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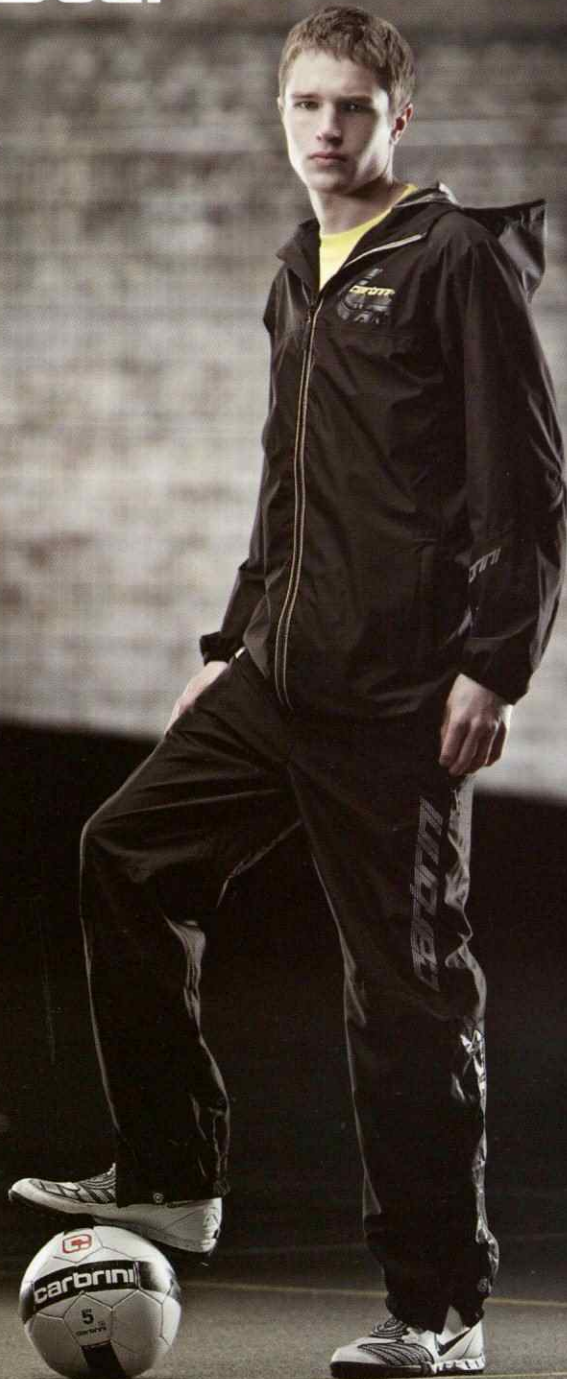
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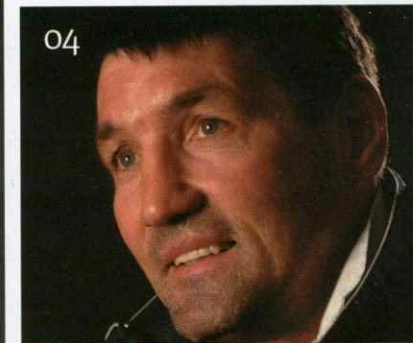
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# MICK HARFORD MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's Easter Monday game against promotion-chasing Chesterfield.

A big welcome to Lee Richardson, his staff, directors and supporters of Chesterfield.

The last time the two teams met was on Boxing Day in an entertaining 2-2 draw. I watched Chesterfield against Lincoln on Tuesday evening so I know it will be a difficult encounter today.

We'd all like to extend a welcome back to Drew Talbot who is currently on-loan at Chesterfield. However, as a part of the loan agreement Drew will not be able to play against us today, but we wish him every success for the remainder of the season.

Due to printing deadlines, I am writing these notes before the match with Lincoln so hopefully we will have a positive result and performance coming into today's game.

Speaking of positive results, in case you weren't there, it was an honour and a privilege to lead a Luton team out at Wembley last Sunday.

I'd like to personally congratulate each and every player for the monumental effort put in during 90 minutes and extra time and also extend my gratitude to the players who did not feature for their support and backing of the team.

It is a testament to my backroom staff for the manner in which we not only approached the game but the levels of fitness shown by the players throughout



90 minutes and extra time. I'd also like to thank and congratulate the 2020 consortium; Gary Sweet, Antony Brown, Stephen Browne and Nick Owen and all the investors, because without their knowledge, commitment and passion for this football club there would have been no trip to Wembley.

Also a special thanks to all the staff at the club who have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to make sure everything ran smoothly for Wembley.

And finally you are without doubt the best supporters in the country, which was evident by the support you have the team on Sunday.

The noise and atmosphere you created, from where I was standing, was unquestionably a factor in our victory.

It was difficult during the game to get my message across to the players and I know the players on the pitch struggled to communicate, simply because of the noise created by you the fans.

It is a special and great achievement to win another trophy for this famous club, which will live long in the memory of myself, the players and the fans.

Keep the faith.

Mick.





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(South)  
Champions 1937

Football League One  
Champions 2005

Football League Division Four  
Champions 1968

Simod Cup  
Finalists 1988



Welcome to Kenilworth Road for the first time since one of the greatest moments in the history of Luton Town.

I have seen our beloved football club play at Wembley five times now and I have to say that, for me, because of the context, Sunday 5th April 2009 was our finest hour.

Through no fault of our own, we were bottom of the pile and facing relegation out of the Football League. No-one outside Bedfordshire gave us a chance, yet more than 40,000 Luton fans swarmed into Wembley and roared us to an outstanding victory in what's been described as the best final to grace the new stadium. I wouldn't argue with that.

When I walked out into that magnificent

arena, I found the vista that confronted me jaw-droppingly emotional.

I am immensely proud to be Chairman of Luton Town, but to see so many people who feel the same way as I do, passionate and angry, was utterly overwhelming.

I thought of my dear father who died only a few months ago and wondered what he would have made of it all.

He took me to my first game nearly 51 years ago and there I was on that sunny Sunday, with my family, watching the club that could have ceased to exist a little over a year ago, put on an inspirational display that stirred football fans across the country.

# fromtheboardroom



## CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN LOOKS BACK TO THAT AMAZING DAY IN THE WEMBLEY SUNSHINE



I have received hundreds of emails and texts from friends and strangers, footballers and football directors, all saying, "good on yer, that showed them what your football club is made of!"

The players were sensational, the goals just brilliant and the spirit phenomenal. This bunch of players are so united and passionate for the cause, they don't remotely deserve to be facing relegation. It's outrageous.

But we have a sound football club, going the right way financially and we will prevail, however long it takes. The guys that won it for us at Wembley largely seem desperate to stay at Kenilworth Road, whatever happens, and I hope that most of them will do so. Only time will

tell. Thanks to all of you who went to the trouble of getting tickets to come and support us at Wembley. With such massive demand, I know it wasn't always easy.

Thanks to all the club staff who worked so long and hard to make sure as many people as possible could get tickets for the game. Thanks to my fellow directors for all their indefatigable efforts to save this club and get it running as smoothly as possible after the volcanic events of the last 18 months.

Thanks to the investors for all their faith and support when many would have said, 'steer clear'.

And thanks to the manager, coaches and players for the guts, enthusiasm, bottle, resilience and sheer talent to take us to this proud moment. I know it's not the European Cup or the Premier League title, but it means just as much, if not more, to the fans of a club so dreadfully wronged to 'preserve the integrity of the Football League'.

It is an exhilarating dose of euphoria to illuminate the club's darkest hours and I, for one, will treasure the memory for the rest of my life.

Thanks to everyone I have mentioned for sharing this wonderful experience. We are Luton Town, we are Luton Town.

Nick.

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# KEVIN NICHOLLS

## CAPTAIN

Last Sunday's victory in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy was a brilliant day.

Playing at Wembley is what dreams are made of and being captain and leading the team out was an immensely proud moment for me and for my family.

But winning the game was the icing on the cake and lifting the cup was an amazing feeling. I thought my team-mates were brilliant. It was a massive performance and a massive achievement. I have always said we're a team, there are no individuals. Considering what we've been through this season I thought we thoroughly deserved to win the cup and tournament. It's been a fantastic run and the lads fully merited their winners' medals. The fact Scunthorpe are a good side and riding high in League 1 and will probably be back at Wembley in the Play-Offs goes to show what a good result it was.

We went into the game knowing it was going to be tough and they started the better of the two sides and looked lively early on. However, after they took the lead we showed the character and courage to comeback and our equaliser was a result of a brilliant cross-field pass by Rossi Jarvis and the ball into Chris Martin from Tom Craddock was inch-perfect. What a feeling it must have been for Chris to grab the equaliser and from that point we were back in the game. Then we took the lead when further patient play resulted in Tom's goal. He took the goal really well, showing great touch and technique. To be two minutes away from lifting the cup only to see Scunthorpe equalise was galling but going into extra-time I knew the lads were strong enough to come through it.

I've been saying all season that we're in this together and the spirit and belief we have in the squad is fantastic. Claude Gnaka realised his dream of playing and scoring at Wembley in what turned out to be the winner and I still don't think it has sunk in yet. Maybe it will at the end of the season or when we watch the DVD but I can tell you it was an unbelievable feeling.

When Claude was put through he probably wasn't favourite to reach the ball first ahead of their left-back but he had just come on and those fresh legs of his proved to be the difference. I was delighted for you, the fans, too, because you have had three relegation battles to content with in the last three seasons but it shows how much the players care to win a trophy considering what we've all had to put up with in the league this season. No disrespect to Scunthorpe but nobody remembers the losers in a final. No-one remembers the Luton team of 1989, they remember the team of '88. And now they can remember the team of 2009. I must admit I am



not usually the kind of captain that issues a full-blown rallying cry on the pitch, but with five minutes to go I said to the lads 'we're five minutes away from going down in history'.

Thankfully, we got over the finishing line and when the final whistle was blown it was a phenomenal feeling. I must take my hat off to Mick. He played at Wembley for Luton and England but he had never led a team out before as a manager. You can see at the end of the game how much it meant to him.

It's a massive achievement for Mick which is something he can now proudly put on his CV. Everyone could see what it meant for him to be leading the club he loves so much. I'd also like to praise Kevin Watson and Alan Neilson for the work they have both done since coming in to assist Mick; Dmitri Kharine has been fantastic; Harry Scott-Stackman, our physio, has had a tough season dealing with all the injuries we've had and Stuart Bannister, our kit man, has probably worked as hard as anyone.

Then there are all the people behind the scenes at the club who deserve an awful lot of credit for their hard work into the run up to the final. I hope you all enjoyed your day on Sunday. Finally I would like to congratulate my team-mates. If we went to Wembley without the kind of team spirit we would have never won the cup.

Today we're back into league action and due to printing deadlines I write these notes prior to our match at Lincoln on Saturday. Easter is always an important time of the season and it gives us the chance to take six points in the space of three days. We need to put the euphoria of winning the cup final to bed for a while as we need to concentrate on our bid to stay in the Football League. Make no mistake, we will need to be at our best, but we are more than capable of winning both games so we can keep going right until the end of the season.

On behalf of all the lads thank you for your unbelievable support at Wembley and get behind us again this afternoon.

Nico.





## ALL THE LATEST FROM AROUND KENILWORTH ROAD

### NEWS

Saturday 31st March



The Hatters' three match winning run came to an end following a 4-2 defeat to Rotherham United at Kenilworth Road.

Rotherham raced into a two-goal lead thanks to goals from Rueben Reid and Drewe Broughton before a Chris Martin header brought the Town back into contention before half time.

However, the Millers added a third to restore their two-goal cushion before Asa Hall again reduced arrears but the visitors clinched victory with a killer fourth goal three minutes from the end.

### Sunday 5th April

The Town came from behind to lift the Johnstone's Paint Trophy following a thrilling 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United at Wembley in front of 40,000 Luton supporters.

Gary Hooper put the Iron ahead inside 20 minutes but the Hatters came storming back to take the lead following goals

from Chris Martin and Tom Craddock.

Two minutes remained when Grant McCann broke the Hatters hearts by netting a superb equaliser for Scunthorpe but five minutes into extra time substitute Claude Gnakpa ran on to Keith Keane's pass to net the winner and seal the Town's first major trophy success in 21 years.

### Tuesday 7th April

It was back to reality with a bump for players and staff as the Hatters reserves hosted Ipswich in the totospot.com Combination at Kenilworth Road.

Ian Roper put Ipswich ahead heading into his own net but after the visitors were reduced to 10 men and the Town came roaring back to score four second half goals to earn all three points.

### Saturday 11th April

The Hatters were back in League 2 action at Lincoln City.

### DIARY

#### Saturday 18th April

Luton make their first visit to Underhill for a competitive match when they take on Barnet in a crucial League 2 encounter. Kick-off 3pm.

