Not only because of the way the spectacle panned out, finishing with a batch of excellently-taken penalties which would have disgraced any recent (or not so recent) shoot-outs executed by our national team, but chiefly because of the much needed relief it gave us all. We have all felt extremely hard done by since the authorities decided to inflict the most severe of all punishments on any Club in European football history.

Clearly, we have been destined for Wembley this season.

We can all be full of pride that, as Luton Town supporters, we have seen Wembley appearances in

fromtheboardroom



MANAGING DIRECTOR GARY SWEET REFLECTS ON TUESDAY'S VICTORY OVER BRIGHTON

three successive decades; how many other clubs have achieved that? Proof that after many years of pain, Luton Town's successful heritage is thriving.

Nights like Tuesday also make you appreciate what a wonderful place to watch football that Kenilworth Road is. It was rocking on Tuesday night.

This will be our turning point this season. Our performances and success throughout this competition is proof beyond doubt that without the burden of a massive 30 point deduction that we would be flying in the league this season. It's impossible to gauge the impact of the sanctions imposed upon us but we would most certainly not be in 17th place on 32 points.

Our run in this competition is also a testimony to Mick Harford's tenacity and flexibility as manager. Be under no illusion, without Mick, we would not be at Wembley in April, we would not have the strength of squad we have or the camaraderie that exists within it and we most certainly would not have obtained the investment in the business that has kept our Club alive.



This most difficult season for any football club in recent memory after being punished by the Football League and The FA which, according to any expert in the game, effectively condemned us to relegation before a ball has been kicked.

The ultimate show of defiance therefore would be to win the Football League's own Cup competition at the home of The FA.

Having secured a healthy ticket allocation for the showdown, we ask every supporter to bring as many people as you possibly can persuade to join our celebration on Sunday 5th April, win or lose. Our supporters have shown this season that the Luton Town spirit is truly alive and kicking – let's ensure that we encourage Hatters old and new to remind the world that Luton Town Football Club should not be forgotten because our return has now begun!

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CAPTAIN



Tuesday night's win over Brighton was a great game and great occasion for the club to get to Wembley.

Considering what the club has had to put up with this season, it is a great feat and a massive achievement for the lads and Mick and his coaching staff.

I thought the lads were outstanding on Tuesday and have been all season. You could see how much it meant to the players and to you, the fans, at the end.

I know you have had a tough few years and it was good to see the old ground rocking again with the traditional cup atmosphere under the Kenilworth Road floodlights.

Whatever happens between now and the end of the season we all know this season will be remembered for the club getting to Wembley which is a great achievement.

But today we play Shrewsbury in what proves to be tough game. Wembley has to go to the back of our minds as we concentrate on surviving in the Football League.

The games are running out and we need to start winning and soon. We are trying our best but we need to stop letting in poor goals like we did at Dagenham last Saturday. We had chances to win that game so it was very disappointing to lose.

We all know it's going to be tough but we'll keep going and working hard. I know none of the players in the dressing room will give up and I know you will always give us the backing.

I've talked about how we need to turn Kenilworth Road in to a fortress and make teams fearful of when they visit, like they used to in the past.

We need to make it a hard place to come and hopefully we can start that today.

The lads trained at Warwick University on Sunday and Monday where they trained on grass and listened to a motivational speaker.

It was good to get away. The break enabled us to bond together for couple of days and it definitely worked as Tuesday night showed.

My injury will rule me out of the game today so please continue all the passion, noise and enthusiasm you showed on Tuesday and get behind the lads again this afternoon.

Nico.



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ALL THE LATEST FROM AROUND KENILWORTH ROAD

NEWS

Tuesday 17th February

The Hatters secured their place at Wembley in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy after a nail-biting 4-3 penalty shootout victory against Brighton at Kenilworth Road.

Two saves from goalkeeper Lewis Price ensured the Town's first Wembley visit for 15 years after the

tie ended 1-1 on the night and on aggregate. Another League 1 side - Scunthorpe United - will be the Hatters' opposition on 5th April.

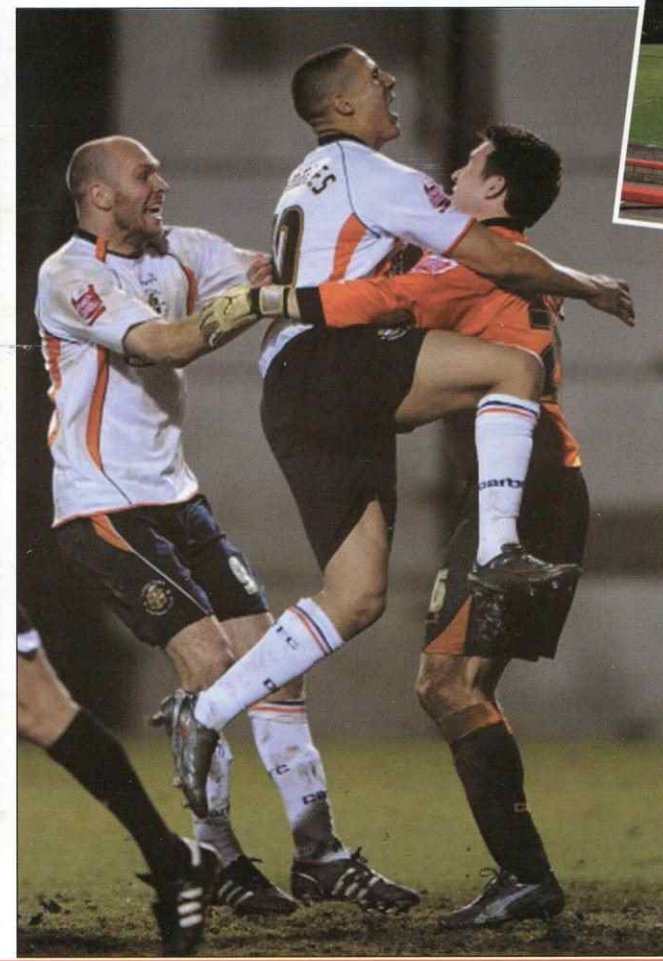
Wednesday 18th February

In the totospport.com Combination the Town's reserves are held to a 1-1 draw with their Peterborough counterparts at London Road.

DIARY

Tuesday 24th February

After the initial game against fell victim of the cold weather, the Town try again at Accrington Stanley for a crucial League 2 fixture at the Crown Ground. Kick off 7.45pm



Saturday 28th February



The Hatters are on the road again when they face a trip to Port Vale looking to avenge the opening day defeat by the Valiants. Goals

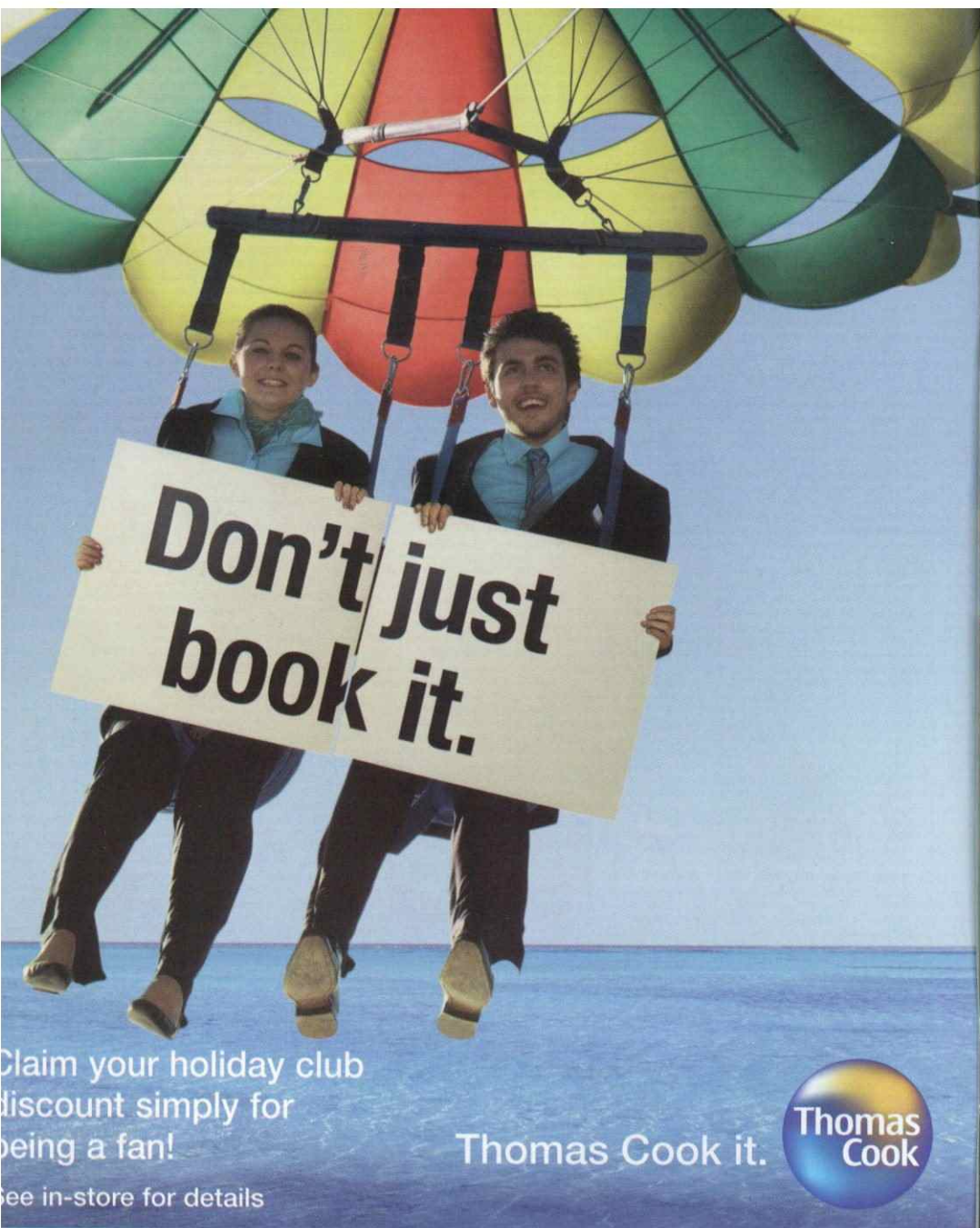
from Jaroslav Fojut and Matthew Spring sealed a 2-1 win for the Town at Vale Park last season. Kick off 3pm.

At 11am the Town's Under 18's travel to Aldershot Town in the Puma Youth Alliance.

Tuesday 3rd March

Paul Stimson's Gillingham are the visitors to Kenilworth Road for a League 2 encounter. It's the Gills first visit to Bedfordshire since August 2007 when the Town ran out 3-1 winners. Kick off 3pm.



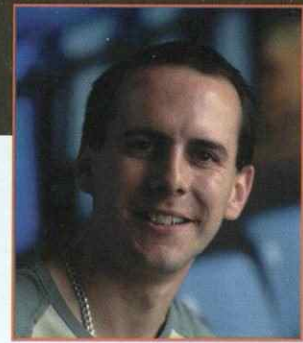


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the numbers game

SIMON PITTS LOOKS BACK AT PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN THE HATTERS AND SHREWSBURY TOWN

9 The number of previous league meetings between the sides at Kenilworth Road. Luton have five victories, with the visitors winning just once, and there have been three draws. The Hatters have netted 16 goals and conceded 12.

3 The number of players to have been transferred from Shrewsbury to Luton. Joe Taylor was the first and he made just one appearance for the Hatters in 1934/35 before moving to Carlisle. Bernard Streten made his debut in January 1947, and went on to play in 11 seasons for the Hatters, making 299 appearances in total. He retired from football in 1957, before being tempted back into action by non-league King's Lynn. David Edwards moved from Shrewsbury in the summer of 2007, but after 26 appearances and four goals joined Wolves in January 2008. Luton have also had Marc Pugh on loan, and he made four appearances earlier this season, but may well feature against the Hatters in this afternoon's encounter.

