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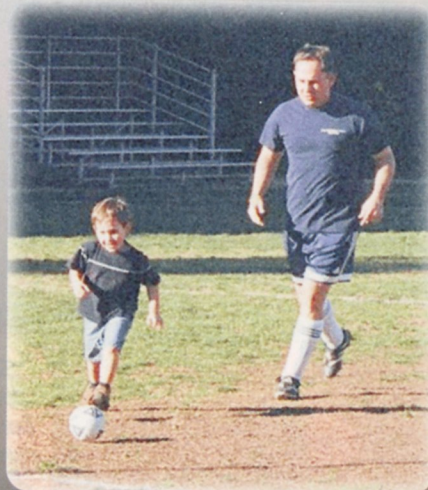
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... a word from the editor

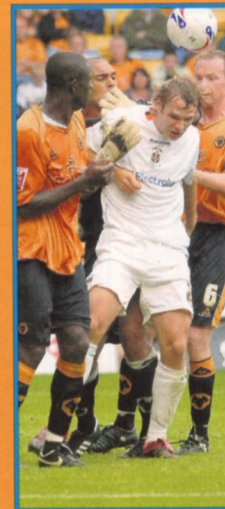
GUTTED. That's was the feeling of the Half-time Orange editorial team as Norwich's stoppage-time winner flew in to Marlon's net.

A plucky performance, but nothing to show for it - although it does perhaps give us a glimmer of hope for the forthcoming run of home matches on the horizon.

However unfortunate the defeat was, it doesn't hide the fact that on the pitch we've a struggling team deep in a relegation battle.

Off the pitch we've a crumbling old stadium with as much charm to prospective new players as a pair of Jim Royle's sweaty old Y-fronts... but don't worry folks, there's a new ground coming soon!

I arrived at the Kenny at 7.30pm for



Judging by the tight marking, Markus must have been seen as our biggest goal threat when we drew yet another away day blank at today's opponents Wolves in September



To prospective new signings our ground has all the charm of a pair of Jim Royle's pants

the Uriah Rennie show on Tuesday night only to join a huge scrum of people trying to fight their way to the turnstiles. The queues were so long, I thought we must have just signed Thierry Henry on loan! Of course, the truth was

someone hadn't put 50p in the away end's electricity meter!

Orange will be back for the Southampton game on April 7.

Let's just hope we've scraped together a few more points by then.

Fingers crossed!

Don't forget to get in touch..

It's a funny old game and we know fans enjoy sticking their oar in... so what are you waiting for? We'd love your contributions.

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Thigh is the limit for Dean

WINGER Dean Morgan is streamlining himself on the field - by shaving his legs before games.

Half-time Orange has been unreliably informed that the enigmatic 23-year-old has taken up the lady shave to cut down on the wind resistance on his pins when sprinting down the line.

The unlikely act is thought to give him an extra advantage over his opponents - but has increased his likelihood of falling over when trying a step-over.

Morgan is shown, right, checking his thigh in the Coventry loss.



BIT OF LEG: Silky Dean Morgan

Sol takes up opera

SOL Davis has told how being a classical music conductor helped his recovery from a stroke.

Davis has been busy immersing himself in the soothing sound of opera during his three-match ban for his red card at Stoke followed by an alleged players' room brawl.



ON SONG:
Sol Davis

RECRUITMENT DRIVE BY CLUB

HATTERS have launched a recruitment drive on Luton buses entitled Howard's Shoes - because they still need someone to step into them...



Ken

Rumours, speculation,
gossip and half-truths

Kev going for the jug-ular...

LUTON'S home-grown Republic of Ireland ace Kevin Foley has taken up juggling to help him relax after stressful matches.

Foley discovered his hidden talent when he was thrown two half-time oranges at the same time while in the dressing room during the recent win over Sheffield Wednesday.

Our snapper caught the 22-year-old practising his new hobby while dressed as a bank robber at a secret location yesterday, right.



TALENT: Full-back Kevin Foley

Players search for club's new ground



HATTERS players have begun helping the club in their prolonged hunt for a new ground.

Our exclusive pictures show Russell Perrett and Lewis Emanuel getting down to the task in hand.

Keep looking boys, you're going to be searching for a while longer! See the latest stadium news on page six.