Meanwhile the Under 18's entertain their counterparts from Dagenham and Redbridge in the Puma Youth Alliance. Kick off 11am.

#### Monday 20th April

The Town reserves are back in action once more when they travel to Southend United in the totospot.com Combination. Kick off 2pm.



#### Tuesday 21st April

Promotion-chasing Wycombe Wanderers visit Kenilworth Road for a League 2 game in which both sides will be chasing the points for very different reasons. The Chairboys have only ever beaten the Hatters once in 16 meetings. Kick off 7.45pm



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# The numbers game

## SIMON PITTS LOOKS BACK AT PREVIOUS FIXTURES WITH CHESTERFIELD

own net! Rory Allen and David Oldfield added further goals after the break to seal the points for Luton. The 3-0 scoreline was repeated for the third time in August 2002. Russ Perrett opened the scoring, before there were further goals from Steve Howard and Dean Crowe.

solitary Tony Thorpe goal was enough for all of the points.

**0** Chesterfield have failed to score in their last three visits to Luton, since the 3-0 win in 2002/03 the Hatters have won the last two meetings 1-0. Steve Howard scored the only goal in November 2003 and Rowan Vine netted in September 2004, his first goal at Kenilworth Road.

**4,287** The lowest crowd at Kenilworth Road for the visit of Chesterfield, in April 1999 when a

**18** The number of previous League meetings played at Luton. The Hatters have won eleven and lost three while four have ended all square, scoring 29 goals and conceding 13.

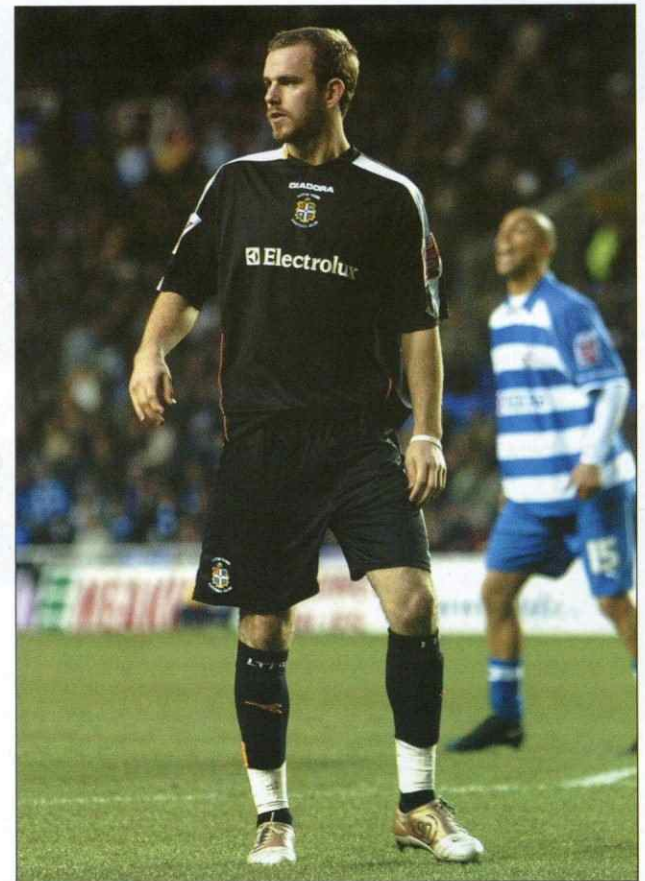
**1** The only of these games not to be played at Kenilworth Road was back on Boxing Day 1899 when the visitors won 3-0. This was one of only two encounters where Chesterfield have kept a clean sheet. The other was in September 1996, when they won 1-0 courtesy of a penalty from Tom Curtis after Marvin Johnson handled in the area.

**4** The number of draws, and they have all ended 1-1! The first came in 1937/38, followed by 1946/47, and 1949/50. The most recent was on Boxing Day 1999 when Adam Locke opened the scoring in the first half, only for David Reeves to net an equaliser after the break.

**5** The biggest margin of victory and also the most goals scored by Luton in this fixture. Hugh Billington netted four in December 1938 as the Hatters won 5-0. George Stephenson netted the other Luton goal.

**18,352** The largest crowd for this fixture who saw Mel Daniel net twice in a 2-1 win in November 1947. Daniel had also scored in the 1-1 draw nine months earlier.

**4** Luton have scored exactly three goals four times against Chesterfield. The first was a 3-0 win in March 1951, and this was followed by a 3-2 victory in December 1966. In April 1998 Chesterfield's Mark Williams opened the scoring, unfortunately it was into his



**Rowan Vine was on target in this fixture back in 2004.**





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WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS



### CURRENT FORM: W W D D D

Going into Easter weekend Chesterfield found themselves in eighth position in the League 2 table, level on points with Shrewsbury in seventh who occupy the final Play-Off place. After 0-0 draw with Darlington on 28th December the Spireites were in 13th place, seven points off the League 2 play-off positions.

But since the turn of the year the Spireites have been one of the division's form sides having won nine and losing just three of their 18 fixtures since 2009 began, shooting them towards a tilt at the end of season lottery. The Saltergate faithful have seen their side claim some fantastic results, none more so than earning a 1-0 win at table-topping Brentford on 17th March. They hosted Darlington on Saturday and barring defeat, they will arrive today at Kenilworth Road on a six match unbeaten run.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Luton wins: 16 Chesterfield wins: 11 Draws: 10

In the 37 meetings the two sides have contested since the first back in 1899, the Hatters hold the upper hand with 16 victories Eleven of these wins have come at Kenilworth Road with the Hatters victorious in the last three meetings played in Bedfordshire. The Spireites have won three times from previous visits to Kenilworth Road. The first came in a 3-0 win during the clubs' first meeting and their last was a 1-0 success in September 1996. Chesterfield's last victory over the Town was on the final day of the 2002/03 season when the Spireites came from a goal down to record a 2-1 victory which ensured they avoided relegation to Division 3.

### LAST TIME AT KENILWORTH ROAD:

Luton Town 1-0 Chesterfield 11th September 2004

The Hatters were on an unbeaten start to their 2004/05 campaign when Chesterfield were last at Kenilworth Road. After a goalless first half the Hatters were quick out of the traps in the second period when Rowan Vine struck what turned out to be the winner four minutes after the break.

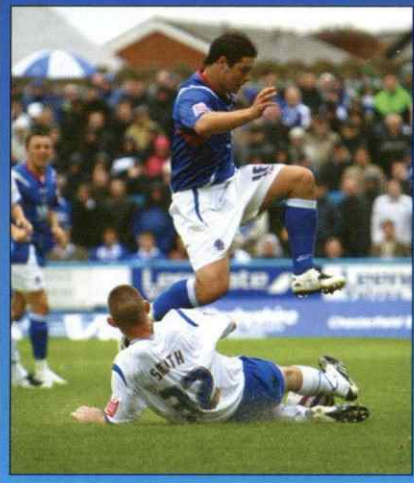
The Spireites were indebted to goalkeeper Carl Muggleton to keep the score at 1-0 but later had Steve Blatherwick and Shane Nicholson sent off in the final 15 minutes.

### LAST FIVE SEASONS IN FOCUS:

This season is the Spireites second in League 2 following their relegation from League 1 in 2006/07 when they finished four points from safety.

Last season the North Derbyshire outfit finished one place outside the League 2 play-off positions, missing out by nine points on the end-of-season lottery.

Before the Spireites' relegation in 2007 they had survived three seasons in League 1 with 16th and 17th finishes in 2005 and 2006 respectively before surviving by one point in 2004, after beating the Hatters on the final day of the season, sending Grimsby Town to League 2 at their expense.



### LAST TIME AT KENILWORTH ROAD:

Luton Town: Beresford, Foley, Coyne, Davies, Davis, Underwood, Nicholls, Robinson(Leary,82), Brkovic, Vine (Showunmi, 89 ), Howard

Subs not used: Keane, Seremet, Blinkhom

Chesterfield: Muggleton, Bailey, Blatherwick, O'Hare, Nicholson, Niven, Allott, Hudson (Innes,70),Campbell-Ryce, Allison (DeBolla, 70 ), N'Toya (Downes, 78)

Subs not used: Davies, Richmond,

Attendance: 7,532



LEE RICHARDSON

## The Manager:

Lee Richardson's managerial career began when he took charge of Chesterfield in March 2007, following the departure of Roy McFarland but he couldn't prevent the Spireites suffering relegation to League 2.

As a player he came through the ranks at Halifax before going to play for Watford, Blackburn, Aberdeen, Oldham and Stockport amongst others, playing over 400 league games along the way.

### Lee Richardson

## The Squad



### GOALKEEPER TOMMY LEE

Lee signed in the summer after a successful trial. A schoolboy and a pro at Manchester United before moving to Macclesfield Town, initially on loan. He played in their great escape from relegation under Paul Ince. Had a successful spell on loan at Rochdale last season for whom he played at Wembley in the play-off final.

### DEFENDERS GREGOR ROBERTSON

Now in his second season after joining from Rotherham United, Gregor is a left sided player, either a full-back or midfielder who began his career with Nottingham Forest, with whom he won most of his 15 Scotland U21 caps. Edinburgh-born, he's a good crosser when going forwards and is quick at tracking back. Played for the renowned Celtic Boys' Club.

### KEVIN AUSTIN

Kevin was a summer capture from Swansea City despite having a year left on his contract at the Liberty Stadium, where he was a regular in their promotion season last term. A latecomer into league football, he joined Orient aged 20 from Saffron Walden Town. Has also played for Lincoln, Bamsley, Brentford, Cambridge United and Bristol Rovers. Made a single International appearance for Trinidad & Tobago against Panama in 2000.

### ALAN GOODALL

Had an excellent pre-season trial game against Sheffield Wednesday and was snapped up within a few days. The left-back came into league football aged 22 with Rochdale, whom he joined

## Star Man: Jack Lester

Summer 2007 capture from Nottingham Forest, where he had two spells either side of a couple of seasons at Sheffield United. Jack began at Grimsby Town and also had a loan spell at Doncaster.

Turned down several offers from higher level clubs but chose to sign for the Spireites. Had a stunning debut season bagging 27 goals, the best total for the club for over 50 years.



JACK LESTER





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from Bangor City. Alan spent three years at Spotland before moving to the Hatters from where he was released mid-contract. Was a Tranmere Rovers youngster before joining Cammel Laird.

### AARON DOWNES

Former player with the Australian Institute of Sport, Aaron played in most of Australia's Olympic qualifying matches but he didn't make the final squad for Beijing. He joined the Club, initially on a short-term deal and, in 2006/07 and swept the board at the end of season awards. A centre-half with excellent ball skills, he had spells at Bolton and in non-league with Frickley Athletic.

### DANNY HALL

Versatile defender, primarily a centre back, who played for Stalybridge Celtic before joining Oldham Athletic as a trainee. Danny had a short loan spell as a young player at Scarborough before eventually

moving to Shrewsbury Town. Moved North to join Gretna in January 2008 but was a victim of their winding up order with Chesterfield stepping in to offer him a 12-month deal.

### JARED WILSON

Right-back signed on loan from Birmingham City in January 2009. Jared has been with City from the age of 12 and made one appearance in the Championship at QPR in October 2008. Will be at Saltergate for the rest of the season.

### MIDFIELDERS

#### JAMIE LOWRY

In his third year as a pro, Jamie's a tall, elegant full-back or midfielder from Cornwall who came to the attention of the Club when his Grandad, a Chesterfield resident, recommended him for a trial, which was successful and he was awarded a scholarship. Was a key member of the successful youth team three seasons ago.



AARON DOWNES



KEVIN AUSTIN

#### DEREK NIVEN

Combative, box-to-box midfielder signed from Bolton Wanderers in March 2004 after spending two months on loan with the Spireites. Derek was a youngster at Raith Rovers before moving to the Reebok Stadium for a substantial fee after less than 10 minutes first team experience as a 17-year-old. Bagged a few goals over the last few seasons, including the Goal of the Season winner against Man City in 2006/07.

His name is always on the team sheet when he's fit. Back in the squad after recovering from testicular cancer.

TheSpireites

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### DARREN CURRIE

Midfielder who looked set to sign for Brighton in the summer from Luton but Lee Richardson engineered a coup to nick him on a three-year deal. Nephew of ex-Blades and Leeds legend Tony Currie, he's played for West Ham, Shrewsbury, Plymouth, Barnet, Wycombe, Brighton, Ipswich and the Hatters amongst others.

### LLOYD KERRY

Signed on loan from Sheffield United in March 2006 and then on a two year permanent deal in the summer. A

combative midfielder, born in Chesterfield, who had a spell on loan at Torquay in 2007 that ended prematurely when he injured a foot. Bagged a brace against Lincoln last season.

### PETER TILL

Winger on loan until the end of the season from Grimsby Town, Peter joined the Mariners from Birmingham City. Also played on loan at Scunthorpe and Leyton Orient. A tricky player who can play on the right or left. Signed in January 2009.