3 The same number of players have moved from Luton to Shrewsbury. Billy Corkindale joined Luton from Millwall but made just two appearances in 1932/33 before joining Shrewsbury. Harry Cooke played over 200 times for Luton between 1946-1952, and scored four goals, after joining from Boumemouth. Cooke only managed four appearances for the Shrews, and soon moved back down south, to join Watford. David Pleat made 79 appearances and scored 10 goals for Luton after joining from Nottingham Forest, but in 1967 he moved to Shrewsbury.

1964 The first time these sides met in League competition at Kenilworth Road was on February 15th

1964, and the Hatters were 2-0 winners courtesy of goals from Tommy McKechnie and John O'Rourke.

9 The most number of goals in this fixture came in 1964/65, when the visitors hit seven of them. O'Rourke netted again, with Ted Phillips also scoring in the 7-2 reverse.

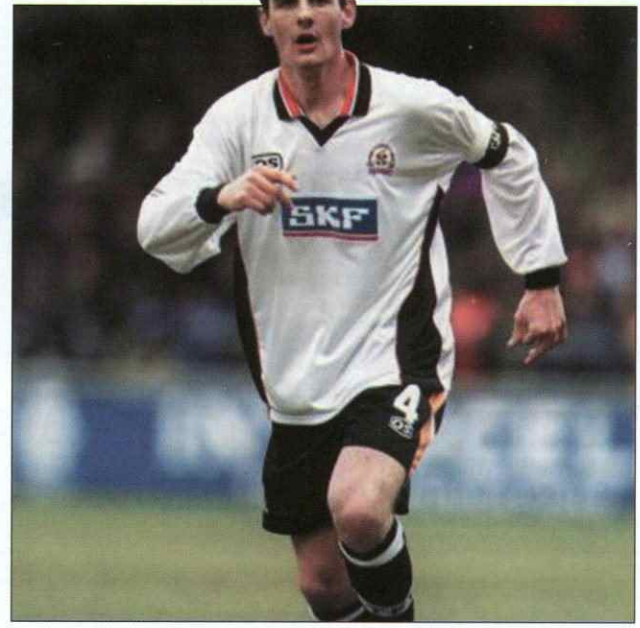
15,396 The biggest attendance for this fixture was on 20th September 1969, when the sides shared the points in a 2-2 draw. Alan Slough scored an own goal to put the Shrews into the lead, but Luton immediately equalised through John Collins. The visitors took the lead again through Dave Roberts, before Slough amended for his earlier mistake and netted the equaliser with just two minutes left on the clock.

0 The only goal-less draw between the two sides came in the 1979/80 season.

4 The most number of goals scored by Luton, and this happened in 1981/82, with the win confirming promotion to the old Division One.

Brian Stein scored a first half goal with Ian Atkins levelling on the hour. With 12 minutes remaining Ricky Hill netted with a superb volley before Steve White and David Moss also got their names on the scoresheet.

1 The last meeting at Kenilworth Road was decided by a solitary goal, scored by Luton's Matthew Spring, in November 2001.



Matthew Spring's goal was enough to hand Luton a 1-0 win in 2001



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WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS



CURRENT FORM: L W L W W

After an indifferent run of form through January saw them win just once and drop outside the Play-Off places for the first time this season, today Shrewsbury arrive at Kenilworth Road back on track and in fourth position. Three victories from their last four matches has propelled the Shrews to within a point of the third automatic promotion place and four points off top spot.

Those recent victories against Accrington, Chesterfield and Chester have, however, all come at their New Meadow home which continues to be a fortress. It is on the road where the Shrews are struggling though and surprisingly - as one of the division's front-runners - they have only once away from home this season and that was against Exeter way back in August.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Luton wins: 10 Shrewsbury wins: 5 Draws: 4

The Hatters hold the upper hand in the 19 meetings between the two sides with 10 victories, five of which have come at Kenilworth Road.

Shrewsbury's only ever win on Bedfordshire soil was an emphatic one in March 1965 when they ran out 7-2 winners, a feat made all the more remarkable when the Town went and recorded a 2-0 win at Gay Meadow 16 days later.

Of the five wins the Hatters have recorded at Kenilworth Road, the most emphatic came in a 4-1 win in April 1982 when the Town celebrated winning the Second Division Championship in style.

LAST FIVE SEASONS

Shrewsbury were one of the bookmakers favourites for promotion in August and are still on course to achieve that feat which would underline the progress the club have made since being promoted from the Conference in 2004.

However, after their Play-Off win against Aldershot, the Shrews have enjoyed mixed success during the last four seasons back in the Football League.

In their first season back they finished in 21st place - 11 points from being relegated back to the Conference. But after improving in their two following seasons which culminated in a Play-Off final defeat to Bristol Rovers at Wembley in 2007, last season's 18th place was a major disappointment after moving into their new stadium.



Teams:

Luton Town: Emberson, Skelton (sub Hillier), Perrett, Coyne, Taylor, Brkovic, Spring, Nicholls, Valois, Crowe, Howard.
Subs not used: Ovendale, Forbes, Fotiadis, Dryden.

Shrewsbury Town: Dunbavin, Drysdale, Redmile, Tretton, Rioch, Moss (sub Lowe), Atkins, Murray, Jagielka, Rodgers, Jemson.
Subs not used: Jenkins, Cartwright, Walker, Tolley.

Attendance: 6,809

LAST TIME AT THE KENILWORTH ROAD

Shrewsbury's last visit to Kenilworth Road ended with defeat as a solitary goal from Matthew Spring separated the sides back in November 2001.

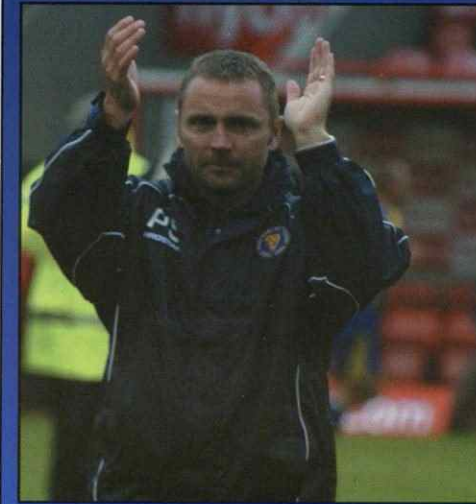
The Shrews battled stubbornly to keep out the Town attack but were powerless to stop a long range effort from Spring finding the net with 18 minutes left on the clock.

the manager:paul simpson

Paul Simpson made the move into management in 2002, when he took over from John Hollins at Rochdale but a good cup run wasn't enough and Simpson left just a year later.

The former Manchester City midfielder was named Player-Manager of his home town club Carlisle United just three months later and he guided the troubled club to successive promotions after relegation to the Conference. The second promotion team earned him the League 2 Manager of the Year award. In June 2006 Paul was offered the manager's post at Preston North End and he led them to the top of the Championship by Christmas but failed to make the end-of-season play-offs, finishing in seventh place.

The following season was hard for Simpson and Preston as they struggled to reach the heights of the previous season and in November 2007, Simpson was relieved of his duties. After a relatively short period out of work, Simpson was appointed as Shrewsbury Town Manager on 12th March 2008.



star man:grant holt

Grant Holt started his football career playing in the Conference for Barrow, Workington and Halifax Town. He then went on to play in Singapore with Sengkang Marine, before he was signed by Sheffield Wednesday. He spent time on the edges of the first team at Hillsborough but only managed 30 appearances and four goals. He moved on to Rochdale and found his feet scoring 42 in 83 games for Dale.

It was enough to earn him a £300,000 move to Nottingham Forest and, after acclimatising to life at the City Ground, went on to score 17 goals in the 2006/07 season. Holt began to find himself out of favour at the City Ground, and after difficulty adjusting to playing on the wing, spent time on loan in the Championship at Blackpool where he finished the 2007/08 season. On 24th June 2008, the Shrews broke their club transfer record by signing Holt for £170,000, beating several clubs to his signature.



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LUKE DANIELS

Bolton-born Luke started his footballing career as a youth player with Manchester United, where he spent seven years before joining West Brom. He spent a loan period with Motherwell last season and has made two appearances for the England U-19 side. Joined Town on an initial 28 days loan just over a week before the start of the season and made his debut in the 4-0 win over Macclesfield Town. With some very impressive displays for Salop, Paul Simpson moved quickly to extend his loan until the end of the season.

DEFENDERS

DARREN MOSS

Moss started his career as a trainee at Chester and made his debut for the club in November 1998, making 62 appearances before joining Town on a free transfer in June 2001. He was one of our few key players to show any form as we endured a poor 2002/03 campaign which saw the Shrews relegated from the Football League. He continued his good form in the Conference during 2003/04 as Salop immediately won promotion back to the Football League. Darren's good form attracted interest from other clubs and in March 2005 he joined Dario Gradi at Crewe Alexandra, the north-west based club buying him for £170,000. In May 2007, Moss re-joined Town on a free transfer.

NEIL ASHTON

Neil signed a pro contract with Tranmere in the summer of 2003 after coming through the youth ranks at Prenton Park. He was an integral part of the youth league and cup winning sides squads at Tranmere. He joined Salop on loan in January 2005 after Gary Peters looked to add some balance to the left-side of the Town team struggling at the wrong end of the league. He had a really successful period and impressed Gary Peters so much that he offered Neil the chance to join Town full-time.





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WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS

MIKE JACKSON

Started his career as a trainee with Crewe before getting his break following a move to Bury. He went onto make over 125 appearances for the Shakers before a move to join Preston North End. He then had a spell at Tranmere before a move to Blackpool that saw him help the club win promotion to the Championship. He signed for Town in June 2008.

GRAHAM COUGHLAN

The Dublin-born defender started his career with Bray Wanderers before being picked up by Blackburn Rovers. He spent nearly four years with the Premier League side but never made the break through. Loan spells with Swindon and Livingstone saw him make the move to Scotland a permanent one. He played over 50 games for Livingstone before a

move back to England to join up with Plymouth Argyle. A two-year stay at Sheffield Wednesday followed before the short move to join up with Rotherham United. Simpson had been in talks with Coughlan since the end of last season and a move to join Town and Simpson finally got Coughlan's signature a week before the start of the season when he signed on a two-year deal.

KELVIN LANGMEAD

After starting his career with Preston Kelvin spent loan periods at Tamworth in the Conference and in the League with Carlisle and Kidderminster before he linked up with Gary Peters at Shrewsbury. Langmead then made more than 80 appearances in League Two for Salop as a striker, but in September 2006, after observing his aerial strength defending corners, Gary Peters tried him



MIKE JACKSON

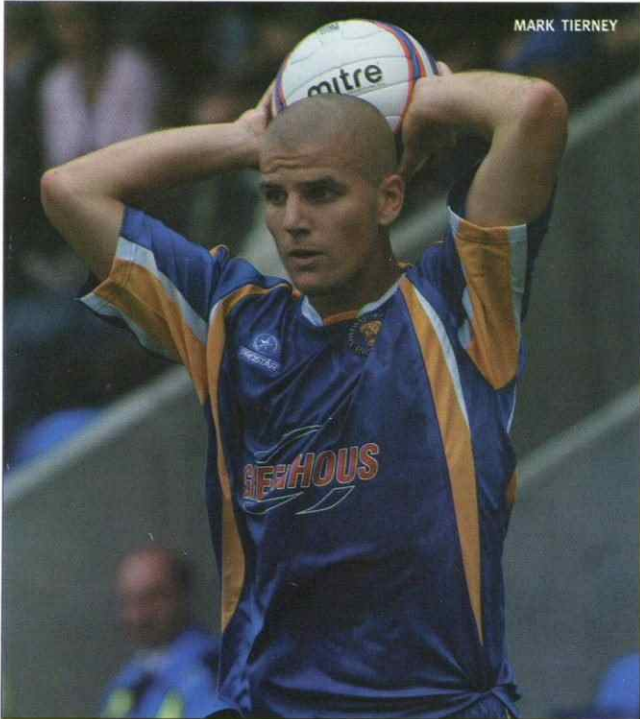
at centre-back in a reserve fixture. All went swimmingly and he was then used in this position for the first team. He played out the rest of the season at centre-back, as Shrewsbury reached the League Two play-off final.