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La la Lars

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SUPER striker Lars Elstrup remains Hatters' record signing. We splashed out around £900,000 for the Danish international whose goals saved us from relegation in the 1990-91 season.

He then had the cheek to demand a cut-price transfer to his former club OB Odense or else he'd retire and Town wouldn't receive a penny. When he finally did pack in the game, he went somewhat off the rails.

He joined a religious cult in his homeland, adopting the name Darando (the river that flows into the sea).

There were further

sightings of Lars, including in 2000 at a shopping centre in Copenhagen. According to The Observer at the time, he was standing circled by a rope, waving his private parts at passers-by. He explained to the paper, "I do this to provoke people. I am very aware of people's reactions and I love the fact that people recognise me as Lars Elstrup."

The Guardian has just done a new appeal for any more sightings of Lars. So if there's a naked man sitting next to you today, maybe it's Elstrup checking out his old team!

new ground: update #3



he's got a great engine!

Luton stars and their cars #3, Danny Stevens

How long have you been driving for?

About two-and-a-half years.

How many times did it take you to pass your test?

Two.

What car do you own now?

Mini Cooper 1.6

What's your favourite car?

It's got to be the Aston Martin - it's the ultimate.

What's your most embarrassing/scariest moment behind the wheel?

I wrote my first car off in a crash on the M25.

I was involved in a



spin at 70mph, but walked away without a scratch.

It was the scariest moment of my life

and only happened last October.

Who is the worst driver at the club?

Feeno - he's a nut-

ter! He's always showing off in the car park at the training ground doing doughnuts.

What have you got on the car stereo at the moment?

Not sure, but I usually listen to R&B or hip hop.

Personal number plates - are they cool or for fools?

It depends. If you've got a top-of-the-range Range Rover then it looks OK.

But if you're in a battered Uno it doesn't look so good.

What's your opinion of women drivers?

Useless! That's all you can say.



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A Marlon punt goes out of play ☐

Invisible Man still in team (Robbo) ☐

Injury jinx strikes again (& again) ☐

Deano falls over blade of grass ☐

Ten balls lost over Dreyer net ☐

Heikks earns a summer move ☐

Sol kicks Wolves winger in to stand ☐

our survey says...

The orange 'experts' get their crystal balls out (ahem)



john oliver

Town 1 Wolves 2
Wolves will be hungry for play-off points and will add to Luton's misery despite Talbot's late strike

Leeds 2 Town 0
Crazy club Leeds may yet escape the dreaded drop and the three points here can only help. Hang in, Hatters

Town 1 Hull City 0
There's life in the old club yet...this relegation 'six-pointer' will go Hatters' way, with Morgan scoring



andy mack

Town 2 Wolves 3
Ex-players often return to net, so McIndoe's bound to cancel out Bell and Talbot goals with a late winner

Leeds 0 Town 1
Town only seem able to win away in Yorkshire so I'm going for a rare victory on the road courtesy of Spring

Town 1 Hull City 1
Nerves will be all too much for both teams in this vital affair which will see Hatters net via a Morgan free-kick



steve sims

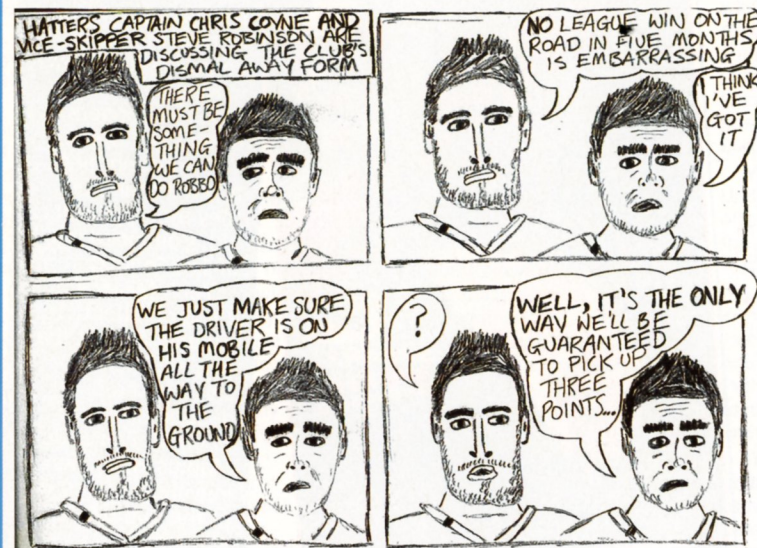
Town 1 Wolves 2
Spring nets an equaliser but it's not enough as Wolves rally to dent Hatters' survival hopes