LLOYD KERRY

### MARTIN GRITTON



### STRIKERS

#### MARTIN GRITTON

Signed in January 2009 after scoring two goals for Macclesfield at Saltergate the previous month. A Sports Science Graduate, the Glasgow-born target man has also appeared for Plymouth, Yeovil, Shelbourne, Torquay, Grimsby, Lincoln and Mansfield.

#### DREW TALBOT

Signed on loan until the end of the season from Luton in January 2009. Was a youngster with Bamsley before packing in the game after two broken legs. Tempted back by Sheffield Wednesday, for whom he scored in the 2005 play-off final ahead of a season out with a back injury.

A loan spell at Scunthorpe was followed by a move to Kenilworth Road and another injury, this time a cruciate ligament problem cost him eight months before returning to fitness this season.





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# leerichardson

Losing your star striker during the January transfer window is most managers' worst fear but for Lee Richardson he believes the departure of Jamie Ward to Sheffield United has been key to Chesterfield's excellent form since the turn of the year.

Taking nothing away from the Republic of Ireland international, who the Spireites boss dubbed "the best player at the club" but since the turn of the year they have lost just three times, a far cry from the first half of the campaign which saw them lose on nine occasions:

"We had to make a decision on Jamie Ward in January, Jack (Lester) and Jamie were quite a handful as a pairing and Jamie was probably our best player but he was out of contract in the summer and a number of clubs showed an interest in taking him so we decided to cash in on him.

"The Chairman and the board allowed me to reinvest in three or four players, one of whom you'll know very well in Drew Talbot and all the players we

bought in January have made an impact. "We weren't a million miles away at the beginning of the season. In football there is a narrow margin that is often talked about between success and failure and that was very true. We knew we needed to improve and I think we have done that. We have still got enough time left and we're hopeful that we can finish on a high."

Despite losing only once in their last 13, at the time of writing, Chesterfield still sit outside the Play-Off places on goal difference but as the inform team, Richardson who was named Manager of the Month for March, is confident they can get there:

"We are level on points with the team in the last Play-Off place and we still

have an outside chance of taking one of the automatic promotion places, if we win the majority of our remaining games but probably a more realistic is a Play-Off spot.

"Everybody is playing each other so three wins out of the last five games might be enough for us to get in there, it is going to go down to the wire so we've just got to keep going.

"If we could finish one place above where we finished last season then that would be a success and it would mean that we had done enough to get into the Play-Offs and then it's anybody's so last season's disappointment is certainly a driving force for me and the players that were here last season and hopefully we can achieve it this season."



Johnstone's Paint Trophy Winners 2008/09



# COMMERCIAL MATTERS

with DAVID HOSKINS

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

I would like to start by congratulating the team and the management for their success at Wembley last Sunday. It was a fabulous game of football played in the right spirit and included some amazing goals.

From a corporate point, on the day of the final we assisted supporters in the various lounges making sure everything went smoothly. We were delighted with the feedback from supporters and I must go on record to thank all the hard work from everyone in the department who helped in making sure everything went to plan.

Looking ahead we have a number of events that we are planning for, none more so than the end-of-season dinner, details of which can be found on the opposite page.

Enjoy the game, David.

#### Match Sponsor: William Murray

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#### Commercial Mascot.

Today we have the pleasure of welcoming three commercial mascots for this afternoon's match with Chesterfield. First of all we have two brothers: Samuel and Louie Taylor who come from Flitwick and watch matches at Kenilworth Road with their stepdad.



Samuel is 10-years-old and attends Woodlands Middle School. His favourite player is Kevin Nicholls and apart from watching Luton Town, Samuel enjoys playing computer games.



Louie is eight and attends Templefield Lower School and his favourite player is Keith Keane. Like his older brother, he also likes playing computer games.



Finally our third mascot is Lochlan Newman who has come all the way from Golden Bay in Australia to be here at today's game.

Lochlan is seven-years-old and attends Singleton Primary School.

Primary School.

His favourite player is Kevin Nicholls and attends matches at Kenilworth Road with his dad.

Lochlan plays football for Wambro Strikers and also likes swimming and fishing.

We hope all three of you have a fantastic day at Kenilworth Road this afternoon!




To celebrate Luton Town winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final 2009, we are holding an End of Season Dinner on Tuesday 28 April 2009.


We would like to invite you to celebrate with us, overcoming a difficult season and winning at Wembley! Please find attached details of the event that will be held at The Cloisters, Whipsnade Wild Animal Park.

The evening will include a three course meal, entertainment and a LTFC raffle including prizes such as signed Wembley memorabilia.

More details are to be confirmed, however if you would like to reserve your place, please contact myself on 01582 411622 or e-mail [lorna.curran@2020mission.com](mailto:lorna.curran@2020mission.com).



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- Message from Chairman Nick Owen
- Speech from Manager Mick Harford
- Speech from Luton Town Directors
- Kit Sponsors Photos
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**Rotherham United:** Warrington, Tonge, Harrison, Sharps, Fenton, Birchill (Hudson 74), Joseph, Broughton (Ryan Taylor 65), Reid, Mills, Jason Taylor. **Unused substitutes:** Nicholas, Clarke, Cann. **Booked:** Mills (16), Sharps (20), Broughton (62)

**Possession**



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**MAN OF THE MATCH**

**Keith Keane**



It was another fully-committed performance from the Hatters vice-captain who covered every blade of grass on a night where he was unlucky to be on the losing side.



**POST-MATCH VERDICT**

**Mick Harford:**  
 "I'm devastated because we were by far the better team from start to finish. They had six attacks and scored four goals on the break but I think we all know why we lost the game because we were on the front-foot. We dominated possession and played some very, very good football. I never fault these players, their work rate and commitment was excellent. They didn't deserve to lose tonight."

**Mark Robins:**  
 "It was a great result and that would have meant without the points deductions we would have been in the top three. Luton are fighting for their lives and showed some real quality play so it was a fantastic result for us. They threw the kitchen sink at us but we defended well, restricted their opportunities and took our chances."



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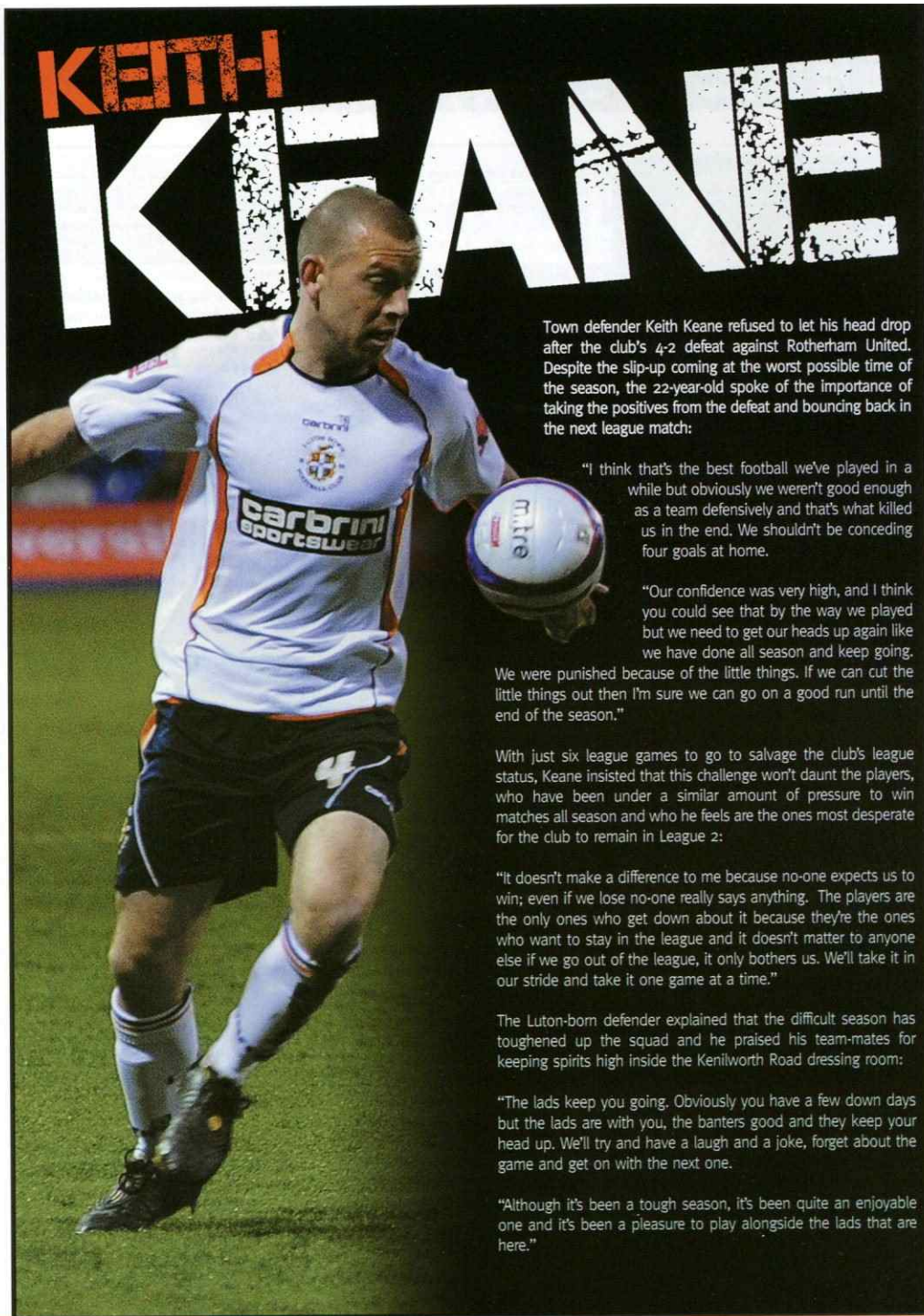
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Town defender Keith Keane refused to let his head drop after the club's 4-2 defeat against Rotherham United. Despite the slip-up coming at the worst possible time of the season, the 22-year-old spoke of the importance of taking the positives from the defeat and bouncing back in the next league match:

"I think that's the best football we've played in a while but obviously we weren't good enough as a team defensively and that's what killed us in the end. We shouldn't be conceding four goals at home.

"Our confidence was very high, and I think you could see that by the way we played but we need to get our heads up again like we have done all season and keep going.

We were punished because of the little things. If we can cut the little things out then I'm sure we can go on a good run until the end of the season."

With just six league games to go to salvage the club's league status, Keane insisted that this challenge won't daunt the players, who have been under a similar amount of pressure to win matches all season and who he feels are the ones most desperate for the club to remain in League 2:

"It doesn't make a difference to me because no-one expects us to win; even if we lose no-one really says anything. The players are the only ones who get down about it because they're the ones who want to stay in the league and it doesn't matter to anyone else if we go out of the league, it only bothers us. We'll take it in our stride and take it one game at a time."

The Luton-born defender explained that the difficult season has toughened up the squad and he praised his team-mates for keeping spirits high inside the Kenilworth Road dressing room:

"The lads keep you going. Obviously you have a few down days but the lads are with you, the banter's good and they keep your head up. We'll try and have a laugh and a joke, forget about the game and get on with the next one.

"Although it's been a tough season, it's been quite an enjoyable one and it's been a pleasure to play alongside the lads that are here."





Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's game. I would like to tell you about the experience of a lifetime for our Under 8 Development Centre players.

These players are fighting hard to earn Centre of Excellence contracts within the club's Under 9 group for next season.

Two weeks ago we took the boys away for the weekend to play fixtures against Everton and Manchester United. While away, the boys also had the opportunity to go and watch the first team at Morecambe and to participate in a ground tour of Old Trafford. We run these trips for two reasons. The first being the opportunity for the boys to have the chance of playing against such high profile clubs and to have an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Secondly we give them the chance to be independent and take on responsibilities that they might not normally have the chance to undertake. Children of this age are much brighter than we give them credit for and are capable of doing many things that are not expected.

Giving them these responsibilities means we can learn more about them in 48 hours than we can learn in a year's worth of coaching sessions. Over the weekend the boys had to manage the following tasks: First of all on arrival at the hotel we booked them a table in the dining room which was full of adults eating there meals and then asked them to go in, order their meals and then sit and eat their meals in a manner that was conducive to their surroundings. They had to do this with no adults present, although the coaching staff were sitting just around the corner taking notes at their efforts to talk quietly and not to get too excited. They achieved this with no

problem at all and they were then asked to pair up and share rooms in the hotel with the responsibilities to unpack, hang their clothes up, keep their room tidy and get themselves ready for bed and asleep by a set time.