MARC TIERNEY

Young midfielder-cum-defender that came through the ranks at Oldham Athletic and pushed on into the Latics first team with some excellent performances. Since his arrival, Marc has been a consistent performer and made clean sweep of the supporters' Player of the Year awards in 2008 after a good season at left back.

SHANE CANSDELL-SHEFFIFF

After impressing for the New South Wales academy team Shane started his UK career with Leeds United. He spent three years at Elland Road before joining Danish Superliga side AGF Aarhus in 2003. Having spent three years in Denmark, he was signed by Tranmere Rovers at the start of the 2006/07 season and was made club captain. He signed for Town in the summer on a free transfer.



MARK TIERNEY

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MIDFIELDERS

BEN DAVIES

Ben began his career as a trainee with Walsall and then made 12 appearances for Kidderminster Harriers before a move to Chester City. Ben, a former captain with Wales at semi-pro level, spent four seasons with Chester and is an all action player with a never say die attitude that endeared him to the City supporters.

After a promising season in 2006/07 Ben cruelly ruptured his Achilles tendon in the final seconds of Town's play-off semi-final victory against Milton Keynes and had the heartbreak of missing the Wembley final.

CHRIS HUMPHREY

Young winger who moved from Walsall's Centre of Excellence to West Bromwich Albion's and progressed through the

youth ranks but never got the chance to make the step up to the first team. He was playing for WBA reserves against Town in 2006 and Chris caught the eye of Gary Peters with electric pace down the right flank. Peters enquired about a loan, but when he found out that Chris was out of contract he signed him on an initial contract to the end of the season which was later extended until summer 2008.

STEVEN LESLIE

Steve a product of the youth set up made his debut for the club on 18th April 2006 as an 83rd minute substitute in the 4-1 win over Rushden & Diamonds. Steven is a promising young player and has made further inroads into the squad with 21 appearances in all competitions in 2007/8.



BEN DAVIES

DAVE HIBBERT



STRIKERS

DAVE HIBBERT

Stafford-born centre forward Dave Hibbert started his career with Port Vale before a £150,000 move to Preston North End. It didn't work out brilliantly for Dave at Preston and he was sent out on loan to Rotherham United and Bradford City. Hibbert joined Shrewsbury for a nominal fee in June 2007 and has become popular amongst many fans for his 100% work ethic and never say die attitude.

RICHARD WALKER

Richard Walker is a well travelled striker with experience at all levels of the game. He started his career with Aston Villa but found first team chances limited and spent time on loan at Cambridge, Blackpool and Wycombe before settling for Blackpool. After 62 appearances and loan moves to Northampton and Oxford, Walker was on the move again, this time to Bristol Rovers. Richard has been at his most prolific with the Pirates with 143 appearances and 46 goals including a couple at Wembley in a play-off final. Richard is at the Prostar Stadium on a season long loan from the West Country outfit.

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Shrewsbury Town visit Kenilworth Road this afternoon desperate for the points but for very different reasons than the Hatters.

The Shrews currently sit fourth in the League 2 table, just four points off top spot and Manager Paul Simpson has his eyes on just one prize:

"Everyone wants the automatic promotion places and with there being three spots we believe we have got a reasonable chance. If you don't get the first, second or third place then you know you have got the next option of the play-offs but I think if we are all going to be honest everyone wants one of the automatic places and we are no different.

"That is what we set out at the start of the season to try and do, to get ourselves out of this league and so far we are doing alright but we want to make sure that we finish the season properly."

For Simpson, this experience is different to that at any of his previous clubs when he was up

against some far bigger clubs with far bigger budgets, but while many see the Shrews as the division's big spenders, the former Preston boss was quick to set the record straight:

"Everyone thinks we pay an absolute fortune and it's all because we bought one player in Grant Holt for £170,000, and at this level that probably is a lot of money but that still doesn't make us big spenders.

"We were in a position in the summer where we were able to go out and have a big push with one signing but since then we have paid a nominal fee for Terry Dunfield but that is it. I have gone for quite a number of players who have ended up going to other clubs in

this division because we couldn't afford the wages that were being offered."

Despite being firmly focused on his own team's aims and ambitions Simpson is full of praise for his counterpart in the Hatters' dugout this afternoon:

"It's ridiculous the way the league is this season with the three teams who have been hammered with the points deductions and as a manager you have to take your hat off to the likes of Mick Harford and the job that he has done.

"They started on minus 30 and they have got themselves into the positive now, you have got to admire the spirit they are showing and the fact they have already got themselves 32 points but we have just got to make sure that we have no sympathy for them this weekend and any that we do have can be kept until after the game."



COMMERCIAL MATTERS

with DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome to all supporters, sponsors and corporate guests here at Kenilworth Road for today's match against Shrewsbury Town.

Tuesday's success in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy was a wonderful occasion for all involved with the club which will start a very exciting and busy period for the Commercial Department as we begin to plan ahead for Wembley.

There will be a number of corporate opportunities available to supporters for our Wembley trip so keep eye out on this page and on the official website for details.

As I mentioned in on my page for Brighton, our Evening with David Pleat was a great success. Turn to page 25 of today's programme for photographs from the night.

Enjoy the game
David

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Ludlows of Luton were the match sponsors at Tuesday's game and here is Lee Nizardi photographed with man-of-the-match Tom Craddock.



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We continue to run our popular guess the attendance competition and here is the winner pictured with Tom Craddock after the final whistle.



COMMERCIAL MASCOT

Alexander Browne was our Commercial Mascot and here he is pictured in the dressing room before the match with Michael Spillane and Asa Hall.



CORPORATE HOSPITALITY

There is a wide range of hospitality options to enjoy at Kenilworth Road and here's another customer meeting the Hatters' goalscorer after the match.

Golden Gamble winner:

The winner of our matchday draw was Tony Ulyatt from Sandy who left Kenilworth Road £640 richer.

COMMERCIAL MASCOTS

Please welcome our three Commercial Mascots this afternoon who will get to meet all their favourite Hatters players in the dressing room before the match and lead the team out on to the pitch.



Six-year-old Thomas Davison from Milton Keynes whose favourite player is Kevin Nicholls. Thomas watches matches at Kenilworth Road with his Dad.

11-year-old Charlie Bacon from Stotfold. Charlie sits with his Dad, Grandad and best friend Ben Southby and his favourite player is Claude Gnaka.



10-year old Mitchell Howe from Luton who attends games with his Dad. Mitchell's favourite player is Jake Howells.

We hope you all have a day to remember at today's game.



IT'S SNOW JOKE



With the Hatters matches against Grimsby and Accrington Stanley called off due to heavy snow and with many people stranded at home, the wintry weather enabled many supporters to create their own snow creations sporting Luton Town colours.

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David Pleatevening

Luton Town's Sporting Dinner with David Pleat took place on 12th February and the night and was hailed as a huge success by the Club's Commercial Manager David Hoskins.

The memorable evening was held at the Riverside Suite in Luton and was attended by a string of Hatters legends past and present - including manager Mick Harford who was celebrating his

50th birthday. The evening finished with an auction of Hatters memorabilia and corporate deals including an executive box at Kenilworth Road for the remaining fixtures this season.

David said: "The night was one of the most popular and successful events the Commercial Department has ever overseen.



"From start to finish the night was absolutely fantastic and I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who both attended and helped organise the event to make it so special."





At the Regional Finals, Stopsley performed superbly and were without a shadow of doubt the best team present. They qualified for the Final without losing a game or conceding a goal in either the group stages or the Semi-Final.

In the Final, Stopsley played against the school representing Colchester United and dominated the game but unfortunately came up against a goalkeeper who produced the performance of her life. The game finished 0-0 and the inevitable penalty shootout followed.

Unfortunately, as is often the case the pressure proved too much for the Girls, and the better team in the game were unable to secure victory in the shoot-out, with Colchester winning 2-0.

The Girls can take great pleasure from their performances and were a credit to their parents, the school and our Football Club. The players that represented Luton Town and Stopsley High School were as follows:

Rachel Evans, Taylor Smith, Amy Runciman, Stephanie Hettle, Deborah Ewenla, Tamika Spence, Kira Graves and Vicky Kelly.

Enjoy the game
Stuart Smith

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game. I would like to update you on the progress of this season's Football League Under 13 Girls Cup.

Our local heats took place at playfootball.net in Stopsley on Friday 23rd January and although the number of entrants was small, an excellent tournament took place with Stopsley High School running out to be worthy winners, beating Lealands High School in the final. Stopsley's reward for winning the local heats was the opportunity to represent Luton Town against the schools representing Watford, Ipswich, MK Dons, Norwich, Northampton, Colchester and Barnet in the Area Finals.

These Area Finals took place in Watford on Friday 13th February with the prize being the opportunity to play in a four-team Southern Regional Final with the winner of that playing the Northern Regional winner on the Wembley turf prior to the Johnstone's Paint Final in April, a day of course when the Hatters' senior team play Scunthorpe United.



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Youth Development Officer Gregg Broughton believes the partnership will further enhance the Hatters' reputation for bringing through talented youngsters at Kenilworth Road:

"I'm delighted that we are now associated with a company of Sports Interactive's stature.

"They have already given us an

enormous amount of support and from a sponsorship point of view to have them on board is fantastic.

"Hopefully it will be the beginning of a fruitful partnership going forward by helping our youngsters make it into professional football with Luton Town Football Club."



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Luton Town 3 -3 Colchester United

The Hatters fielded a very young Under 18 team against in their Puma Youth Alliance game with fourth placed Colchester United, with six of the starting 11 still eligible to play for the Under 16's.

Due to the Ely Road training ground still being covered with snow, the game was played on the rubber crumb Astroturf at the Centre of Excellence venue at Baldock.

Luton started the game slowly and found themselves 2-0 down early on due to a lack of concentration in defence. The first goal came as Colchester's right back ran unchallenged into the area to fire the Essex side ahead and shortly afterwards the Hatters failed to deal with a cross and the ball was scrambled home.

Despite the early setbacks, Jordan Patrick and Liam Toomey proved to be a real handful, and after several good chances Toomey raced clear and finished well from a tight angle.

Five minutes later a great delivery from Mark Farthing was met at the back post by Oliver Cleaver to score the equaliser.

Farthing's set-piece delivery was of a very high standard throughout the game and Colchester were on the back foot for the remainder of the half. However, just before half-time it was Luton who conceded the fifth goal of the game, as the visitors headed home from a corner.

The message at half-time was simple: take responsibility defensively for your man and be patient going forward.



With the firepower available in the team it was inevitable that the Hatters would create chances the important thing though was to keep it tight at the back.

The second half proved to be a lot tighter although there were calls for a Luton penalty when Patrick was bought down in the area but the referee awarded a goal-kick.

Unsurprisingly the equaliser came courtesy of a set-piece from Farthing, Jack Wood, who had been excellent all game, meeting his cross at the back post to head home the Hatters' third.

Man of the Match: Adam Watkins, now looking back to his best after suffering an injury in pre-season. Adam dominated play during the first half, with Colchester having to change their formation to deal with him.

Team:
Reece Ottley (U16), Ashley Deeney (U17), Jack Wood (U17), Fabio Bufan (U16), Oliver Cleaver (U17), Matthew Harriot (U16), Mark Farthing (U18), Adam Watkins (U17), Jean Phillippe Yamfam (U16), Liam

Toomey (U16), Jordan Patrick (U16).