Leeds 0 Town 1
Two nervous teams makes for a poor game but, after surviving a few scares, Talbot pounces for a vital three points

Town 3 Hull City 0
Another key match. An early Bell goal settles the nerves before Talbot and Bell again make the game safe

Kenny capers

The latest from the Luton corridors with our guest cartoonist



Away the lads... Wolves

Da gaffer

Mick McCarthy

Back in football and therefore not commenting on TV any more. Thank God.



Da guffer
Carl Cort

Can you believe Newcastle once paid £7m for this joker? No, really, can you?

Ex-Hatter

Mike McIndoe

Has had about as many clubs as he used to visit night-clubs when at Luton.

Ex-Neighbour

Mark Little

Stand-up comic who used to be Joe Mangie. Maybe.

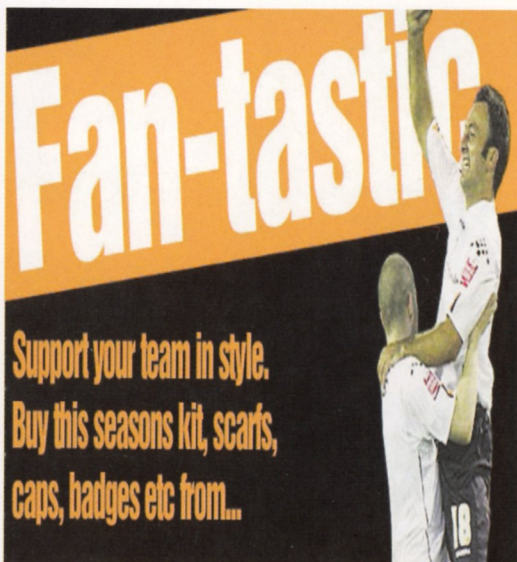
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boys 'r' us



Billy Sugger with the lads' outlook on everything that's kicking off at Hatters

LET'S get some glamour down Kenilworth Road. Let's get some razzmatazz to our team. Let's get some cheerleaders in, that's what I say.

Yeah, OK, it may be a touchy subject given our manager's view on birds in the game. But let's be honest, we need something to get excited about down here at the moment and we need to bring the fans back.

Other clubs have dancing girls, as does boxing - right. If we could improve on the '80s Luton Ladies it'd be great for us red-blooded males and might attract female supporters as well.

And let's not beat around the bush, they'll be much better up front than Luton are right now!



JUST what the chufin 'eck is going on with all the player contracts right now?

New deals for Bez, Pez, Unders, Robbo and Berky?

I've got nothing against them, but they are a bit well... old. Combined age of 167 in fact!

Yeah Mikey's going on about experience, but the only experience I can foresee is despair all round when Mr Fantastic - Markus Heikkinen - inevitably leaves us at the end of the season.

girls world



Orange girlie Becky Gazeley uncovers some of the Town players' off-the-field antics...

"BRING PETER HOLME(S), SAY BRING PETER HOLME(S)!"

If you were sat with me now, you would really see and hear the emphasis behind my chant.

My foot is stamping and it's so loud Peter himself can hear the faint cry of his own name. I really don't want to harp on about the state of our midfield but I can't bear to see OUR competent player playing for another team when quite clearly we need him!

Even with our nail-biting win against Sheffield Wednesday, I still think the mildly attractive midfielder would have made up for the basic mistakes created by two players who are seriously out of their league in more ways than one.

Somebody else who was beaten with the 'hot stuff' stick is Michael Leary. Slightly rough round the edges, but once again

CELEB WATCH:

Famous faces have shied away from the directors' box recently, but my money is on Bobby Robson watching Ipswich on the 17th.

MAN OF THE MONTH:

Bjorn... I'm loving your enthusiasm.

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Big sunglasses to hide away those dark circles that are still reminding us of the night before - Jumpin' Jaks. Need I say any more!

a competent player with potential. I despair, I really do.

Our next game is against the infamous Leeds and the infamous Mr Nicholls. I can hardly contain my excitement. I think I can safely say on behalf of all the Kenilworth faithful: "We miss you Kev".