This they again achieved without a problem and this was followed by the reverse procedure the following morning which included getting themselves down to breakfast on time. On the field we played an eight-a-side game against Everton on the Saturday at their incredible first team training ground and on the Sunday we played a series of five-a-side games against Manchester United at their historic 'Cliff' training ground. This venue has seen the likes of George Best, Bobby Charlton, David Beckham, Gary Neville and Ryan Giggs come through it and the excitement of thinking that they might be sitting



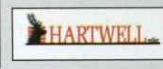
in the same seat as Beckham once sat was such a buzz for the boys.

Overall the weekend was an amazing success. On the field we showed the quality to compete on a par with these two huge clubs and off-the-field the boys conducted themselves magnificently and were a credit to the club, the staff, their parents and themselves.

Enjoy the game.  
Stuart Smith.



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As our first full season as a Centre of Excellence draws to a close, a few months ago we decided that the girls should have a special event to remember their first season with the club.

So what could be better than an away fixture against one of the biggest football clubs in the world?

Last weekend we took all four of our squads away to play Liverpool's Girl Centre of Excellence at their home venue.

A six o'clock morning start was certainly a shock for some of the girls who I am convinced were unaware that that this time of day actually existed. The plan was to arrive in Liverpool for midday kick off and then travel across to Anfield to take part in a ground tour of their historic stadium.

The games were a success with all four squads putting up commendable performances; particularly the Under 10's whose opponents were probably the biggest group of Under 10 players I have ever seen. Two of their girls would have looked big in our Under 12 squad.

However the girls kept the ball on the



floor and passed it with decent quality, moving their big players around and not allowing the game to become too much of a physical confrontation.

The other highlight for me was the goals by Jodie Brown and Vicky Rutherford in the Under 16's game. Both were free kicks from around 20-yards and stunning in

their quality and both very different. Jodie clipped hers in with a lot of curl and left the keeper motionless while Vicky hammered hers into the top corner and left the keeper scrambling and very nearly wrapped around the upright trying to get a hand on it.

After the game arriving at Anfield we were very conscious of the fact that we were visiting the ground shortly before the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hillsborough Disaster.

With this in mind we felt it was appropriate that we all paid our respects at the Anfield gates. I therefore asked our youngest and our oldest players to place a wreath paying the respects to the people who sadly lost their lives from everybody connected with Luton Town Football Club.

Chiara Meola and Holly Fraser backed by their playing colleagues, parents and coaches performed the task with great dignity and everybody left the Anfield gates and ground tour with a genuine understanding of the major impact this event had on peoples lives and how it changed football.





# hattersyouth



Amid the celebrations last Sunday it wasn't just the first team squad who were presented with a trophy at Wembley as 40,000 Luton fans toasted the Hatters' Under 11's European Cup triumph at half time.

It was a day all the players thoroughly enjoyed but one in which started in bizarre circumstances when they tried to enter the stadium with their trophy.

With so many Luton supporters already at the stadium when they arrived at 11am, many of them assumed it was the Johnstone's Paint Trophy! It meant there was a delay getting into Wembley with the cup as fans wanted photographs with the team and cup.

Once inside the stadium, and as soon as it began to fill with spectators, the boys were beginning to get nervous as it dawned on them that they were going out on the pitch in front of so many people. Standing in the tunnel there were plenty of nerves but even the first team players admitted feeling the tension created by the sheer enormity of

the occasion and the atmosphere. The only concern we had for them was the score at half-time. We were worried that if the first team went in at the break a goal down we were not sure what kind of reaction the boys would receive.

But thankfully – thanks to Chris Martin's equaliser – we had nothing to worry about as the squad took to the pitch at half time and lined-up where the England players had stood earlier in the week with an amazing reception ringing around them.

As they lined-up they were presented with the trophy before a crowd of over 55,000 by Fritz Walti, general manager of the Aarau Masters and Alex Bell of the Youth Development's sponsors Sports Interactive.

Two half-laps of the stadium followed in front of the Luton faithful many of whom were taking photographs as flashes were going off in every direction.

Once half time was over they went back into the stands to watch the rest of the final unfold and what a game it turned out to be.

The day proved to get even better when it was topped by the first team's 3-2 win over Scunthorpe United in a game in which many people now believe is the greatest match to be played at the new Wembley.

It will be a day that will no doubt live with the boys for the rest of their lives but now we need them all to focus on the future. It is our job to continue aiding their development: at the end of the day to us to turn them into professional footballers. What we don't want is for them to be reliving the experience of winning the European Cup when they reach their late teens if they haven't made it, so the hard work starts now.

Everyone connected with the Youth Development team would like to thank everybody for the support received from both sets of supporters on Sunday for the magnificent reception.

We would also like to congratulate Mick Harford and the first team on their success which sealed a memorable day that nobody will forget in a hurry.



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# hattersyouth



## Under 18's 3-3 Leyton Orient

The Hatters' Under 18's played a Leyton Orient side that were one place and two points ahead in the table on Saturday. Very windy conditions made it difficult to play for both sides, with any balls in the air very hard to deal with.

After a shaky start, Leyton Orient took the lead after 11 minutes, with Luton's defenders not getting close enough to block the goal scorer. Luton reacted well to conceding the goal and began to take control of the game.

Just before half time, Jordan Patrick dribbled past the full back and crossed into the box for Aiden Quinn to slot home. At half-time, the game was level, however Luton were in the ascendancy.

Luton were dealt a blow at the beginning of the second half when Orient's forward, who was at least five yards offside, was allowed to play on and slot home.

The players once again reacted well to conceding, and equalised after 71 minutes.

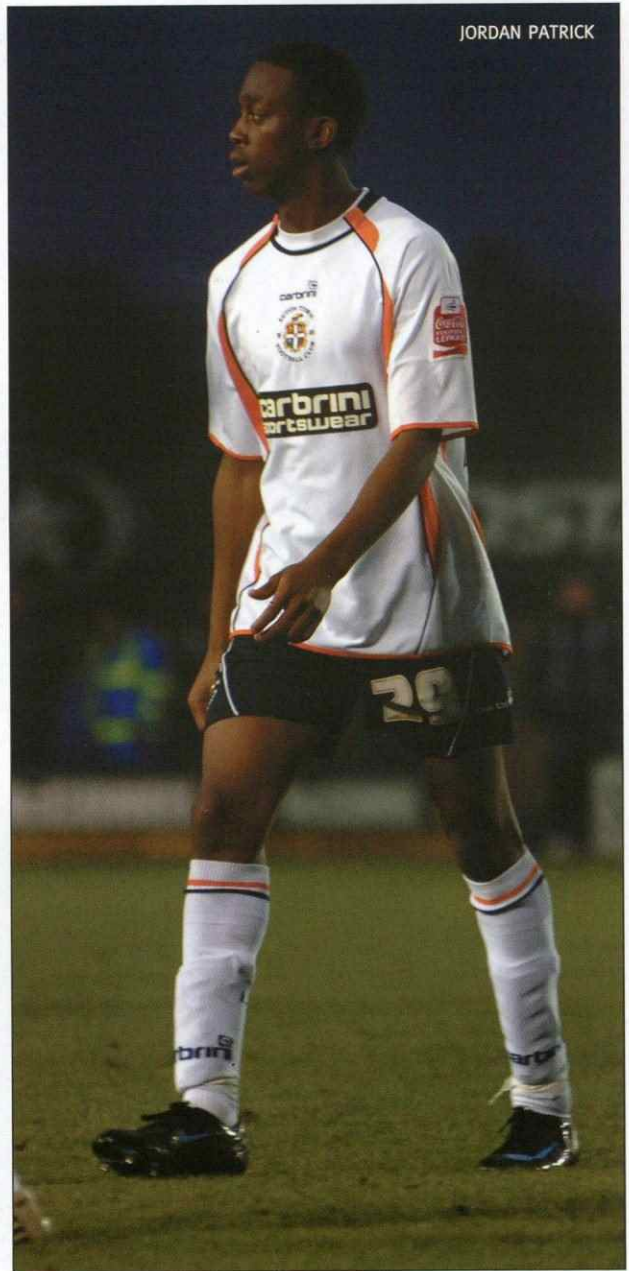
Adam Watkins went past two defenders, rounded the goalkeeper and passed the ball into an empty net. Four minutes later, Luton took the lead when Jordan Patrick slid Jean-Phillip Yamfam through at the goal, and Yamfam chipped the keeper.

Luton were in control of the game, but with five minutes to go, conceded a poor goal when, once again, the ball wasn't closed down quickly enough and the game ended 3-3.

Overall, lots of positives to take out of the game, but the players are still conceding goals far too easily.

**Luton Town:** Fletcher, Deeney, Biggi, Camey, Wood, Patrick, Barker, Owusu, Nathaniel (sub Da Silva 82), Watkins, Quinn (sub Yamfam 65).

JORDAN PATRICK





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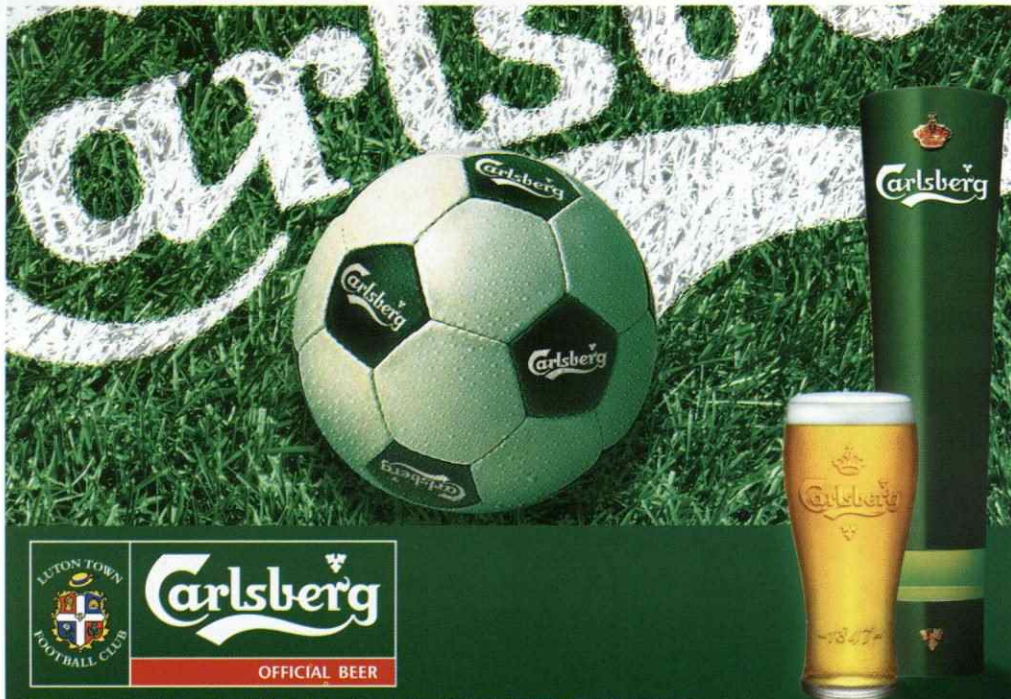
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# lutonladies



Our Under 16 squad must surely rank as one of the strongest squads in the UK and are just one game away from completing their last two seasons in youth football unbeaten.

Several of the squad have featured already in senior football and performed impressively and the possibility of an incredible six trophies is still within their grasp. Having already sewn up the League championship with a crushing 9-1 win over Hampstead they now face Southend United in the League Cup final in their attempt to retain the trophy and complete a second consecutive double.

The second trophy to arrive was the County Cup when they defeated our own Under 15 squad in a closely fought encounter in what was perhaps their toughest game in two years.

The 15's took the lead when Teighlor Pengelley's strike could only be parried by goalkeeper Bethany Lake and Maisie Wyatt read the situation perfectly to follow-up and score.

This stung the holders into life and they were level within minutes when Candice Davies controlled the ball on the edge of the area to turn and send a rising shot

into the roof of the net. A whistle from an adjoining pitch then caused a problem that Stephanie Anes took full advantage of to smash her shot inside the near post to give the 16's a 2-1 half time lead.

The second half was a real ding-dong with chances at either end but there was no further score going into the last 15 minutes.

The 15's then piled on the pressure but could not get the final effective strike as several half chances went begging. With the challengers pushing forward in search of an equaliser, deep into injury time a long clearance was chased and controlled by Davies who rolled the ball into the far corner of the net to seal a 3-1 victory.

There has been very little league action with cups being chased but the outstanding highlight of our league matches was our Under 10's 4-0 win over Harvesters. Tyler Trussell scored twice and there were goals for Phoebe Brown and Lucy Hollamby.

The Under 14's missed out on the Junior County Cup having taken a half time lead through a wonderful strike from Georgia

Hardy. She then added a second from the penalty spot after being brought down herself and all seemed destined for a Luton win at 2-0 with 15 minutes left.

A combination of pressing the self destruct button and a determined fight back from Crawley Green gave them the trophy as they scored four times to win 4-2 and our firm congratulations to them on doing so.