Subs: Richard Owusu (U18) for Yamfam (70 mins), Sam Barker (U17) for Farthing (85mins) Subs not used: Newman Camey (U15), Aaron Fletcher (U17).

Scores: Toomey 25, Cleaver 30, Wood 75.



Man of the match: Adam Watkins



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Howe's header had re-bounded back off the crossbar. The last half-an-hour of the game saw Luton take their foot off the gas but they were not troubled by what was now a deflated Watford side, and just before the final whistle Anes scored her second and Luton's fifth goal of the match.

This talented squad are now unbeaten in 18 months, and as they near the end of their days in youth football, they look set to win their second consecutive League Championship.

Some of these girls have already had a taste of senior football in both the reserves and the first team and with the talent they have got - coupled with the emerging aptitude of our current Under 15 squad - the future looks good for our senior squads.

They are in the main, made up of players that have come through from the youth ranks. That is something which we pride ourselves upon, and the results on the field fully justify that.

A Luton Town match with Watford always makes for an intriguing game, and Sunday was no different.

Luton started the brighter of the two sides, with their quick movement on and off the ball as the home team were having to work hard just to contain a fluent Hatters side.

It took 22 minutes before Luton opened the scoring with a goal by Clare Howe. Clare is not noted for her prolific goalscoring, but Watford must hate the sight of her after she scored a hat-trick against them in last season's League Cup F i n a l .

Some solid defending by Watford who were often getting all 11 players behind the ball, certainly made life difficult for Luton and at times there seemed to be a yellow wall of defenders right across the edge of their penalty area. But on the half hour mark, it was that girl Clare again who managed to find a way through to add a second goal.

After conceding a second goal Watford now came out and tried to make a game of it. Their main threat came mainly from

set pieces and a well worked free-kick was the nearest they came to pulling a goal back just before half-time.

Ten minutes into the second half, former Watford player Candice Davies came back to haunt her former colleagues by adding a third goal for Luton. That goal was quickly followed by a fourth when Steph Anes headed in from close range after



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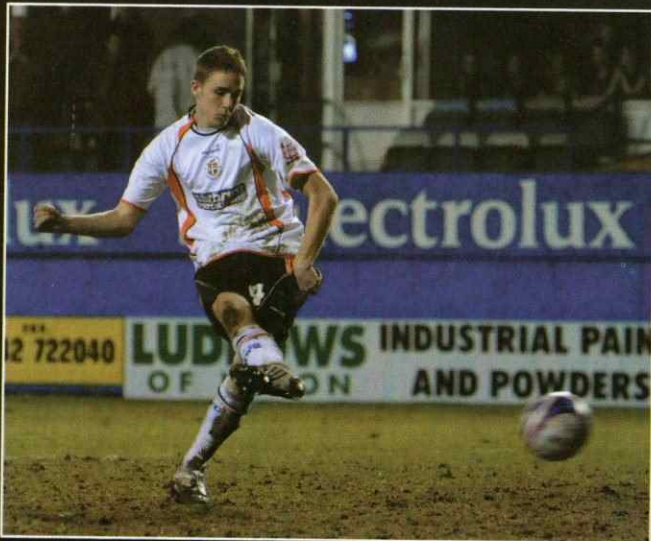
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ASA HALL



After helping the Hatters to a shootout win to reach Wembley on Tuesday, Asa Hall is looking forward to plotting the downfall of his former club Shrewsbury Town this afternoon.

The 22-year-old, who scored the Town's third penalty in the 4-3 win over the Seagulls, played 15 times on loan for the Shrews last season and believes the confidence gained from the result on Tuesday could be the catalyst the club needs to improve their league form.

"Tuesday was unbelievable. It was an amazing night and the highlight of our season so far," said the Sandwell born midfielder.

"I think getting to Wembley has given

everyone around the club an extra lift and I think we need to kick on from here in the league, starting against Shrewsbury this afternoon."

The victory against Brighton came 24 hours after they attended a motivational and teaming bonding session with former Hatters coach John Faulkner at Warwick University which Hall thinks was a key reason for their success on Tuesday. "It was a much needed break for the lads and good to get away for a couple of days," he said.

"I don't think we realised at the time how good it was but it was a very good experience and a great idea.

"It obviously had some affect on the lads

as Tuesday proved, and we'll look to carry it on for the rest of the season."

After starting the game against Albion on the bench, Hall admitted he was more than a little envious of his team-mates who were lucky enough to start game in front of the television cameras at Kenilworth Road.

He said: "The atmosphere was absolutely amazing, and with it being on Sky and being a full house I was saying to the lads in the starting line-up how jealous I was of them!"

But after replacing the injured Ian Roper after 25 minutes the former Birmingham City trainee played a vital role in the centre of midfield.

Hall praised the confidence shown by his team-mates during the shootout which saw all four of the Town's kicks converted successfully and the Hall believes the practise the players put into practising spot-kicks in training well and truly paid off.

"We'd been practising them at Warwick on Monday so all of the lads and myself were pretty confident," he said.

"I told Alan Neilson I'd like to take the third one so I wasn't nervous and the way the rest of the lads put their penalties away was brilliant."

Hall was also quick to pay tribute to goalkeeper Lewis Price whose saves from Brighton's Jason Jarrett and Chris Birchill confirmed the Hatters their place in the final against Scunthorpe United in April. "Goalkeepers are always in a no-lose situation," he said.

"They are not expected to save any so it was nice for Lewis and he deserved it.

"When he saved the last one and we'd won, it was just an incredible feeling."

However, Hall wants to forget thoughts of Wembley and instead explained how he had enjoyed his loan spell with today's visitors at the back end of last season.

"They gave me an opportunity to progress my career and get some games under my belt by being their on loan so I will always thank them for that.

"I had some good times there and I still speak to Chris Humphrey - I keep in contact with him and we're good friends.

"But that's all behind me now because I'm loving it at Luton."

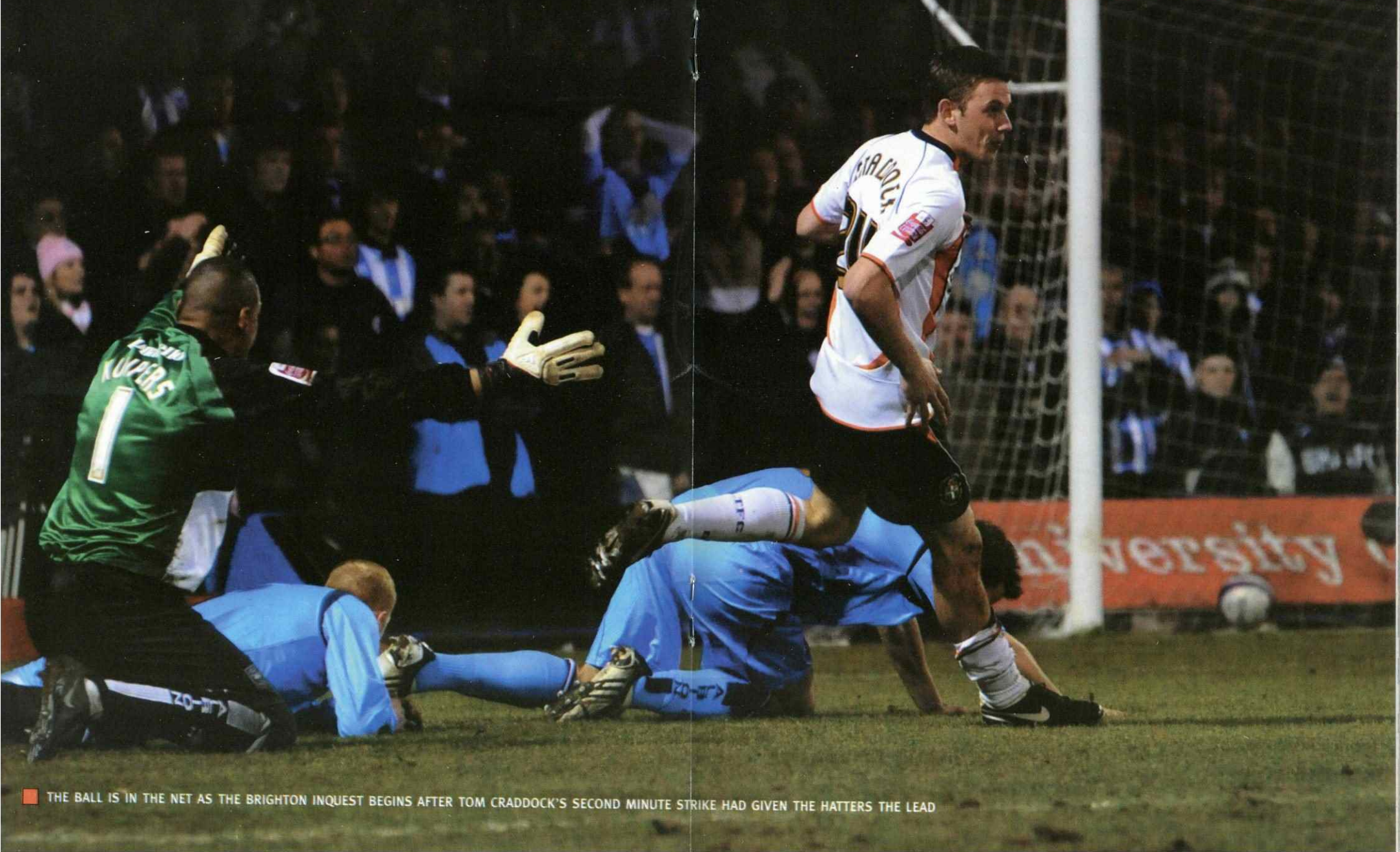
And the midfielder was certainly loving the post-match celebrations that greeted the end of the match with the Seagulls.

He said: "It was unbelievable, it was probably relief more than anything but the atmosphere in the dressing room was amazing.

"We were all delighted - and the flow of champagne helped too!"



HATTERS ACTION EXTRA



THE BALL IS IN THE NET AS THE BRIGHTON INQUEST BEGINS AFTER TOM CRADDOCK'S SECOND MINUTE STRIKE HAD GIVEN THE HATTERS THE LEAD



flashback



Club Historian Roger Wash looks back to a previous clash with the Shrews

The Town were relegated to football's third tier in 1996, their first time at this level since 1970, and if they thought they were too good to be rubbing shoulders with the artisans of Nationwide Division Two a rude awakening was in store.

The first three games were all lost to Burnley at home on the opening day 2-1 and then away at Brentford 3-2 after being ahead with only a few minutes left to play, and finally 5-0 at Bristol City.

After this latter display an embarrassed Luton manager Lennie Lawrence publicly apologised to the travelling support as he went back to the drawing board in an attempt to turn the season around.



David Oldfield attempts to block a clearance

A much needed 1-0 home win was recorded over a poor Rotherham side in the next game and gradually form improved with the Hatters starting to climb the table buoyed by the goals of new terrace hero Tony Thorpe.

The disastrous start to the campaign was soon forgotten and by Christmas the Town had flirted with top spot following back-to-back away wins at Millwall and Gillingham.

Sadly, bad weather prevented the Town from playing for three weeks after the win at Priestfield, and when the football returned the players had lost a little of their spark – and apart for a 5-1 win over Preston at the end of February, performances were lacklustre.

A 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road over closest challengers Brentford, courtesy

of Thorpe, at the end of March in front of the TV cameras, put the Hatters back on top but they then followed it up with two home draws and a crucial defeat at Walsall which put the chasing pack back into the race.

With four games to go automatic promotion looked less than likely and only maximum points would be acceptable, starting with the visit of lowly Shrewsbury Town to Kenilworth Road.