Moving away from the pitch-based action, I would like to catch up on some gossip.

I have had my girlie spies out in force for the past month and the

girls have done good! The first was my own find. While getting my monthly top up in a tanning salon in St Albans, imagine my surprise when the fresh smell of liniment and Hugo Boss hit my nostrils ... It wasn't one, but two Luton Town players.

Marlon Beresford and Paul Underwood we bow down to you, after all who wants to be pasty these days?

Secondly, my thanks go to Kitty who saw Mr Richard Langley wandering through a supermarket and in his basket, yes, it was girlies' magazine Heat. Perhaps we underestimate footballers; clearly the man has intelligence!

Thirdly, Russell Perrett, seen holding a piece of fence out of a moving car. Man alive Russ, be careful of splinters, we don't need any more injuries!

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I HATE Andy Johnson. We all hate Andy Johnson.

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You know it's coming. You can see him cut inside, look for a vaguely stray defender's leg and over he goes like a big tart.

I've not seen anyone going down like him... well, not



WOE: Mark Lawrenson and Andy Johnson heaped more misery on Watford last week



rugby instead.

I am sure you enjoyed seeing Mark 'at the murrment' Lawrenson rip us to shreds on Match Of The Day. 'Woeful Watford' was the catchline.

Can't really argue with that anymore.

We are going down. You heard it here first... well, last.

Be smug... or are you planning to make it a double relegation?

since your team's plummet through the divisions in the nineties.

He was at his best on Saturday evening.

The only real shock was that any of our defenders actually got within ten yards of the England Scummer reject or

any other Everton player.

It was a horror show, the third in a week.

The only saving grace was that, apart from 30 pubs in Merseyside and the Walkabout in Watford High Street, Britain was watching the

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The new Hatters medical...

AFTER a few problems with some of the Town's recent signings, Half-time Orange can exclusively reveal the new medical system being put in place at Kenilworth Road.

The following measures have been adopted by the club as a type of screening system to ensure that any new recruits can at least run, jump or kick a ball before vast amounts of cash are spurned.

The tests for transfer targets may also let Hatters discover whether prospective new signings have actually ever played the game before...



1 Metal detector

Handy for finding any rogue nuts, bolts, screws etc that may come back to cause problems a couple of months after an expensive signing.



2 A pub

To see if the player will walk past and get on with training or stay in for 20 pints and a curry.



3 A tortoise

This will determine if the new signing has any pace whatsoever, or is in fact as slow as an, erm... tortoise



4 Pie shop

Similar to number two. But involving pies...

5 Hospital Check

Will reveal whether the player has an injury history as long as your arm...



6 A cow's arse and a banjo

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dream team #1

(we pick out a side of past Hatters who've raked in millions in transfer fees)

EXPENSIVE HATTERS XI



Bench: Feuer £585k, Thorpe £800k, Wegerle £1m, Howard £1m, Nico £700k

If you'd like to put forward a dream team, whatever the category, get in touch - see p3 for contact info

bring me

... a light-hearted dip in to the

THE Town were leading Stockport 2-0 in a league game at Kenilworth Road in 1969 when Luton defender John Moore caught the ball in the area after hearing a whistle.

Unfortunately, the whistle came from a supporter behind the Oak Road goal and the referee had no option but to award a penalty which was converted by Stockport's Alex Young. Mercifully, there was no lasting damage as the Hatters went on to win 4-1.



John Moore



IN a League game at Northampton on Boxing Day 1927 the Hatters were 5-1 up at the break after playing with a heavy blizzard at their backs. In the second half, with the blizzard showing no sign of easing, the Cobblers ended up winning 6-5.

ON Boxing Day 1926 the Town beat Millwall 6-0 at Kenilworth Road in a Division Three (South) game. In the return at the Den two days later, the Lions were 7-0 winners after kicking the Hatters off the park. The Town put out the same 11 in both games!



sunshine

archives at Kenilworth Road



IN the 33rd minute of an FA Cup 3rd round tie at an icy Nottingham Forest, with the Town 0-1 down, Luton striker Malcolm Macdonald collided with the goalpost, which snapped off at the base. Luton coach Jimmy Andrews used the long delay to re-shuffle the Luton side leading to Macdonald snatching an equaliser. The January 1971 game ended up 1-1. Supermac bagged a hat-trick in the replay but Town still lost 4-3!