The 14's must now chase league and cup glory as they lie second and have a home tie in the League Cup Semi-Final.

The Under 15's breezed into their Semi-Final with a 7-1 win over St Albans City.

Katie Davis led the way with a hat-trick, Jess McKay scored twice with Teighlor Pengelley and Terri Petit sealing the win. They now meet St. Martins in an all Luton Semi.

Finally, many congratulations to Mick Harford and his squad on a wonderful day out at Wembley last Sunday when over 200 of us cheered them on from behind the goal.

Dave Baker



Last Sunday's win at Wembley meant the world to everyone who was there, you could tell from the players' reaction to the final whistle just what they thought of picking up the Trophy and for Keith Keane it was a dream come true.

The former trainee has been there, done it and bought the t-shirt when it comes to Luton Town and now he's finally had something to smile about.

Times have been tough for everyone but after growing up and dreaming of the big time with the Hatters, he's had more disappointment than things to celebrate, so he was making the most of it:

"It's one of the best days of my footballing career so far. We've got to enjoy it, it was a good day out and everyone's enjoying themselves now.

"Obviously it was a sucker punch when they scored but I think we started off nervous as you'd have expected - it's the biggest stage all of us had ever played on - and we got punished for it but I think if anything it calmed us down. We got back into it and I think we looked the better team right the way through.



"It was a massive kick in the teeth with two minutes to go and you go and concede. It just shows that you have to go on until the final whistle. A few of us didn't have much left in the tank so when it went in we didn't feel ready for another half hour but we dug in, kept going and it paid off."

The Irishman's versatility has been key this season, featuring in a variety of positions but one thing is always constant, his performance level. Keane

featured in the heart of midfield at Wembley and was certainly key to the result.

"Nico and I have an understanding, with Asa as well, I think that helps when you regular play with someone and have an understanding with them. We did the usual thing and it paid off today, some days it doesn't but I thought the whole team played well. When the whole team's playing well they make you look good.

"We've conceded a lot of goals this year but I think our strength has always been attacking and we showed that today. I was glad to get an assist and provide for Claude to put it away."

After starting the season on minus 30 courtesy largely to a 20 point deduction by the Football League, some would say it was fate that the Hatters should reach the final of one of their competitions. Especially when we received a bye for the first round but as far as the players are concerned they got there through hard work and good play, to give the fans and themselves a fantastic day out:

"When we started out no-one even expected us to get to Wembley. I think we got here on merit and we beat three teams in the league above, including Scunthorpe who are in the Play-Offs. I thought we deserved to win and it doesn't matter that we're the bottom of League 2 and that we started on minus 30 points - we've done it because we've played well and beat them so I think we fully deserve it."

More than 38,000 Luton fans made the 30 mile journey to the capital and certainly played their part:

"It was like playing a home game only at a better stadium. The fans really helped us and they were like the 12th man and that's what you need sometimes when things aren't going right for you. Scunthorpe came here as favourites and the fans got behind us as they usually do and that just helped."

# KEITH KEANE











# flashback

Club Historian Roger Wash looks back at a pair of pre-war clashes with the Spireites.



**Hugh Billington**

Following the Town's promotion to the old Division Two in 1937, the team spent a season of consolidation in their new surroundings before making a concerted attempt to gain further glory, just as war clouds were gathering over Europe.

Terrace favourite and phenomenal goalscorer Joe Payne had left the club, after much newspaper speculation, in a transfer to top flight Chelsea, and, after his departure, goals were at a premium with various permutations tried with minimal success.

The Club's directors were sure they had the makings of a decent side to challenge the best, but the lack of a goalscorer in the Payne mould was proving an increasing frustration as the 1938/39 campaign moved from autumn into winter.



The answer to the problem lay at the club's doorstep though, with the discovery of local lad Hugh Billington who was turning out for Waterloos.

Introduced to the side in a game at Tranmere on 5th November 1938, Billington was an immediate sensation, scoring twice in a 3-2 win and then following it up with three more goals in the next four games.

When Chesterfield came to Kenilworth Road at the beginning of December, the footballing public had begun to sit up and take notice of this new goalscoring find, and he did not disappoint when netting four in a 5-0 mauling of the Spireites.

The press corps was full of praise for the tall centre-forward, who scored the only goal of the first half and then went to town in the second, ploughing through the thick mud to completely demoralise a Chesterfield side who had managed a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road the previous year.

That was probably the turning point in the season, as from then on the goals came

thick and fast with Billington taking the lions share and building up a reputation that brought the scouts flocking to Kenilworth Road.

From a position of just below halfway in the table the Town came in on the rails and by Easter stood with an outside chance of promotion.

Easter has, over the years, proved a graveyard for the hopes of Luton supporters but 1939 proved to be an exception.

A home game against Fulham was sandwiched between two clashes with Southampton in a crowded holiday programme, and in the first of the trio the Saints were soundly beaten 6-2 at Kenilworth Road with Billington helping himself to a hat-trick.

Fulham were seen off in a tight game the following day with Billington, inevitably, on the scoresheet in the 2-1 win, but the icing on the cake was provided on Easter Monday at the Dell, Southampton.



**Hugh Billington (front row third from left) lines up in an early wartime Luton team.**

According to the reports, the Hatters' 4-0 victory was as close to perfection as possible on another muddy pitch with the performance having 'promotion' written all over it.

The players hit peak form together and, helped by another hat-trick from Billington, were 4-0 up after an hour.

Whether the last 30 minutes would have remained scoreless if goals had been urgently needed was a moot point according to 'Chiltern' in the Luton News, but the home side were so totally outclassed they had to resort to a damage limitation exercise as the game wore on, and made little effort to pull a goal back.

Promotion was now a distinct possibility and a large Luton following made its way to Chesterfield for the next game, swelling the Saltergate crowd to 14,925.

The Spireites still had something to play for as well and had their own eyes on promotion from their position just below the Town.

For once Billington was upstaged with Bill Redfern scoring both goals in a 2-1 victory, cancelling out a strike from Walter McMillen. The Town were now up to second position and, in view of their late run, strong favourites to keep that place until the end of the season.

Unfortunately, the story ends in disappointment as, with only one point gleaned from the final three games, the Hatters lost out at the death.

Sadly, one of the strongest sides in the Town's history could not mount another challenge the following season as, with only three games played and the Hatters in pole position, war was declared with the careers and, in some cases, the lives of the players being cut short.



**Luton Town (first game):**  
Coen, King, Dunsmore, Finlayson, Nelson, Roberts, Clark, Redfern, Billington, Connelly, Stephenson.



**Luton Town (second game):**  
Coen, King, Dunsmore, Finlayson, Dreyer, Roberts, Carroll, Redfern, Billington, Connelly, Stephenson.



**Chesterfield (first game):**  
Middleton, Milburn, Kidd, McMillen, Booker, Weightman, Hughes, Lyon, Milligan, Mackie, Bonass.



**Chesterfield (second game):**  
Middleton, Milburn, Kidd, McMillen, Seagrave, Weightman, Hughes, Lyon, Milligan, Ramage, Luke.



# wembleyreaction

## First Team Coach, Kevin Watson.

"I think all the goals were fabulous, there were five tremendous goals. Their first goal we felt we could have dealt with better but then we equalised through a fabulous move and we believed we'd won it with three or four minutes to go. Then Grant McCann scores a terrific goal that you can't blame anyone for – it was just an unbelievable piece of skill and technique. You would have thought we'd get deflated by that because the momentum was with Scunthorpe going into extra time."



from time but we kicked on in extra time and we deserved it.

"We knew it would be a tight game because they're a good side. But so are we, even though they're near the top of League 1 and we're bottom of League 2."

## George Pikington:

"It was tough at the end but we concentrated very well. It's hard to maintain that concentration over 120 minutes or more but the lads did really well.

"It was a tough game but I think the best

team won. Scunthorpe have come from the Championship so that's the quality they've got throughout the side. It's a great day for Luton Town Football Club."

## Asa Hall:

"To get the third in the style that we did was fantastic. Both teams had spells when they were on top, but to score as many as we did was brilliant. It was unbelievable. There were mixed emotions all the way through."



## Rossi Jarvis:

"The fans gave us such a lift. We were tired, their goal goes in but the fans cheering helped us get our heads up and we went and won the game. We were disappointed to concede two minutes



## Ed Asafu-Adjaye:

"I think it's great we can give something back to the fans. We've had a very tough season and we can give them something to be proud of."

## First Team Coach Alan Neilson:

"It was absolutely fantastic. Before the game even started, from when we got our suits to walking out on the pitch, the hairs were standing up on the back of your neck. Normally in the league we have to attack teams straight away, but today we sat back a bit."

## Hatters manager Mick Harford:

"I feel sheer pride in the players, each and every one of them. It was a fantastic team



performance. There were some brilliant individual performances firstly from the players and secondly from the fans who all got behind the team. They had highs and lows and experienced every emotion going, just as I did. But they stuck with the team, got behind them and again the support was absolutely first class."

## Scunthorpe manager Nigel Adkins:

"The story of our season has been giving away poor goals and we gave away three (today). We have not performed to the levels we would have liked to have done. Credit to Luton, I congratulate Mick Harford and his team, but we have to learn from this negative experience and use it in a positive way. I made sure they will remember this because it's not nice. There are a few tears because we have lost a cup final."

## Goalscorer Claude Gnakpa:

"Today it is still a dream and this dream came true and it's great. I believed in me and the team and, when Nico gave me the first pass I didn't score, but I kept believing because I knew today was the final and we had to win.

"When the second opportunity came the left-back was in front of me, but I said Claude you have to believe, you have to believe and I scored."



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## joepayne

Hatters Chairman Nick Owen welcomes a special guest at Kenilworth Road today on the anniversary of Joe Payne's 10 goals against Bristol Rovers in 1936.



Today marks the 73rd anniversary of Joe Payne's stupendous feat of scoring an astonishing 10 goals when the Hatters thumped Bristol Rovers 12-0 on this very ground in the old Third Division South.

It was an Easter Monday too, and, by further coincidence, Joe came originally from Chesterfield in Derbyshire. So, as we take on the Spireites today, it is our great pleasure to welcome Joe's nephew Trevor to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Trevor and his wife Margaret have travelled down with the Chesterfield team and he's been telling some fascinating stories about his uncle Joe. For instance, did you know that Joe scored hat-tricks in five consecutive games for Bolsover Colliery immediately before he joined Luton Town?

He came to us as a striker, but it didn't work out too well, so he moved to the half back line and played for our then nursery club, Biggleswade Town for two years. When he returned, as many of you will know, he got his chance when our two senior centre forwards were injured and he was shoved in as a striker at the last minute.

An official went round the pitch before kick-off with a board announcing team changes, as they did in those days, and Luton fans were asking themselves 'so who's this J. Payne then?'

Well, they soon found out, and so did Bristol Rovers, as Joe rocketed into the record books. He stayed on in Luton after he retired and died in 1975 when he was only 61. Before he moved to Luton, Joe worked at a coalmine (at a coalmine not down it!) and at a steel works.

His local pub back in Derbyshire, the Miners' Arms in Brimington Common, is in sight of the famous twisted spire of Chesterfield, where a plaque in his honour was erected three years ago. It's interesting to reflect that we were grabbing the national headlines for the right reasons in April 1936, as we are again in April 2009.

Let's hope we can do the same next month for the great escape.

Meanwhile, may we say how good it is to renew the Joe Payne connection here at Kenilworth Road and we all hope that Trev and Margaret enjoy their visit to the scene of uncle Joe's greatest triumph all those years ago.