The game. Luton Town 2 Shrewsbury Town 0 19th April 1997

The Town were looking to secure their fourth double of the season, having won 3-0 at Gay Meadow the previous October, and apart from the injured Ceri Hughes and summer signing Paul Showler, were at full strength.



Andrew Fotiadis and Graham Alexander congratulate Dwight Marshall after netting the clinching goal.

The Shrews had won only one of their previous 12 games and had dropped into the relegation zone but they started the brighter side and soon put pressure on the Luton defence where the normally reliable Mitchell Thomas and Marvin Johnson were unusually jittery.

Ian Stevens managed to shoot over the bar from five yards for the visitors before Dean Spink was let through by Johnson only to see his effort smothered by giant Hatters goalkeeper Ian Feuer.

The only bright spot in the Luton side was the strong running of Andrew Fotiadis and it was from a typical forceful charge into the box by the Hitchin born forward, just before the break, that led to the first Luton goal.

Shrewsbury defender Lee Taylor upended Fotiadis just as he was about to shoot leaving Thorpe to bang in his

eighth penalty of the campaign and send the Town in at the interval rather fortunate to be ahead.

The Town had another lucky let off just before the hour when Stevens, who was clear on goal, was tugged back by Thomas. Stevens kept going and saw his shot saved by Feuer with the follow-up squandered by Darren Currie. Thomas was not even spoken to by the referee.

From this point on, the Town were more assertive and when the speedy Dwight Marshall was brought on for the tiring Paul McLaren, the game turned and there was only going to be one winner.

David Oldfield sent in a 25 yard blockbuster which was well saved by Shrewsbury goalkeeper Paul Edwards and Thorpe was also denied by the 'keeper.

The Town were rampant but, to make the game safe, needed a second goal which eventually came on 74 minutes when Marshall got a touch to an Oldfield cross shot.

Afterwards both managers agreed that the Luton penalty was a correct decision although Shrews' boss Fred Davies felt that his side should have won a spot-kick following the foul by Thomas and that the Luton man should have been dismissed.

Luton Town: Feuer, James, Davis, Johnson, Thomas, Alexander, McLaren (Marshall), Waddock, Oldfield, Thorpe, Fotiadis (Harvey).

Shrewsbury Town: Edwards, Blamey, Walton (Brown), Lee Taylor, Dempsey, Mark Taylor, Evans, Seabury, Currie, Spink, Stevens

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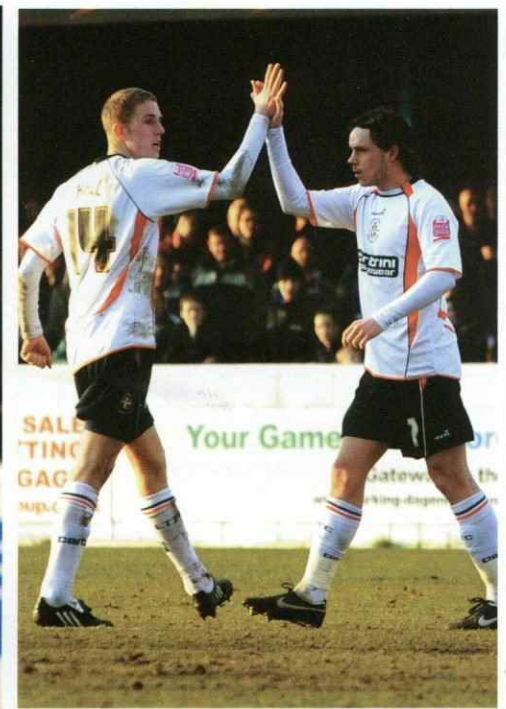
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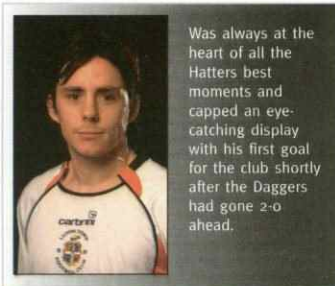
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MAN OF THE MATCH
 Ian Henderson



Was always at the heart of all the Hatters best moments and capped an eye-catching display with his first goal for the club shortly after the Daggers had gone 2-0 ahead.



POST-MATCH VERDICT

Mick Harford: "Today was another injustice. Chances-wise we had four or five in the first half and the same in the second. In terms of football we were the better team but Luton Town as a club, me as the manager and the players, are not getting the breaks. But we've got to get on with it and pick ourselves up."

Trevor Harris: "It was tough, it wasn't pretty as there were lot of fouls in the game. We'll play a lot worse and we'll get nothing out of it, I didn't think we played particular well today but we worked hard and the win. Obviously Luton are fighting for their lives so it was a difficult game."



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Mick Harford handed Lewis Price his debut against Dagenham & Redbridge last weekend after the goalkeeper signed a one-month loan deal from Derby County but the Welsh international couldn't prevent the Hatters from losing their second successive match.

Price was starting only his fourth game of the season, after spending a similar spell with the MK Dons and was disappointed to be beaten by a "freak" own-goal after the ball rebounded off Ian Roper to put the Daggers two-up.

"When I saved it I was looking at the ball thinking it's got to go forward and all of a sudden I turned round and it's in the back of the net. It was one of those freak goals I could do nothing about," he said.

"It's disappointing not to get the win, as I thought we played well enough to at least get a draw as we created enough chances to go on and win it.

"Going forward I don't think we've got much of a problem. The goal we scored was a brilliant but we need to tighten up a bit more defensively and work harder to stop these things from happening.

"If we'd started better maybe it would have been a different story, but it took us to go a goal down before we really started playing football."

The 24-year-old put pen-to-paper with the Hatters at the start of the month after Conrad Logan returned to Leicester City, but with just two points to the club's name, Price and everyone else at Kenilworth Road is fully aware that the pressure is on to secure three points every week against the Shrews.

He said: "It's a good team they work hard and create chances but at the minute we need to start picking up results."

With the adverse weather resulting in the postponement of two matches and disrupting the Hatters' training preparation for the match against the Daggers, Price said it had been difficult not being able to train on grass but was keen not to use this as an excuse for defeat.

As for Price's short-term aims, the Wales international made it clear that he's out to make a big impression during his loan spell at Kenilworth Road:

"Hopefully the gaffer keeps playing me whilst I'm here and when the month's up I'll see where I am."

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First team coach Kevin Watson

After the euphoria of Tuesday night's victory over Brighton died down, the Hatters reserves were in action the following day to earn a 1-1 draw with their Peterborough United counterparts at London Road.

The Town side was one of the youngest they have fielded in the totesport.com Combination this season with two players from the club's Under-16 squad starting.

Moses Ashikodi fired Luton ahead with a terrific volley but Posh equalised later in the second half direct from a free kick to earn a share of the spoils.

It was only the eighth match the Town's second string have managed

to play in the East Division of the competition this season and leaves them one place off the bottom of the table.

The biggest plus of the afternoon, however, was Ryan Charles' comeback from injury to complete 90 minutes of action after being involved in the first team's penalty drama the previous night.

First Team Coach Kevin Watson was delighted with the attitude of the players on show at London Road.

He said: "All the players who were involved - from first teamers, youth teamers and trialists - all got something out of the game which is pleasing.

"The senior players applied themselves very well and the team

did excellently in what was an all round good performance.

"Ryan Charles did very well in as it was his first 90 minutes for a long, long time.

"Tom Bambury and Matt Harriott [two of the Town's Under-16's] coped well considering the step up to reserve team level against a number of experienced professionals. "I thought overall we worked hard and looked difficult to beat."

One experienced professional in Luton colours was trialist Micah Hyde who put in an assured display at the heart of the Hatters midfield.

Watson said: "He was a very calming influence in the middle of the park. He passed it well and used his experience to good use."

Ryan Charles came back from injury against Brighton on Tuesday night



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 Unused Substitutes: Sullivan, Hawkins, Dixon

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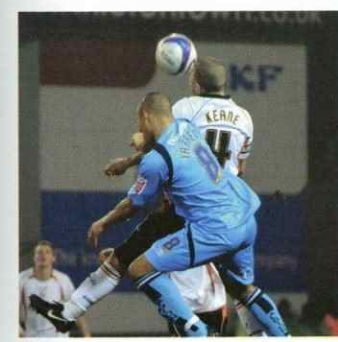
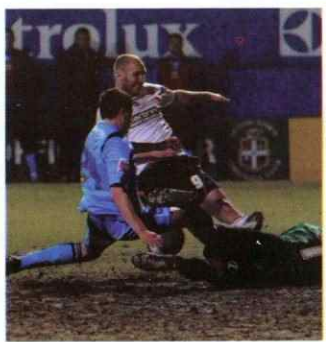
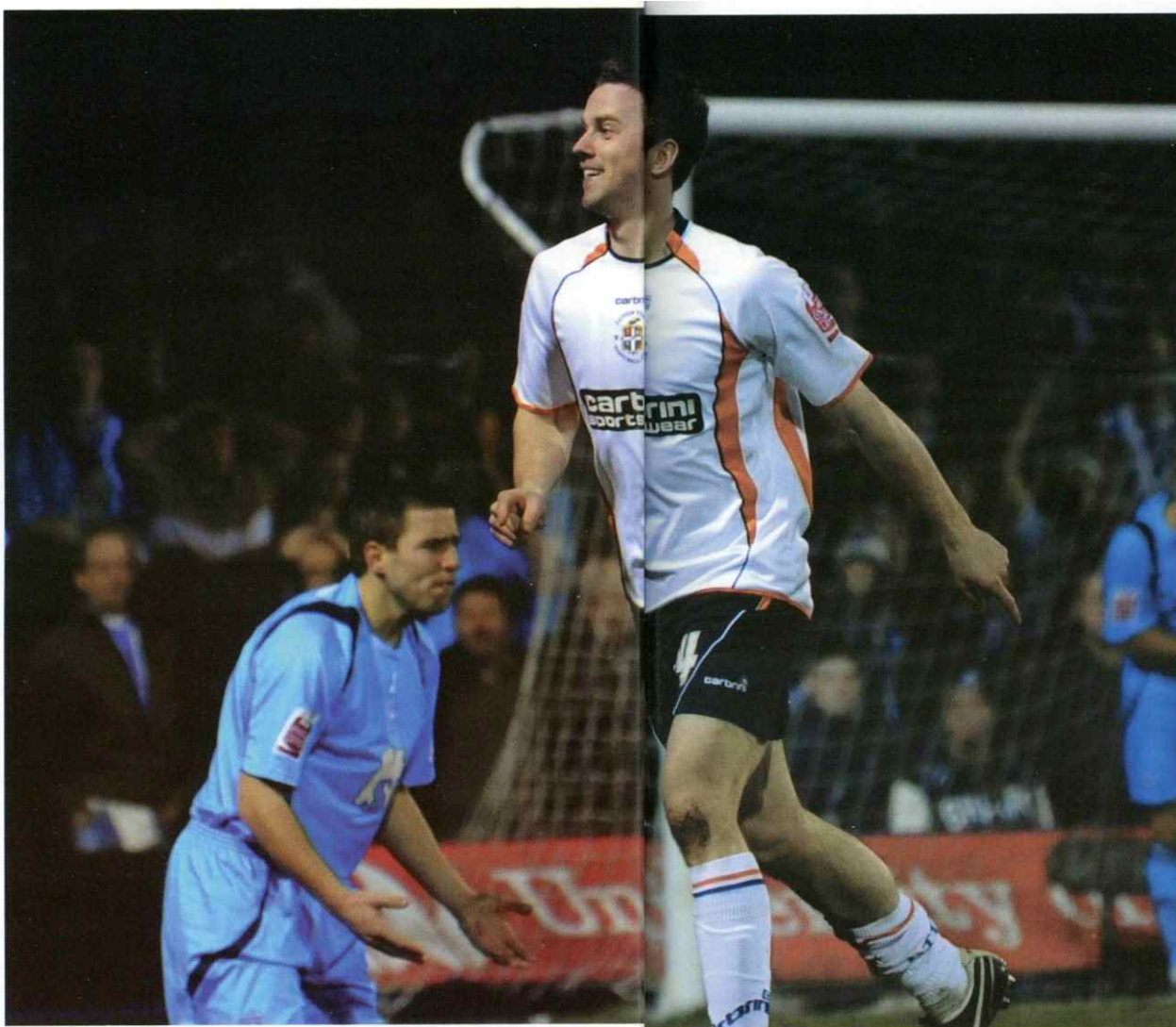
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MAN OF THE MATCH

Keith Keane



Made captain for the night, he put in a superb performance just days after returning to full fitness following injury and illness. Started the game in the centre of midfield before continuing his good work at centre-half following the injury to Ian Roper.