Malcolm Macdonald collided with the goalposts at Forest in 1971 but still picked himself up to bag an equaliser



ONE year after Leicester's Keith Weller scored the 'goal of the season' in a televised FA Cup clash at Kenilworth Road he netted a sublime own goal in a League clash bending the ball past a hapless Mark Wallington from out on the touchline. Guess which goal has been televised the most since then!

dream team #2

(we may be struggling at the moment but things could be far, far worse)

RUBBISH HATTERS XI



Bench: M.Ovendale, B.McDermott, G.Aunger, B.Guentchev, L.Zahani-Oni.

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Age: 22

Occupation: Office administrator
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Attached? Yes, a boyfriend

Been a supporter since: Two
years ago

Best looking Hatter: Dean Brill

Most valuable player: Marlon
Beresford

Player to flog: Keith Keane

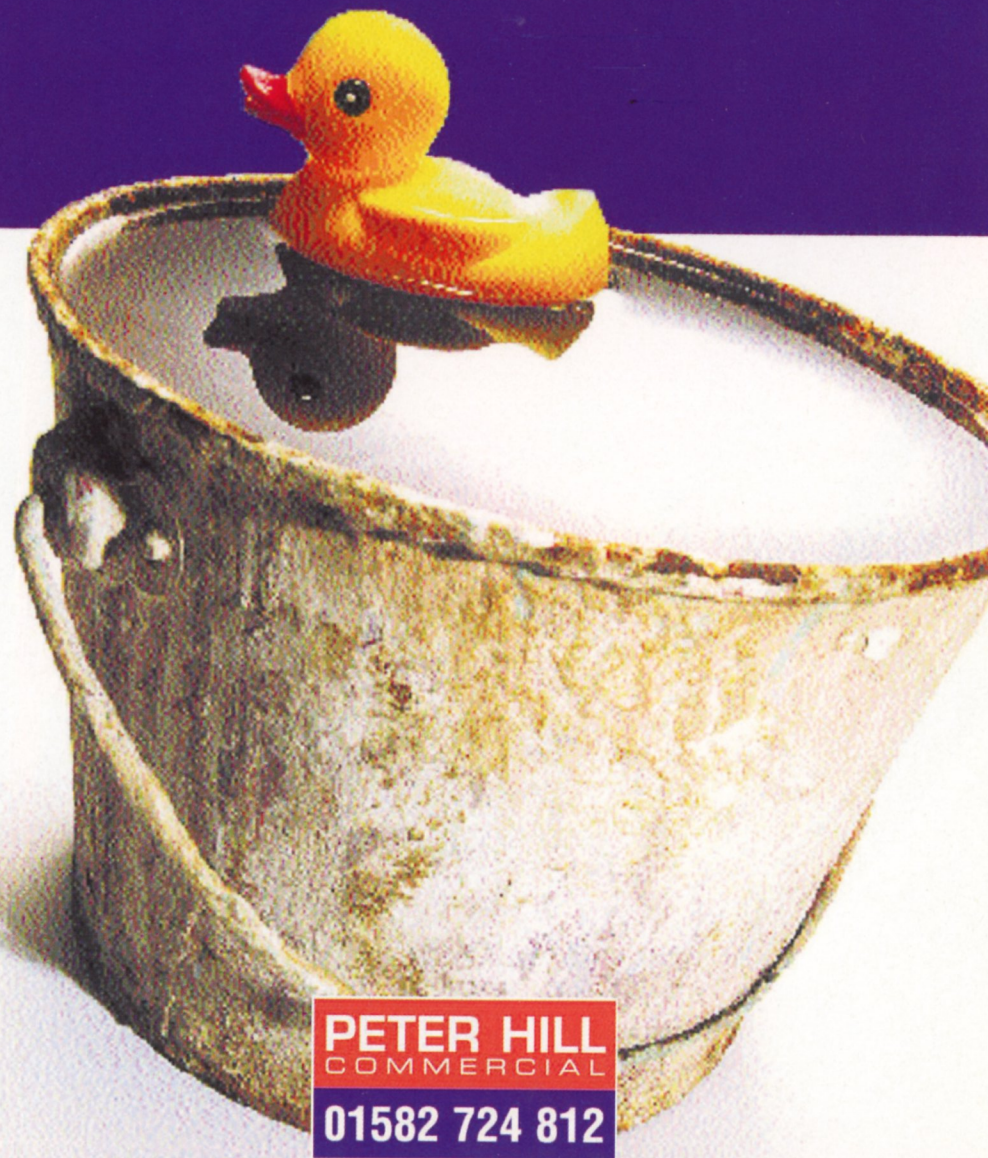
Ideal night out: Down the White
House with my friends

Favourite TV shows: EastEnders

Nice one Nikola!