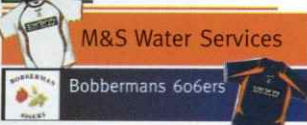
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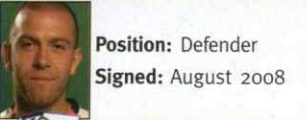
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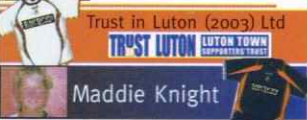
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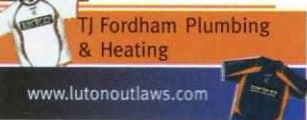
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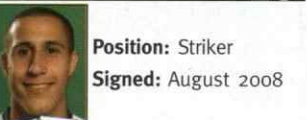
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RYAN CHARLES **10**



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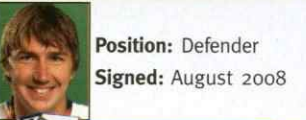
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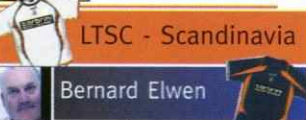
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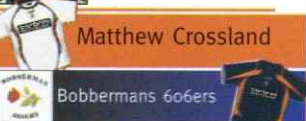
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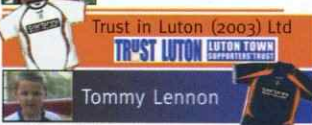
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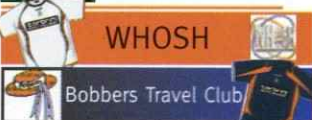
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GEORGE PILKINGTON **06**



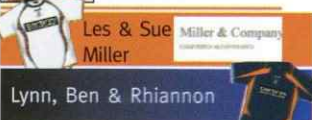
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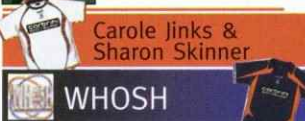
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ASA HALL **14**



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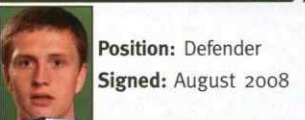
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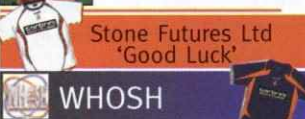
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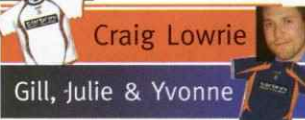
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KEVIN GALLEN **32**



**Position:** Striker  
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DIMITRI KHARINE



**Position:** Goalkeeper Coach  
**Signed:** July 2006



ED ASAFU-ADJAYE **15**



**Position:** Defender  
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MICHAEL SPILLANE **20**



**Position:** Defender  
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DEAN MORGAN **27**



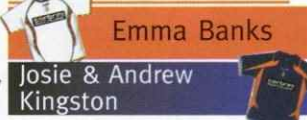
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DAVID BUTTON **35**



**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Signed:** March 2009  
*On Loan*



GREG BROUGHTON



**Position:** Youth Development Officer  
**Signed:** August 2008



ROSSI JARVIS **16**



**Position:** Midfielder  
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TOM CRADDOCK **24**



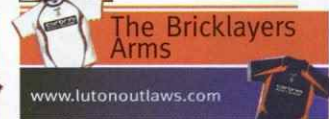
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PAUL McVEIGH **28**



**Position:** Striker  
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ALAN NEILSON



**Position:** Youth Manager  
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When the Hatters travelled to face Morecambe on 28th March three supporters came up with an idea to commemorate the statue of former Town director Eric Morecambe which stands on the town's promenade.

And what better way than to dress the statue in a Luton shirt complete with boater and scarves?

It was an idea formed by Hatters fans Dave Hercock, Peter Hercock and Stewart Smith to celebrate the great man's connection with the club and the town from which he took his stage name.

After getting permission from the local council and Eric's family, they secured a shirt from the club shop with Bring Me Sunshine #1 emblazoned on the back and were able to 'dress' Eric from 10.15am amid the blustery conditions.

Sky Sports News and BBC Three Counties Radio were on hand to bring the story to the attention of the nation, and members of Eric's family, including his son Gary, were delighted with the idea.

The shirt which was signed by the Hatters and Morecambe team will soon go to auction and the money raised will be donated to the Youth Development department.



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Scunthorpe United: Murphy, Byrne, Williams, Pearce (Wright 85), Mirfin, Sparrow (Woolford 77), Lansbury, McCann, Hurst (Togwell 64), Hayes, Hooper. Substitutes not used: Lillis, May.  
 Booked: Wright (93)

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**MAN OF THE MATCH**  
 Kevin Nicholls



On a memorable day for the club the Hatters captain led by example with an superb all-round display. Whether it be the clearance off the line in the first half, his range of passing, dangerous comers or non-stop running he epitomised the way the Town went about their business.

**POST-MATCH VERDICT**

**Mick Harford:**  
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# GEORGE PILKINGTON

George Pilkington lined-up alongside Ed Asafu-Adjaye in the Hatters' central defence at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final, assigned with the unenviable task of nullifying the threat of one of League 1's most prolific strike-partnerships in the form of Scunthorpe's Gary Hooper and Paul Hayes.

A solid defensive performance helped the Hatters on their way to securing a famous win after extra-time and Pilkington was delighted with the victory and full of pride at what the club had just achieved:

"It's an amazing feeling. It was a tough game and when we got that third goal we knew we had a really good chance to hold on and it was just amazing when the final whistle went.

"The lads thoroughly deserved it, they're a brilliant set of lads, and it's brilliant for the manager and the fans. It's just been an amazing day - unbelievable."

The 27-year-old, who joined Mick Harford's team last August, was buoyed by the way the Town bounced back from going an early goal down, and thought the Hatters were good value for their win on the afternoon:

"After they scored we were probably the better team for the rest of the half. I thought we played well and deserved to get back in it. There are fine lines in football and Claude popped up with a great goal in injury time and we managed to hold out.

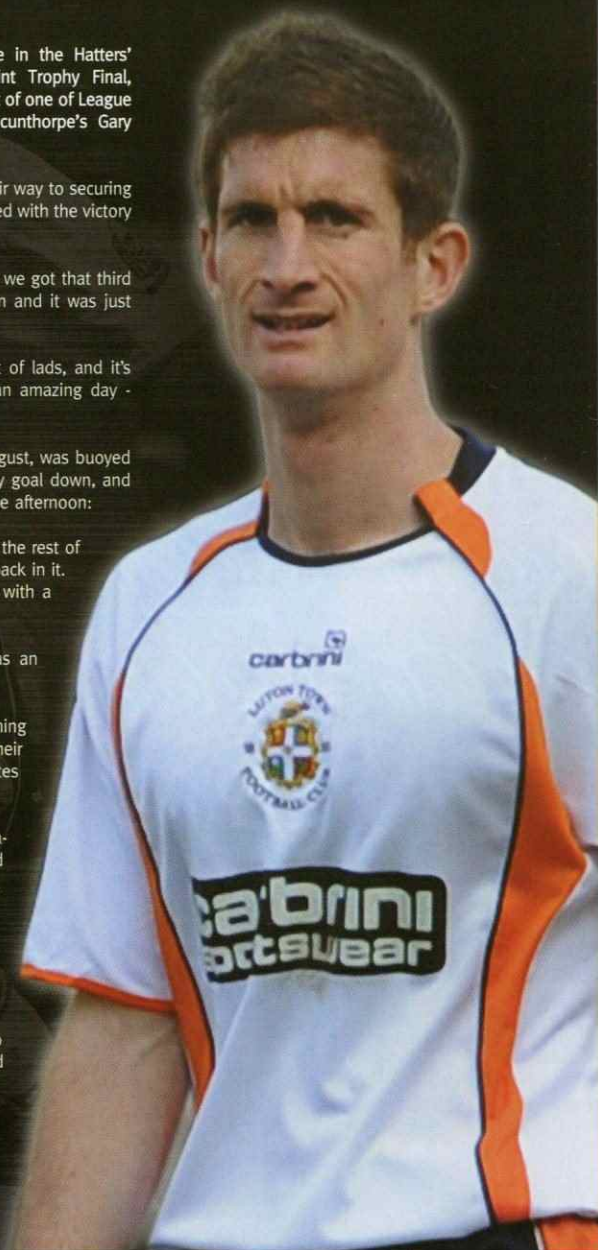
"All the goals were of good quality and I think it was an exciting game for everyone involved."

The Hatters once again showed their character after coming back from a goal down and then again by keeping their focus after conceding a brilliant second goal, two minutes before the end of the match:

"It was disappointing but we picked ourselves up in extra-time, the manager had a word with us and got us fired up. It's been an absolutely amazing day and to see all the fans cheering us like that, it's what it's all about.

"We've had our backs to the wall from the start of this season and this is just what the club deserves after a very tough season.

"I've played the last five and we've won four of them so I'm happy about that. But this game all about the win and picking that trophy up and that's exactly what we've done."





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### REID TAKES PLAYER AWARD

Rotherham United striker Reuben Reid was celebrating after he was named the Powerade Player of the Month for League 2.

Reid was in terrific goal-scoring form throughout March, netting eight goals in eight league games for the Millers. He began the month by scoring a hat-trick in his side's excellent away win at Chester City and was also on the scoresheet to help them secure victory over high-flying Rochdale. The frontman's goals continued with a brace against Chesterfield and strikes against both Bury and Luton Town to help United take 15 points from the month and move them towards mid-table in Coca-Cola League 2.

Also short-listed for the March award were John O'Flynn of Barnet, Steve Fletcher of Bournemouth and Chesterfield's Jack Lester.

Chris Kamara, Chairman of the Powerade Player of the Month Awards panel, said: "Reuben Reid has had a great month and contributed with some fine goals, he's been producing the goods week in week out and scoring eight goals in the month is a fantastic achievement."



REUBEN REID

JORDAN RHODES



### RHODES TAKES FANS' AWARD

Jordan Rhodes has won the PFA Fans' Award for March in League Two after impressing on loan at Brentford.

Rhodes' season is over after picking up an injury last Saturday but the on-loan Ipswich striker finished on a high as he won the award for League Two with 44% of the fans' votes. The striker has bagged seven goals for the Bees since joining them on-loan from the Championship side but a broken toe sustained against Chesterfield means he will be back at Portman Road for the rest of the campaign.



### QUINTET CHARGED OVER BETTING

Five players have been charged with breaches of the FA's rules on betting in football during a game between Accrington Stanley and Bury from 3rd May 2008.

Four of those charged - Jay Harris, David Mannix, Robert Williams and Peter Cavanagh - were registered with Accrington Stanley at the time of the game while Andrew Mangan was registered with Bury. Both Harris and

Cavanagh played in the game. All five are alleged to have placed bets on Bury to win this match. Harris has also been charged in relation to betting on a game involving his new club and another two League 2 fixtures. Cavanagh has also been charged with further breaches in relation to his betting on another Accrington match in which he played in and on a number of other League 2 matches.

All five have until 23rd April to respond to the charges.



Monday, 13 April 2009

Accrington Stanley v Chester  
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Bournemouth v Brentford  
Bradford v Lincoln City  
Darlington v Bury  
Exeter v Wycombe  
Gillingham v Dag & Red  
Macclesfield v Morecambe  
Notts County v Grimsby  
Port Vale v Rotherham  
Shrewsbury v Rochdale



## ALL ABOUT ME & MY TEAM

My first match at Kenilworth Road came in August 1956 when we beat Sunderland 6-2, so I was hooked and have had a season ticket for years now, I come to matches with my son and we sit in the Kenilworth Stand. I watch all home matches and attend a few selected away games each season.

I have seen Luton play on 127 different league grounds as well as a number of non-league pitches and (of course) both Wembleys!

### GOALKEEPER LES SEALEY

An inspirational goalkeeper, very brave and who always kept his team-mates on their toes with constant advice and encouragement! He was always confident in the plastic pitch era and was a victim of a spectacular Marvin Johnson lobbed own goal. We duly lent him to Manchester United where he won an FA Cup Winners medal.

### RIGHT BACK KIRK STEPHENS

A no-nonsense full back with a cavalier flair for attacking. Bought by Pleat from non-league and went straight into Division 2 side and scored a memorable winning goal at Watford on Boxing Day 1979. Always cheerful but very focussed and supported the team by being available to pass to in space.

### CENTRE HALF STEVE FOSTER

A born leader, a driving force with sufficient knowledge of the game to coach on the field. A dominant character who was composed on the ball and his distinctive headband was a magnet for the ball in each goalmouth. Half

of the greatest central defending unit I have seen at the Kenilworth Road.

### CENTRE HALF MAL DONAGHY

Ultra reliable, cool, calm and scrupulously fair. The other half of the central defence unit with Fossie. Mal deservedly earned zillions of caps and left us for Manchester United and Chelsea, which speaks volumes. He was rightly incensed when adjudged to have conceded a penalty at Wembley against the Gooners.

### LEFT BACK MATTHEW TAYLOR

Pace was key to his game and his vision was superb. He had the ability to support his strikers from deep and fed on scraps near the penalty box. We had three great seasons of Matty and 16 goals. He was equally at ease lobbing the opposition goalkeeper or delivering rocket-powered shots.

### RIGHT MIDFIELD RICKY HILL

His class was obvious from the moment he made his scoring debut in April 1976. A midfield magician, Ricky's ball control was exceptional; he would ably shield the ball from the opposition while assessing his options. He could pick out his team-mates with a pinpoint pass and was credited with many assists.

### CENTRE MIDFIELD KEVIN NICHOLLS

The midfield needs a competitive, combative player. He is a fearless tackler and always gives 100% and demands nothing less from his team-mates. He is anxious to be involved in the action all over the pitch, a tireless runner and takes awesome penalties. He also protects his

colleagues and never shirks responsibility.

### CENTRE MIDFIELD BOB MORTON

Great positional sense and a totally reliable player. Bob was modest and unassuming and would never let the team down and he is our record appearance maker. A very strong and solid player, versatile and would be able to bolster any department of the team if required.