POST-MATCH VERDICT

Mick Harford: "I thought over the two games we deserved it. We were in control of the game tonight and it was a fantastic start. I'm delighted for the players as they have come to this football club knowing the situation we are in and now they have the opportunity to play at Wembley which is fantastic for them. They deserve the opportunity not only because of the situation here but because of the way they have performed in this competition this season."

Micky Adams: "I thought we gave a fantastic response to what was a calamitous first goal. Once again we have given a team a lift with a goal that quite easily should have been avoided. It gave them a massive boost but we fought back well and Nicky Forster scores and we are back in the game. As we approached half-time I could only see one team winning, until the sending off."



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RYAN CHARLES



It would have been easy for Ryan Charles to shy away from taking a penalty last Tuesday, having only been on the pitch a matter of minutes and making his first appearance in a Luton shirt since October, but the 19-year-old stood-up to be counted, scoring the fourth penalty, essentially securing the Hatters passage to Wembley.

Charles was understandably delighted at keeping his bottle to convert his spot-kick, but admitted that nerves almost got the better of him:

"I was so nervous in the line because the young lads don't really take the penalties and it's only my first year as a professional. Everyone was saying, 'just go and do it' and I was thinking, 'Yeah, I've got a point to prove' and then when I saw the goal I knew where I was going to put it, so that's why I angled my body off to make him think I was going left, and then I just slid it in."

After Lewis Price then saved the final Brighton penalty, an avalanche of Hatters supporters spilled onto the pitch in jubilation to congratulate their cup heroes, and Charles was full of praise for the fans' continuous support:

"I was so excited, the fans are such great people, they get behind the team all the time, they're just amazing - we couldn't ask for better fans. As you saw by their reaction, they're so happy to get to Wembley."

The young striker spoke of his relief at overcoming his ankle injury and feels that last Tuesday was a turning point in his season, but the 19-year-old also expressed his desire to repay the fans and his team-mates after being out injured for so long:

"I haven't been around much and I feel like I've let the players and fans down. I expected a better season from myself but hopefully this is a stepping stone now and I've got the confidence to stick the ball in the back of the net when the pressure's on."

"I feel like a brand new person and I just want to kick on from here, I've got new confidence in myself and I believe I can help the team."



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A REVIEW OF EVENTS AROUND COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO



STIMSON ENRAGED AFTER 4-4 DRAW

Gillingham boss Mark Stimson was left fuming after seeing his team let their 3-1 lead slip at home to Aldershot on Tuesday.

The Gills were coasting to victory until a crazy 10 minute spell in the second half saw the Kent side go 4-3 down. Fortunately for the Gills defence, Adam Miller squared things up with a 72nd minute penalty to spare their blushes. "Some of the defending I wouldn't even call schoolboy, it's below that to be honest," said Stimson.

"We gave the ball away cheaply and that's what is so frustrating, we spoke about it, worked on it and talked it through with all the players but we still made the mistake.

"At the end of the day professional footballers make some strange decisions and even the senior players. At 3-1 up I thought 'I'll take that, it's a good three points and we'll move on' but then all of a sudden you're 4-3 down and wondering 'how this is happening?'"



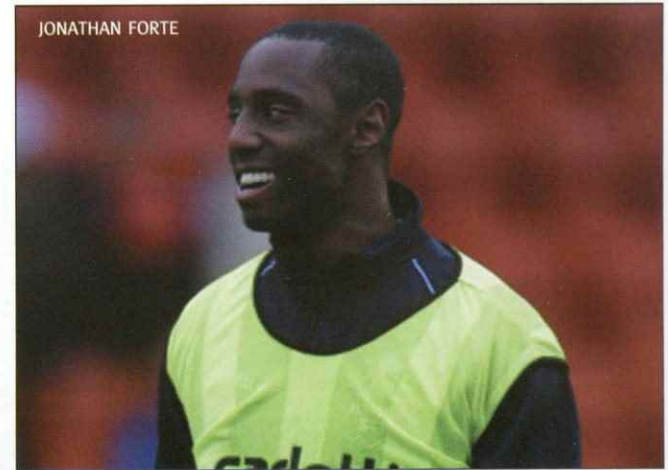
MILLERS BOSS REFLECTS ON WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN

Rotherham manager Mark Robins was understandably devastated after being knocked out of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy by Scunthorpe.

With a place in April's final at Wembley up for grabs, Robins was disappointed the Millers couldn't go one step further in the competition and give their fans a day to remember:

"We knew it was going to be hard and it was notable that the only time we opened up, Scunthorpe scored. The quality of their forwards shone through. "Over the two legs we can have no complaints but it's really disappointing because we wanted to give the supporters something to shout about and go back to Wembley for the first time in a long time.

JONATHAN FORTE



"At the beginning of the season we'd have snatched people's hands off to get this far but to get within touching distance of Wembley and miss out, it really hurts.

"There was no lack of effort on our part but it just wasn't to be."



KNILL: 'THIS IS NOT LUCK'

Bury manager Alan Knill has talked up his side's chances of promotion after claiming that they deserve their spot inside the automatic promotion places.

The Shakers are only three points behind Wycombe and Brentford, and Knill is confident that his team will be playing in League 1 next season if they keep up their impressive recent form:

"At the moment, we are worthy of where we are in the league. This is not luck. "We have 15 games left and we have to be like this for those 15 games, then you never know what can happen."



MAGPIES RE-SIGN IRONS STRIKER FORTE

Notts County have snapped up 22-year-old Jonathan Forte on a second one-month loan deal following his successful stint with the club in November. Forte scored four goals in four matches during his first loan spell,

which included a first-half hat-trick on his debut against Barnet.

"I'm delighted we've struck a deal to bring Jonathan back. He enjoyed his time with us earlier in the season so we were always in with a good chance of getting him back," said Magpies manager Ian McParland.

"The lads and the fans know what Jonathan is all about and we're delighted to have him back with us.

"His pace will again give us an extra dimension in attack and I'm looking forward to seeing him back in our colours."



TONIGHT'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

Accrington v Dag & Red
Aldershot v Morecambe
Barnet v Bradford City
Bury v Notts County
Chester v Exeter
Darlington v Grimsby
Gillingham v Macclesfield
Luton Town v Shrewsbury
Rochdale v Brentford

ALL ABOUT ME & MY TEAM

I have supported Luton since 1966 when I was taken to the Kenilworth Road by an elderly friend of the family - Bill Ellingham - and once I was hooked, the roller coaster ride began.

I now live in High Wycombe with my partner Linda and family and go to as many games as I can with my brother-in-law Jason and grandson Ricardo.

My dream team would obviously be today's as it keeps us in the Football League or one which features my grandsons Ricardo and Logan, but having drawn up a shortlist of 58 players from my 42 years of watching, I have come up with this one which maybe has veered away from the usual legends but would give anyone a good pasting.

GOALKEEPER MILIJA ALEKSIC

'Elastic' was thrilling to watch. His ability to pull off saves, which seemed impossible, make him my No 1. I always hoped that would be what I did for a living but alas Spartak F.C. and Harlington Town were my lot.

RIGHT FULL BACK EMERSON BOYCE

Mr. Reliable and could cover anywhere in the back four. He would terrorise the opposing defenders when he went forward. He never gave up and there was no such thing as a lost cause.

LEFT BACK MATTHEW TAYLOR

Would he have become a better player if he stayed with us for longer? I think so and maybe earned that England cap which he surely deserved. His shoot-on-sight mentality was wonderful to watch, as you weren't sure what he would do next.

CENTRE HALF AND CAPTAIN TERRY BRANSTON

A marvellous no-nonsense defender and a tremendous leader of the team. How good was he compared with other legends in this position? I don't know. Age plays tricks with your memories, but at the time he was the best.

CENTRE HALF CURTIS DAVIES

Curtis and Terry - what a dovetail of a partnership. As for Curtis he must be the next international to have come through this wonderful club.

LEFT MIDFIELD DAVID MOSS

I still have the picture of him equalising away at Ipswich in 1984 on my office wall. A devastating finisher from anywhere but his assists were his and the team's bread and butter. (Yes I am in that picture too!)

RIGHT MIDFIELD JOHN RYAN

If I can't have Ricky Hill then it will have to be John. I know he was mainly a right full

back but I just have these memories of his charging runs down the wing, crosses going over and goals being scored.

CENTRE MIDFIELD PETER NICHOLAS

The hard man as you must have one (and at Luton we have had a few) but he could pick a pass too, and I have a picture of him from the 1985/86 season on my office wall. (Yes I am in that picture as well!).

CENTRE MIDFIELD ALAN WEST

The man with the silky skills to complement the hard man. Alan was another Mr. consistency and reliability. A good captain in his time and one of the nicest men I have ever had the privilege to meet.

STRIKER STEVE HOWARD

Maybe some would say he doesn't sit with the greats like Super Mac, Paul Walsh and Brian Stein but what he did for this club in the recent past was immeasurable. Thanks Howie.

STRIKER DON GIVENS

Purely chosen for his hair. And a perfect foil for Howie as he was for Super Mac.





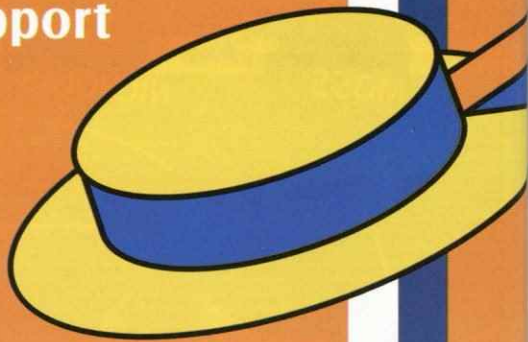
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Last Tuesday's dramatic penalty shoot-out culminated in Lewis Price saving Chris Birchill's spot-kick, sending the Hatters faithful into raptures and securing the Town's place in April's Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final at Wembley.

A night that will long live in the memories of everyone there at Kenilworth Road – all of the players and Mick Harford were thrilled with the club's achievement.

"First and foremost I'd just like to say that the game and the fans were brilliant – first class, absolutely fantastic. It's been tough, we haven't had a great season, the points tally isn't great, but again they got behind the team," said Harford.

"Secondly I'd like to say a massive well done to the players because they've had a lot of hardship this season – players coming into this football club and knowing they're in a position where it was a difficult situation and they've handled it very well.

"The lads are great, there's a good spirit there and the camaraderie is fantastic."

Hero of the hour, Price, on-loan from Derby, was also understandably delighted with his heroics:

"It hasn't really sunk in, but it's good for the club and all the lads are buzzing so I think it was thoroughly deserved.

"I remember the saves fairly well. The



first one was down to my right and I touched it onto the post and the second one was behind me which I managed to get around to. Not bad saves, I'll take it."

French defender Claude Gnaka said it was his "dream" to get to Wembley, and the 25-year-old who had previously stated his lofty aim of emulating Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka by scoring at England's national stadium, will now get his chance.