### LEFT MIDFIELD DAVID MOSS

A quick and direct player, he was tall for a winger and would beat opponents regularly. Patrolled the left touch line elegantly and could run with the ball and then deliver punishing and devastating crosses. He also took marvellous corners and was unfazed by taking penalties.

### FORWARD MALCOLM MACDONALD

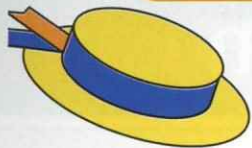
Unusual to find a striker with such pace but he also had astonishing heading ability. A very direct player who wrote a book called: "Never afraid to miss". Oh yes and he could shoot from any angle. I will never forget his hat-trick at Hillsborough in October 1970.

### FORWARD BRIAN STEIN

Poacher extraordinaire who also set up his fellow strikers. Brian had this uncanny knack of being in the right place just in front of goal but he was always modest, brave and elusive. He knew that to score goals loitering near the penalty spot was a good idea; he was another great find from non-league football.







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# hattersstudy support



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game.

At the Hatters Study centre we have just completed our first full term and are about to welcome our second intake of schools for the start of the summer term. The programme is proving to be very popular with local schools with requests for places far exceeding our capacity. The schools joining the programme this term are Bramingham Primary School, Someries Junior School, Ferrars Junior School and Stopsley High School.

This week I wanted to let you know about one of the exciting programmes that we are working closely with schools on. The project's key aim is to deliver innovative learning programmes after school for pupils who would benefit from a boost in their learning.

As our project kicks off after school we have the ability to support innovative curriculum programmes during the school day.

One such programme that we are currently involves more than one thousand youngsters, is the Hatters Reading Challenge. The Reading Challenge is an incentive-based reading programme where pupils are set a reading target.

If they meet that target by an agreed date they can win some pretty cool rewards. We have beanies, caps, drink bottles and t-shirts up for grabs. We also have Luton Town match tickets and footballs for the best readers in each class. Active Luton has also provided family swimming passes for the top readers.

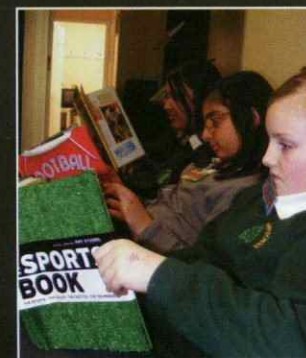
Schools involved in the programme contact myself and arrange for a special assembly to kick-off the project.

At the assembly the pupils participate in a mini Luton town quiz as well as learn about what books some of the Luton Town players use to read when they were young.

Would you believe that Nico's favourite book as a youngster was Eric Carle's 'The Hungry Caterpillar'?

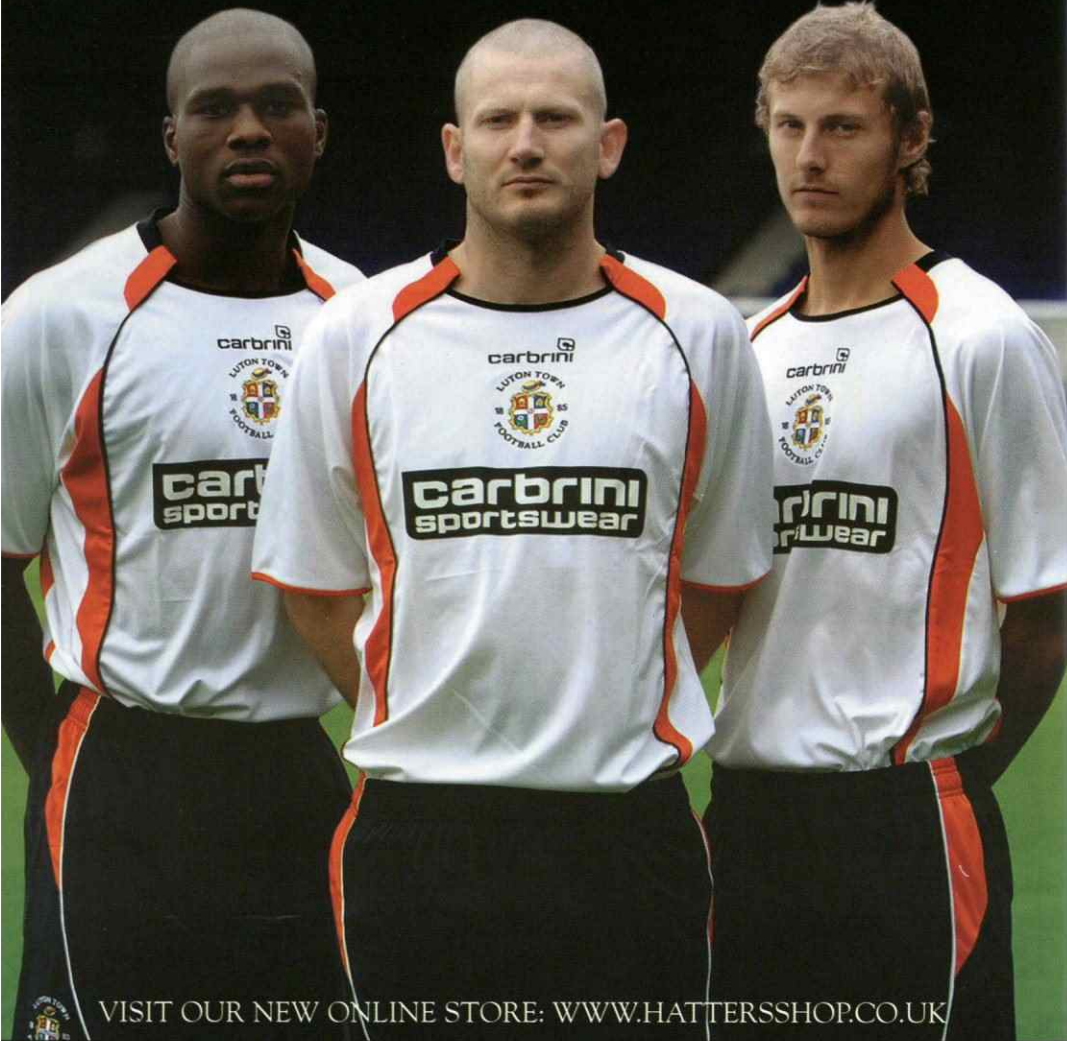
Well it wasn't! As you can probably imagine, Nico was more interested in the Shoot magazines and annuals.

Enjoy the match.  
Andy Ducat





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# Junior Watters

Wow! Well what a day Sunday was! 40,000 Hatters fans celebrating our Johnstone's Paint Trophy win in one of the greatest games to be played at the new Wembley.

I don't think I have been to a better football match in my life and to go out on the pitch with the players and be involved in the penalty shoot-out at half-time was a career high point for me!

It was great to see so many of you there with your families too. The atmosphere you created was deafening and it was clear that it gave the players a mighty lift. Our attentions now turn to back to the league and to today's match with Chesterfield.

I would like to welcome all the young Spireites fans to Kenilworth Road this afternoon and hope you enjoy your brief stay with us. After our Wembley win now is the time to generate the same kind of noise that we heard last week and help the players record another win in our fight to stay in the Football League.

I would like to thank all Junior Hatters for their support at Wembley and for entering the mascot competition. Congratulations to Tommy Lennon who was the lucky winner. I hope you had a great day.

That's all from me for now - let's hope for three points this afternoon and I look forward to seeing you all again soon for our match against Wycombe Wanderers.

Enjoy the game.

Happy Harry

TODAY'S MASCOTS:



Zak



Daniel

Please give a warm welcome to today's two mascots who are cousins Zak Tilley and Daniel Hughes.

Zak is six and comes from Wokingham and his favourite player is Dean Brill. He attends boarding school so doesn't often get the chance to attend matches at Kenilworth Road.

Ten-year-old Daniel's favourite player is also Dean Brill and he has come from Burghfield in Berkshire.

I hope you both have a fantastic day with us boys.



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## STANDS PRE MATCHDAY TICKET PRICE

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Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£15
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*

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
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

## MATCHDAY VOUCHER BOOKS (x5 tickets per book)

Juniors (Under 10)	£22.50
Youth (Age 10-16)	£45
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£67.50
Adult (Age 22-64)	£90
Senior (Age 65-75)	£67.50
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£45

## FORTHCOMING HOME FIXURES

Tuesday 21st April 2009

### Wycombe Wanderers

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 25th April 2009

### Rochdale

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.

## FORTHCOMING AWAY FIXURES

Saturday 11th April 2009

### Lincoln City

Kick off: 3.00pm, Sincil Bank



This game is not all ticket however ticket prices do increase on the day.

**Allocation:** We have an initial allocation of 600 seats available.  
**Selling Arrangements:** Tickets are now on general sale from the ticket office and will remain on sale until 3pm on 10/04/09.

**Price:** Adult £15.00 Over 65/Student (with valid id) £11.00 Under 16's £5.00

Adult prices increase by £2.00 on the day and All concessions increase by £1.00

Saturday 18th April 2009

### Barnet

Kick off: 3.00pm, Underhill Stadium



**Allocation:** We have a Maximum allocation of 2300 tickets

**Selling Arrangements:** Tickets are now on general sale from the ticket office and will remain on sale until 3pm on the 17/04/09. No family tickets are available on the day of the game and all concessions are priced at £12.00 (including Under 12's) and no concessions are available in the Terrace. Ticket prices increase by £1.00 on the day.

**Price Seating:** Adult £15.00  
Senior (Over 60)/Youth (12-17)/Student (with valid id) £11.00  
Under 12's £5.00  
Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 youth/junior under 18) £30.00

**Terrace:** Adult £14.00  
(Over 60)/Youth (12-17)/Student (with valid id) £10.00  
Under 12's £5.00

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### COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO

Saturday 18th April 2009

**Barnet**

**Kick off:** 3.00pm Underhill



#### What's the ground like?

Underhill is at long last seeing some much needed investment with the building of a new South Stand at one end of the ground. The new covered stand will provide seating for 1,000 spectators. The Main Stand situated on one side of the ground is quite small and straddles the half way line, running barely half of the pitch. This stand which was built in 1964, is seated with a capacity of 800. Opposite is the covered East Terrace which runs the full length of the pitch and is given to away supporters. On the North side of the Main Stand is a small terrace, while on the other side is a small all seated Family Stand. At one end is the North Terrace. This end is so small that it has a large mesh fence at the back of it, to prevent footballs hitting the houses that sit on the other side of Westcombe Drive. Although the slope of the pitch is not as bad as it once was, it is still fairly noticeable, running down the length of the pitch from North to South.

#### What's it like for away supporters?

Hatters fans are housed on one side of the

covered East Terrace, towards the North End of the ground. This area accommodates around 1,000 supporters. If demand requires it then the open North Terrace can also be allocated, increasing the allocation to 1,500. Normally a relaxing and enjoyable day out, although when you view the slope of the pitch, you almost think that it must be an optical illusion, as it is at quite an angle.

#### Food and drink

The typical football fayre is available to supporters inside the ground, including burgers, hot dogs, pies and hot and cold drinks. For a pre-match drink there are number of watering holes around Underhill, with the Old Red Lion a favourite with a away fans as it lies just behind the north entrance to the ground. There is also the Moon Under the Water and the King John located at the top of Barnet Hill, while at the bottom of the hill are the Queens Arms and the Weaver.

#### How to get there:

By car: Leave the M25 at J23. Take the A1081 towards Barnet. Follow this road for

about three miles. Continue towards Barnet as the road becomes the A1000. The ground is at the foot of Barnet Hill near to the junction with Station Road (A110).

**By tube/train:** The nearest tube station is High Barnet which is on the Northern Line. There is only five minutes walk down Barnet Hill to the ground. Alternatively you can take a quicker train to New Barnet railway station, which is a 15 minute walk away from the ground. This station is served by trains from London Kings Cross and is a shorter journey time than the tube, taking around 20 minutes from Central London.

#### Car parking:

There is a car park at High Barnet Underground Station, which is well signposted around the area. The only other option is street parking around the ground.

#### Luton's last visit:

It will be the Hatters' first visit to Underhill for a competitive fixture.

#### Travel details:

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

The Bobbers leave Cranfield at 11.30am with pick-up points along the way before a 12.30pm departure from Kenilworth Road. The fare is £13 for adults and £11 for juniors and seniors. For bookings telephone 01234 856542.

LTSC leave the Maple Road car park at 12.30pm. The fare is £11 for adults and £9 for concessions. Under 7's can travel free when accompanied by a full paying adult.

For bookings telephone 07960 567465.

Information kindly provided by Duncan Adams. Please visit [www.footballgroundguide.com](http://www.footballgroundguide.com) for more details





**Coca-Cola LEAGUE 2** Table correct as of 8/4/09

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Brentford	40	11	7	2	33	14	8	8	4	21	17	23	72
2 Wycombe	40	9	2	27	14	8	8	4	20	15	18	68	
3 Exeter	41	12	4	5	33	23	7	6	26	24	12	68	
4 Bury	41	11	4	5	30	18	7	9	5	25	22	67	
5 Rochdale	41	10	6	4	39	21	8	5	8	28	33	65	
6 Gillingham	41	11	6	4	36	20	7	5	8	18	33	65	
7 Shrewsbury	41	14	4	3	40	15	1	2	7	15	24	61	
8 Chesterfield	41	8	7	5	32	25	8	6	7	30	28	9	61
9 Bradford	41	10	9	2	35	17	6	3	11	24	32	10	60
10 Dag & Red	40	9	3	7	34	20	6	8	7	29	27	16	56
11 Lincoln City	41	6	10	4	26	19	8	4	9	26	29	4	56
12 Darlington	41	11	5	5	33	18	7	5	8	21	20	16	54
13 Morecambe	40	7	9	4	26	19	5	8	7	19	27	-1	53
14 Rotherham	40	9	6	4	26	15	10	5	6	28	22	17	51
15 Aldershot	41	9	8	4	33	28	4	2	14	20	43	-18	49
16 Notts County	41	6	6	9	22	26	4	8	24	34	-14	-44	44
17 Accrington S	41	8	5	8	24	23	3	6	11	16	31	-14	44
18 Barnet	41	6	6	8	27	32	4	7	10	24	36	-17	43
19 Port Vale	41	6	4	11	22	32	6	3	11	19	28	-19	43
20 Macclesfield	41	6	4	11	21	35	5	3	12	20	37	-31	40
21 Bouremouth	41	10	6	5	26	13	4	6	10	25	35	3	37
22 Grimsby	41	5	6	9	28	27	2	7	12	17	39	-21	34
23 Chester	41	4	7	9	23	28	3	5	13	14	5	-34	33
24 Luton	40	7	6	7	33	32	6	7	7	23	28	-4	22

**2008-09 APPEARANCES**

Player	This Season				Luton Career						
	App	Gls	App	Gls	Yel	Red					
Wayne ANDREWS	1(6)	0	2(1)	0	3(7)	0	1	10	0	0	0
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	14(2)	0	5	0	19(3)	0	0	28	0	0	0
George BEAVAN	3(1)	0	2(1)	0	5(2)	0	0	9	0	0	0
Mark BOWER	14	1	0	0	14(0)	1	3	14	1	0	0
Dean BRILL	0	0	2	0	19(0)	0	0	75	0	0	0
Ryan CHARLES	0(1)	1	1(2)	1	1(1)	2	0	19	3	0	0
Tom CRADDOCK	21	9	3	2	24(6)	11	5	24	3	11	0
Sol DAVIS	20(2)	1	5(1)	0	25(3)	1	4	227	3	1	0
Lewis EMANUEL	16(1)	1	3(1)	0	19(2)	1	2	82	0	0	0
Kevin GALLEN	23(2)	3	0	0	23(2)	3	1	25	3	3	0
Claude GNAPKA	18(7)	1	10(1)	2	28(8)	3	8	36	3	0	0
Asa HALL	30(6)	10	7(2)	1	37(8)	11	3	45	11	3	0
Ian HENDERSON	11(3)	1	0	0	11(3)	1	1	14	1	0	0
Mike HOWELLS	12(3)	0	6(2)	0	18(5)	0	3	26	2	0	0
Rossi JARVIS	29(4)	0	9(2)	0	38(6)	2	4	44	2	0	0
Keith KEANE	34	0	0	0	42	0	0	4	0	0	0
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Josh KLEIN-DAVIES	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	1	0	0	0
David LIVERMORE	2	0	0	0	2(0)	0	0	2	0	0	0
Conrad LOGAN	12	0	8	0	32(0)	0	1	30	0	0	0
Chris MARTIN	35(1)	0	10(2)	0	45(2)	13	10	47	13	0	0
Paul McVEIGH	9(4)	3	5(2)	0	14(6)	3	1	47	3	0	0
Kevin NICHOLLS	13(3)	0	5	0	18(3)	0	6	208	33	0	0
Garreth O'CONNOR	3	0	2(2)	0	5(2)	0	1	7	0	0	0
Sam PARKIN	14(6)	4	3(2)	0	17(8)	4	4	53	10	0	0
Jordan PATRICK	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0	0	2	0	0	0
George PILKINGTON	31(2)	0	3(1)	0	34(3)	0	1	26	4	0	0
Tristan PLUMMER	0(5)	0	1(2)	0	1(7)	1	0	8	1	0	0
Lewis PRICE	1	0	1	0	2(1)	0	0	2	0	0	0
Marc PUGH	3(1)	0	0	0	3(1)	0	0	4	0	0	0
Ian ROPER	18	3	5	0	23(3)	3	7	23	3	0	0
Scott SINCLAIR	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael SPILLANE	31(3)	0	1	0	31(3)	4	8	43	4	0	0
Drew TALBOT	4(3)	0	2(2)	0	6(5)	0	1	63	5	0	0
Akanni-Sunday WASIU	2(1)	1	0	0	2(3)	1	1	5	1	0	0
Kevin WATSON	2(4)	0	2(3)	0	4(7)	0	1	11	0	0	0
Harry WORLEY	6(2)	0	1(1)	0	7(3)	0	0	10	0	0	0

**stats 08/09**

Date	Opponent	Score	Att	Away	Pos
<b>August</b>					
Sat 9	H Port Vale	FL2 L1-3	7,449	546	24
Tue 12	H Plymouth	CC W2-0	2,682	340	n/a
Sat 16	A Gillingham	FL2 W3-0	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
<b>September</b>					
Sat 6	A Macclesfield	FL2 L1-2	2,349	733	24
Sat 13	H Aldershot Town	FL2 W3-1	4,642	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
<b>October</b>					
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	5,650	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
<b>November</b>					
Sat 1	A Shrewsbury	FL2 L0-3	6,488	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
<b>December</b>					
Tue 2	H AFC Bouremouth	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
<b>January</b>					
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 Bouremouth	FL2 D1-1	5,230	609	24
Sat 31	H Bury	FL2 L1-2	5,545	298	24
<b>February</b>					
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	n/a
Sat 21	H Shrewsbury	FL2 W3-1	5,661	480	24
Tue 24	A Accrington	FL2 D0-0	1,033	247	24
Sat 28	A Port Vale	FL2 W3-1	5,689	503	24
<b>March</b>					
Tue 3	H Gillingham	FL2 D0-0	5,739	440	24
Sat 7	H Exeter City	FL2 L1-2	6,460	748	24
Tue 10	A Notts County	FL2 W2-0	2,886	407	24
Sat 14	A Aldershot Town	FL2 L1-2	3,098	793	24
Tue 17	H Grimsby Town	FL2 W2-1	5,830	333	24
Sat 21	H Macclesfield	FL2 W1-0	5,363	99	24
Sat 28	A Morecambe	FL2 W2-1	2,599	666	24
Tue 31	H Rotherham	FL2 L2-4	5,975	196	24
<b>April</b>					
Sun 5	N Scunthorpe Utd	JPT F W3-2	55,378	40,000	-
Sat 11	A Lincoln City	FL2	3.00		
Mon 13	H Chesterfield	FL2	3.00		
Sat 18	A Barnet	FL2	3.00		
Tue 21	H Wycombe	FL2	7.45		
Sat 25	H Rochdale	FL2	3.00		
<b>May</b>					
Sat 2	A Brentford	FL2	3.00		

Player	Opponent	Score	Att	Away	Pos										
Brill	Gnapka	Roper	Pilkington	Davis**	Emanuel	Nicholls	Hall	Jarvis*	Parkin 1	Martin	K-Davis**	Plummer*	Watson	Keane	Spillane
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FOR THE HATTERS AT THE KENNY

Tuesday 21st April 2009

**Wycombe Wanderers**

7.45pm Kenilworth Road



The Hatters' penultimate home game of the season comes against a Wycombe Wanderers side that appeared destined for automatic promotion after spending the majority of the campaign in pole position, only for the club to suffer an untimely blip during the last two months.

Peter Taylor's men lie in fourth position at the time of writing but have games in hand over their rival promotion challengers. After only winning one of their seven matches in March - picking up seven points out of a possible 24 - the Chairboys' form must improve if they're to end the season inside the top three.

Wycombe's steely defence was the main reason why they occupied top spot for so long. With clean sheets in almost half of their league matches and the best defensive records at both home and away from Adams Park, Taylor's men have only lost on six occasions this season, and had only lost once before January.

It's in the final third where the Buckinghamshire club have been less effective. Matt Harrold is the current top scorer but he is still looking to make it double-figures for league goals. The rest of the goals have been split evenly amongst Wycombe's large squad of players but the Chairboys have rarely looked lethal in front of goal during this campaign.

The Hatters last met Wycombe back in December at Adams Park, where Mick Harford's side earned a credible goalless draw against the club when they were riding high at the top of the league.

Scott Shearer earned Taylor's side a clean

MATT HARROLD



sheet that afternoon but will miss this match because of an ankle injury. Despite this, the Chairboys have two very capable replacements in the form of either Jamie Young or highly-rated 19-year-old goalkeeper Marek Stech. The Czech youth international is currently on-loan from West Ham and could be between the sticks at Kenilworth Road next week.

Elsewhere, John Akinde will be a threat if his loan is extended until the end of the

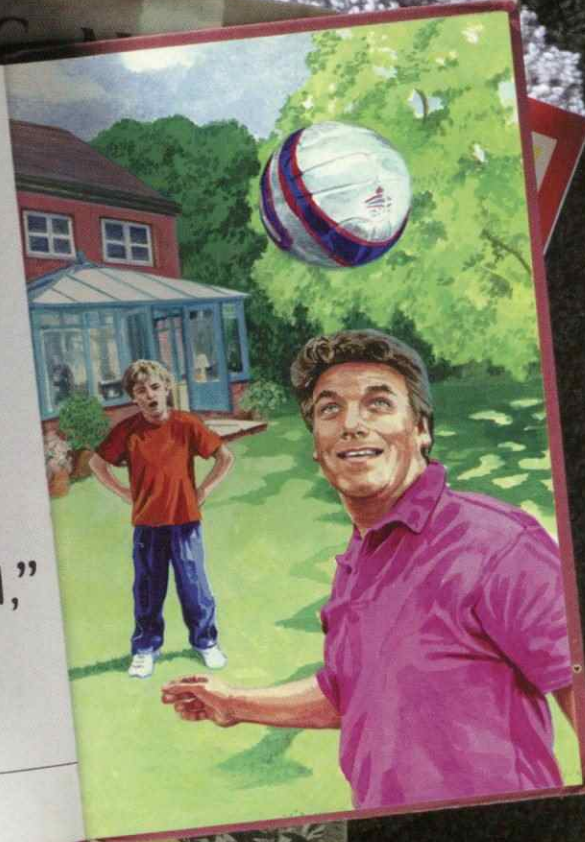
season. The striker from Bristol City scored three goals in four matches last month, while Chelsea have allowed another highly-rated 19-year-old join the club, in the form of attacking midfielder Lee Sawyer.

The two clubs have met 16 times in total. The Chairboys are looking for only their second ever win over the Hatters. Luton have won on eight occasions and seven matches have ended all square.

"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		
9	SAM PARKIN		
10	RYAN CHARLES		
11	LEWIS EMANUEL		
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		
28	PAUL MCVEIGH		
29	JORDAN PATRICK		
32	KEVIN GALLEN		
33	JAKE HOWELLS		
35	DAVID BUTTON		
40	SCOTT SINCLAIR		

## CHESTERFIELD


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3	GREGOR ROBERTSON		
4	JAMIE LOWRY		
5	ROBERT PAGE		
6	KEVIN AUSTIN		
7	LEWIS MONTROSE		
8	DEREK NIVEN		
9	MARTIN GRITTON		
10	DARREN CURRIE		
11	PAUL HARSLEY		
12	ALAN GOODALL		
14	JACK LESTER		
15	AARON DOWNES		
16	JAMIE WINTER		
17	LLOYD KERRY		
18	DANIEL HALL		
19	SCOTT BODEN		
20	BEN ALGAR		
21	DAN GRAY		
22	PETER TILL		
23	JORDAN BOWERY		
24	JARED WILSON		
25	DREW TALBOT		
26	LEE ASKHAM		
28	SANDY MOLLER		
29	MATT MALAK		
30	CLAYTON MCDONALD		

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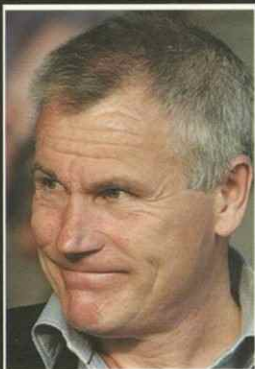
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