"It'll be great for all my team-mates. It was a tough game, difficult, but we won so that's the most important thing.

"It's a great moment, it's a dream. We were very determined to go to Wembley and hopefully we can win."

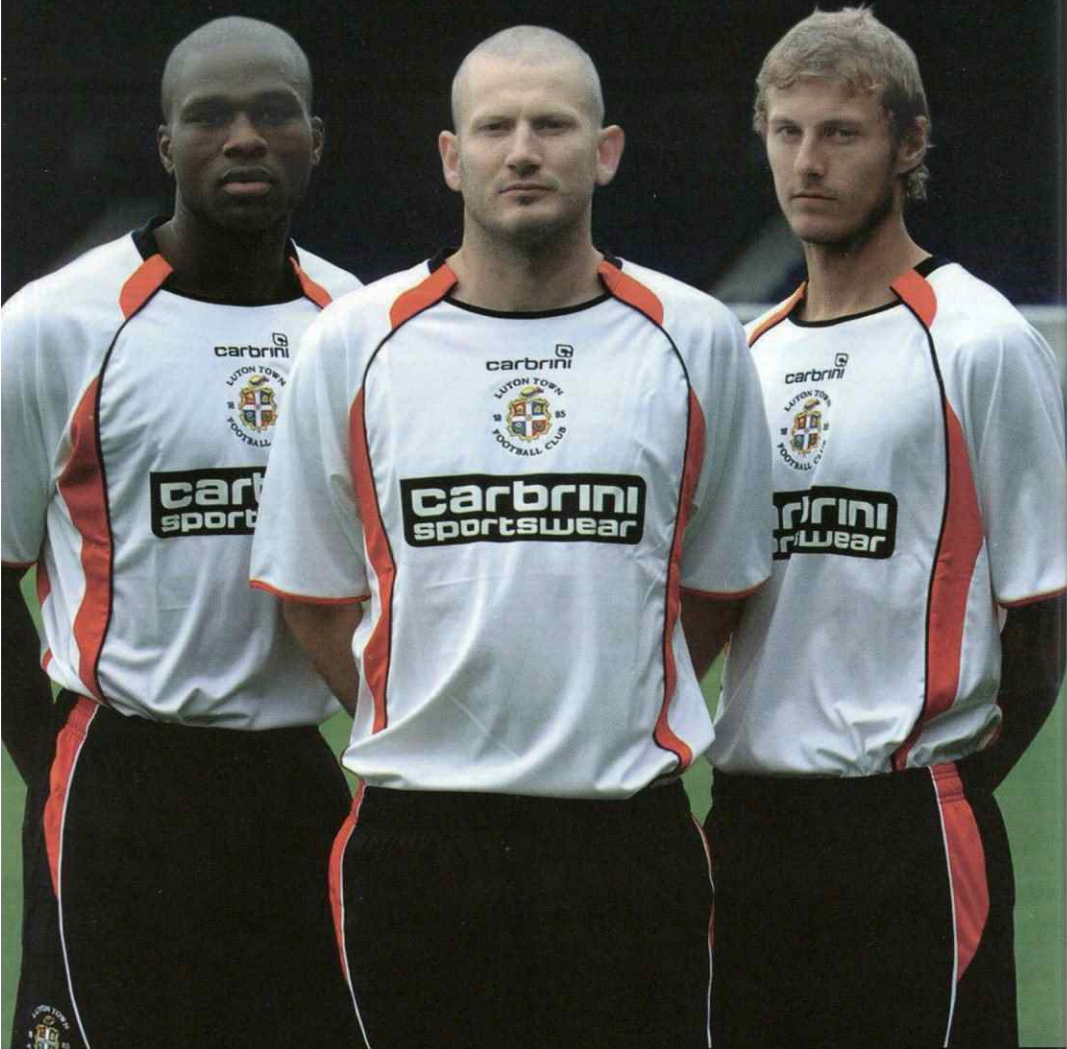
And with the euphoric scenes inside the Hatters dressing room beamed out to a nationwide audience on Sky Sports, Gnaka described just what it was like to be at the heart of the celebrations:

"It was crazy! The gaffer and everyone were really happy."

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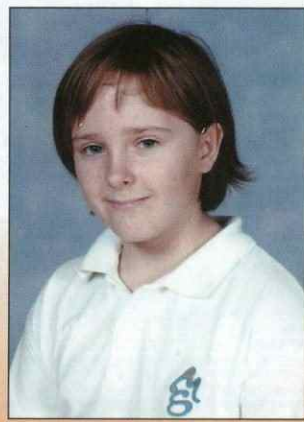
Today's Mascot

What a night it was on Tuesday against Brighton! We're going to Wembley! What a great feeling on a night of great excitement.

The players did brilliantly and Lewis Price made two fantastic penalty saves. Keep an eye out for future details about the Wembley game on this page in future programmes.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all the children who have entered the 'Kick it Out Find a Friend for Me' competition.

The entries were very imaginative and have been passed on to the organisers. The competition is now closed, so keep an eye out to see if you have won!



Please give a warm welcome to today's mascot who is 12-year-old Samantha Ring who has travelled from Westbury in Wiltshire to be at the game this afternoon. Samantha attends Matravers School and watches games at Kenilworth

Happy Harry

Road with her Mum and Uncle in the enclosure. Today she will get to lead the team and meet all of the Luton Town players, including her favourite Paul McVeigh. Apart from supporting the Hatters, Samantha enjoys karate and playing the clarinet.

We all hope you have a great day.

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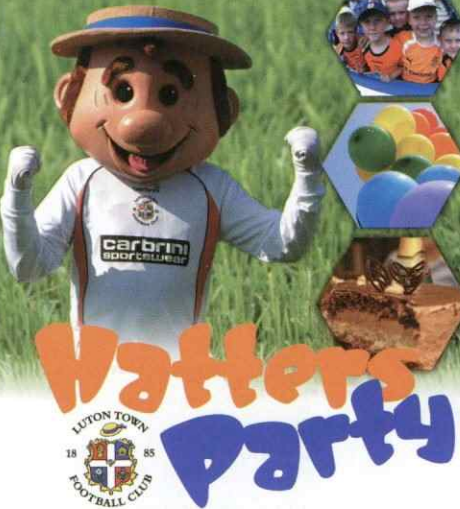
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Adult (Age 22-64)	£20
Senior (Age 65-75)	£15
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

Compromise Seating - Main Enclosure A, B, H & J, Main Stand G

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Youth (Under 17)	£10
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£15
Adult (Age 22-64)	£15
Senior (Age 65-75)	£15
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

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Youth (Age 10-16)	£45
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Adult (Age 22-64)	£90
Senior (Age 65-75)	£67.50
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£45

FORTHCOMING HOME FIXTURES

Tuesday 3rd March 2009

Gillingham

Kick off: 7.45pm Kenilworth Road



Tickets are now on general sale at normal pre-matchday prices. There will be an £2 increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.

Saturday 7th March 2009

Exeter City

Kick off: 3.00pm Kenilworth Road



Tickets are now on general sale at normal pre-matchday prices. There will be an £2 increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.

Tuesday 17th March 2009

Grimsby Town

Kick off: 7.45pm Kenilworth Road



Tickets are now on general sale at normal pre-matchday prices. There will be an £2 increase for tickets purchased on the day of the game.

FORTHCOMING AWAY FIXTURES

Tuesday 24th February 2009

Accrington Stanley

Kick off: 7.45pm, Crown Ground



This game is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance of the match.

We have an allocation of 1,600 terrace tickets

Price: Adult £13.00 Senior (over 65) £8.00
Under 16's: £8.00

Saturday 28th February 2009

Port Vale

Kick off: 3.00pm, Vale Park



Allocation: We have an allocation of 4500 seats available

Prices: Adult £19.00 Senior (over 65) £12.50
Under 16's: £8.00 Under 9's: FREE

This game is pay on the day only for Luton Town supporters, with no tickets available in advance of the match.

Tuesday 10th March 2009

Notts County

Kick off: 7.45pm, Meadow Lane



Allocation: We have an allocation of 2000 seats available.

Price: Adult £20.00 Senior (Over 60)/ Students (with valid id)/ Young Adult (16-17) £12.00 Under 16's £5.00.

Selling Arrangements: This match is Pay on the Night only at Notts County. No tickets will be available in advance of the day.

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COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO

Saturday 28th February 2009

Port Vale

Kick off: 3.00pm Vale Park



What's the ground like?

At one end of the ground is a fair sized single tiered all-seated stand, complete with an electric scoreboard on the roof. This stand houses the away supporters and it replaced a former open terrace. Opposite is the Big AM Stand, covered and all seated. The corners on either side of this stand have been filled. The Tricell Stand on one side is fair sized, covered and all seated. All three of these stands have a small number of supporting pillars, half way up them, which may restrict your view. The other side, the Lome Street Stand, is a relatively new smart looking 5,000 all-seated stand, complete with 48 executive boxes. However, the stand is yet to be fully finished.

What's it like for away supporters?

Hatters fans are allocated 4,500 seats in the Phones4U Stand, where the view and facilities located on the concourse behind the stand are good. Even a relatively small number of away fans can

really make some noise from this stand, as the acoustics are excellent. However, the slope is quite shallow, which might affect your view should a tall person be seated in front. Normally though, you could still move to another seat if necessary.

Food and drink

The food available on the concourse is the usual fayre of Rollover Hot Dogs (£2.50), Steak Pies (£2.50), Meat & Potato Pies (£2.50), Cheese & Onion Pasties (£2.10) and Sausage Rolls (£1.50).

The town centre is a 10 minute walk away from the ground where several pubs can be found that allow visiting supporters.

How to get there by car:

Leave the M6 at junction 15 or 16 and take the A500 towards Stoke on Trent. Follow A500 until the A527 Tunstall/Burslem exit, where you take the

A527 towards Tunstall/Burslem. At the next island just past the Price Kensington factory turn right for Burslem town centre. Continue on this road up the hill, crossing another island and into Burslem town centre. Continue straight on over the traffic lights at the cross roads and then take the first road on the left which takes you down to the ground.

Car parking:

There is a large car park located outside a superstore next to the ground which costs £4, otherwise street parking.

Luton's last visit:

The Hatters won their last visit to Vale Park in last season with a last gasp winner from Matthew Spring.

On-loan centre half Jaroslav Fojut put the Town ahead after three minutes but the Valiants equalised in first half injury time. It looked as though the Town would have to settle for a share of the spoils until Spring popped up to earn the Hatters their first away win of the season.

Travel details:

Both the Bobbers Travel Club and the Luton Town Supporters Club are running coaches to Port Vale.

The Bobbers leave Cranfield at 10am, with pick-up points along the way before an 11am departure from Kenilworth Road. The fare is £17 for adults and £14 for juniors and seniors. For bookings telephone 01234 856542.

LTSC leave the Maple Road car park at 11am. The fare is £16 for adults and £14 for concessions. Under 7's can travel free when accompanied by a full paying adult. For bookings telephone 07960 567465.

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stats 08/09

Date	Opponent	Score	Att	Away	Pos
August					
Sat 9	H Port Vale	FL2 L1-3	7,499	546	24
Tue 12	H Plymouth	CC W2-0	2,682	340	n/a
Sat 16	A Gillingham	FL2 W1-0	5,339	743	24
Sat 23	H Notts County	FL2 D1-1	6,085	381	24
Tue 26	A Reading	CC L1-5	7,498	745	n/a
Sat 30	A Exeter City	FL2 W1-0	5,328	745	24

September					
Sat 6	A Macclesfield	FL2 L1-2	2,349	733	24
Sat 13	H Aldershot Town	FL2 W3-1	6,462	810	24
Sat 20	A Rotherham	FL2 L0-1	4,095	866	24
Sat 27	H Chester City	FL2 D1-1	5,731	212	24

October					
Sat 4	A Bradford City	FL2 D1-1	3,083	492	24
Tue 7	H Brentford	JPT D2-2	2,029	286	n/a
Sat 11	H Darlington	FL2 L1-2	5,560	207	24
Sat 18	H Accrington	FL2 L1-2	5,492	80	24
Tue 21	A Grimsby Town	FL2 D2-2	4,021	212	24
Sat 25	A Bury	FL2 W2-1	3,052	408	24

November					
Sat 1	A Shrewsbury	FL2 L0-3	6,188	805	24
Tue 4	A Walsall	JPT W1-0	1,844	153	n/a
Sat 8	H Altrincham	FA D0-0	3,200	359	n/a
Sat 15	H Dagenham & Red	FL2 W2-1	5,402	268	24
Tue 18	A Altrincham	FA D0-0	2,397	189	n/a
Sat 22	A Rochdale	FL2 L0-2	2,901	365	24
Tue 25	H Brentford	FL2 L0-1	5,248	527	24
Sat 29	A Southend	FA L1-3	4,111	502	n/a

December					
Tue 2	H AFC Bournemouth	FL2 D3-3	6,773	277	24
Sat 6	H Barnet	FL2 W3-1	5,536	511	24
Sat 13	A Wycombe	FL2 D0-0	5,567	1,118	24
Tue 16	H Colchester United	JPT W1-0	2,638	222	n/a
Sat 20	H Morecambe	FL2 D1-1	5,664	124	24
Fri 26	A Chesterfield	FL2 D2-2	4,243	805	24
Sun 28	H Lincoln City	FL2 W3-2	6,643	352	24

January					
Tue 13	A Chester City	FL2 D2-2	1,652	370	24
Sat 17	A Darlington	FL2 L1-5	3,319	494	24
Tue 20	A Brighton & H	JPT SF D0-0	6,127	511	n/a
Sat 24	H Bradford City	FL2 D3-3	6,053	465	24
Tue 27	A AFC Bournemouth	FL2 D1-1	5,230	609	24
Sat 31	H Bury	FL2 L1-2	5,545	298	24

February					
Sat 14	A Dagenham & Red	FL2 L1-2	2,310	733	24
Tue 17	H Brighton & H	JPT SF D1-1	8,711	1,546	na
Sat 21	H Shrewsbury	FL2 3.00			
Tue 24	A Accrington	FL2 3.00			
Sat 28	A Port Vale	FL2 3.00			

March					
Tue 3	H Gillingham	FL2 7.45			
Sat 7	H Exeter City	FL2 3.00			
Tue 10	A Notts County	FL2 7.45			
Sat 14	A Aldershot Town	FL2 3.00			
Tue 18	H Grimsby Town	FL2 7.45			
Sat 21	H Macclesfield	FL2 3.00			
Sat 28	A Morecambe	FL2 3.00			
Tue 31	H Rotherham	FL2			

April					
Sun 5	N Scunthorpe Utd	JPT F 1.15			
Sat 11	A Lincoln City	FL2 3.00			
Mon 13	H Chesterfield	FL2 7.45			
Sat 18	A Barnet	FL2 3.00			
Sat 25	H Rochdale	FL2 3.00			

May					
Sat 2	A Brentford	FL2 3.00			
tba	H Wycombe	FL2 3.00			



Brill	Gnakpa	Roper	Pilkington	Davis**	Emanuel	Nicholls	Hall	Jarvis*	Parkin 1	Martin	K-Davis**	Plummer*	Watson	Keane	Spillane
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Logan	Roper	Spillane	Worley	Howells	O'Connor*	Hall 1	Keane	Jarvis**	Craddock	Martin	Andrews*	McVeigh**	Patrick	Brill	Davis
Logan	Gnakpa	Spillane	Roper	Howells	Davis*	Hall***	Keane	Jarvis	Craddock 2	Martin**	McVeigh*	Parkin**	Patrick***	Brill	Worley
Logan	Gnakpa	Spillane	Roper 1	Howells	Davis*	Hall	Keane	Jarvis**	Craddock 1	Martin	McVeigh*	Andrew**	Worley***	Brill	Patrick

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KEY

FL2 : Coca Cola League Two
 FAC: FA Cup
 JPT: Johnstone Paint Trophy
 CC: Carling Cup

* First Sub ** Second Sub ***Third Sub
 Bold denotes goalscorer

Number after player name denotes number of goals scored
 ^ Luton won 4-3 on penalties
 < Luton won 4-2 on penalties
 + Goalscorers included an own goal by the opposition

Orange line in League table represents where Luton would be without the points deduction



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Brentford	319	5	1	27	9	6	6	4	17	15	20	56	
2 Wycombe	308	5	1	22	10	7	6	3	15	10	17	56	
3 Bury	318	3	4	23	14	7	5	4	22	18	13	53	
4 Shrewsbury	32	13	1	3	35	11	1	9	5	11	15	20	52
5 Rochdale	308	5	2	30	15	6	5	4	23	21	17	52	
6 Bradford	318	8	1	28	15	6	2	6	21	17	17	52	
7 Exeter	318	4	4	26	19	6	4	5	20	18	9	50	
8 Darlington	288	4	2	26	12	5	5	4	18	13	19	48	
9 Dag & Red	318	3	4	32	13	5	5	6	24	22	21	47	
10 Gillingham	318	5	3	29	15	5	3	7	14	29	-1	47	
11 Lincoln City	294	8	2	22	15	3	7	16	20	3	38		
12 Chesterfield	284	4	5	21	20	6	3	6	24	21	4	37	
13 Morecambe	316	7	3	23	16	2	6	7	12	25	-6	37	
14 Aldershot	297	6	2	27	22	3	1	10	18	32	-9	37	
15 Notts County	315	5	6	17	19	3	7	5	20	27	-9	36	
16 Macclesfield	305	3	8	17	28	4	3	7	16	28	-23	33	
17 Port Vale	295	2	8	17	25	4	2	8	15	23	-16	31	
18 Rotherham	288	3	3	21	12	5	4	5	15	16	8	29	
19 Accrington S	30												



FOR THE HATTERS AT THE KENNY

Tuesday 3rd March 2009

Gillingham

7.45pm Kenilworth Road



As the season enters its final few months, every point becomes increasingly vital at both ends of the league table. Gillingham are the next visitors to Kenilworth Road in 10 days time, knowing that a win would significantly boost their chances of promotion.

After being relegated from League 1 last May, the Gills struggled to pick up points away from home during the opening months of the season. However, their fortunes began to change after the New Year, and four wins in five league matches in January earned Gillingham boss Mark Stimson a Manager of the Month nomination.

Stimson had been under-pressure from certain sections of the Priestfield crowd following several below-par performances. An embarrassing 7-0 defeat at the hands of today's visitors Shrewsbury was a particularly low point for the Gills, as their supporters began to fear the worst.

Stimson, though, received the backing of Chairman Paul Scally, and the former Stevenage boss repaid Scally in full by transforming the Gills into promotion contenders.

A narrow 2-1 defeat at the hands of Aston Villa in the FA Cup may well have been the turning point. The Gills players made Martin O'Neill's high-flyers work hard for their victory, with a controversial James Milner penalty eventually sealing Villa's passage into the fourth round.

Jamaican-born striker Simeon

SIMEON JACKSON



Jackson was on the scoresheet that day with a superb strike which put the Gills back on level terms, and the 21-year-old is by far and away the top scorer at the club with 13 league goals and is likely to challenge for the League 2 Golden Boot.

Jackson is a handful for any defence in the league with his pace and ability in front of goal as most of the Gills' opponents have discovered this season.

Andy Barcham signed from Tottenham Hotspur in January after a successful loan spell earlier in the season, and the 22-year-old winger has also played a key role in the Kent club's resurgence.

Elsewhere, former Hatters loanee Simon Royce is the current Gillingham goalkeeper and has also been integral to the club's surge up the league table. The veteran keeper has become a firm favourite at the Priestfield Stadium and was voted the Fans' Player of the Season last year.

When the two sides met back at Priestfield in August an early Sam Parkin goal claimed all three points for the Town and moved them onto minus 27 points.

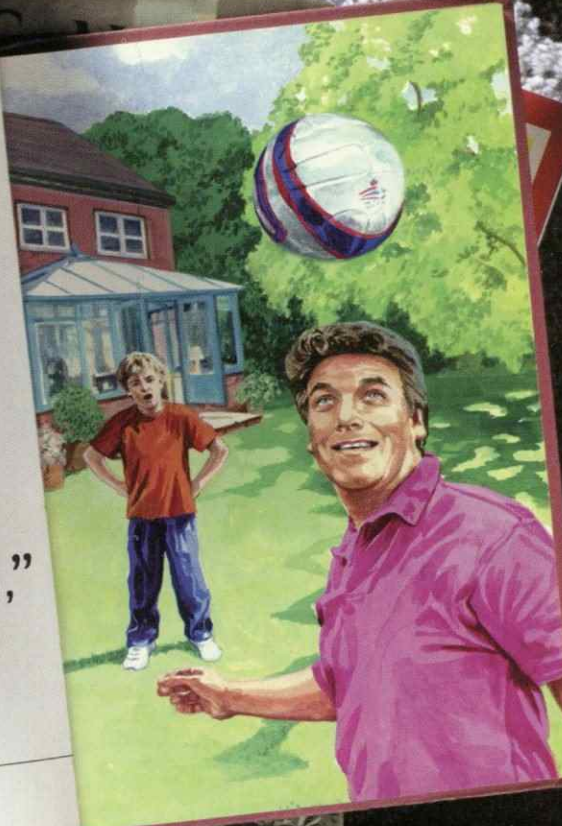
In total, the two clubs have met 58 times. The Hatters have the upper hand by some margin, having won on 29 occasions. The Gills have won 17 times and 12 matches have finished all square.

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"What a ***** goal!" screamed Johnny's dad.

"I don't like football with Dad," thought Johnny.

Pass ball dad



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HATTERS

LUTON TOWN


1	DEAN BRILL		
2	CLAUDE GNAKPA		
3	SOL DAVIS		
4	KEITH KEANE		
5	IAN ROPER		
6	GEORGE PILKINGTON		
7	IAN HENDERSON		
8	KEVIN NICHOLLS		
10	RYAN CHARLES		
11	LEWIS EMANUEL		
12	AKANNI-SUNDAY WASIU		
14	ASA HALL		
15	ED ASAFU-ADJAYE		
16	ROSSI JARVIS		
18	CHRIS MARTIN		
20	MICHAEL SPILLANE		
22	MARK BOWER		
24	TOM CRADDOCK		
25	GEORGE BEAVAN		
26	LEWIS PRICE		
28	PAUL MCVEIGH		
29	JORDAN PATRICK		
32	KEVIN GALLEN		
33	JAKE HOWELLS		
40	SCOTT SINCLAIR		

SHREWSBURY

1	GLYNN GARNER		
2	DARREN MOSS		
3	NEIL ASHTON		
4	MIKE JACKSON		
5	GRAHAM COUGHLAN		
7	MARC PUGH		
8	KELVIN LANGMEAD		
9	DAVID HIBBERT		
11	MICHAEL SYMES		
12	BEN HERD		
13	MATT JONES		
14	BEN DAVIES		
15	PAUL MURRAY		
16	GRANT HOLT		
17	CHRIS HUMPHREY		
18	STEVEN LESLIE		
19	JAKE ROBINSON		
20	STEVEN HINDMARCH		
21	NICK CHADWICK		
22	JASBIR SINGH		
24	SHANE CANSDELL-SHERRIFF		
25	RICHARD WALKER		
26	LUKE DANIELS		
28	KEVIN MCINTYRE		
30	DAVID MAGUIRE		
33	JAMES MEREDITH		

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Tuesday 3rd March 2009

Gillingham

Kick off: 7.45pm
Kenilworth Road



Next up at home