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what a load of rubbish #3

WHEN you put a substitute on the field of play the idea is that he will change the game.

And when Joe Kinnear hauled off Stuart Douglas and threw Tresor Kandol in to the fray at Notts County in February 2001 things certainly began to happen – for the Magpies unfortunately.

Big Fat Joe wasn't a man known for his patience and Kandol's woeful contribution that day meant he became the only uninjured sub in living memory to be subbed himself within minutes.

To rub salt in to the wound, the sub's sub, deadly (ahem) Andrew Fotiadis, even managed to find the net himself and

THIS month we opted to pick on a player from our 2000-2001 relegation squad. Of course, that doesn't narrow it down much as most of that sorry bunch would qualify! But step forward Tresor Kandol.



Tresor Kandol

wrap up a 3-1 win.

That brief appearance was Kandol's last for the club and a few weeks later another striker arrived at Kenilworth Road who proved to be just a little bit better (Steve Howard).

In total Kandol – a cousin of Newcastle's Lomano Tresor LuaLua – didn't actually have that bad a goals-to-game ratio, bagging five goals in 12 starts before being shipped out to Cambridge.

He did resurface again in

November 2003 when, as a Thurrock player, he had a chance to show us all what we were missing in an FA Cup first round match.

Luckily for us it was Kandol who did the

missing, cocking up a late one-on-one which would have knocked us out. We survived and won the replay 3-1.

Stupid Leeds signed him for £200,000 in January, that was despite having a chance to properly assess him during a two-month loan prior to that! Of course, we've got Leeds up next, so expect Tresor to shove these words down HTO's throats and bag a hat-trick!

CARTHORSE OF THE MONTH



police horse Charlie awards a pile of steaming dung to an under-performing Hatter

One lad stands head and shoulders above the others this month so I've awarded two piles of dung to Boyle



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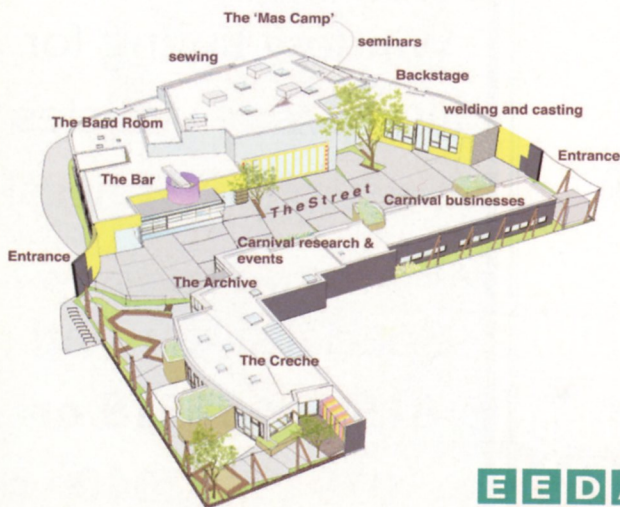
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who's gonna stop Nico then?



"If he fouls me badly I'll just take my ball home"



Coynie looks far too frightened to tackle Nico

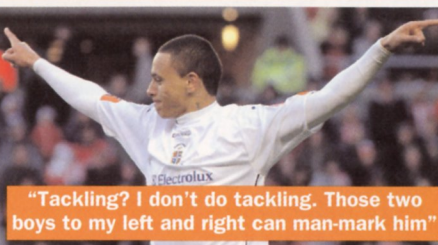


Photo says it all really



"I can't risk another injury. I need to keep myself in the shop window so I get lots of offers this summer"

Our next match sees us travel to Leeds Utd and a reunion (barring injury or suspension) with our former captain Kevin Nicholls. Orange takes a look at who can stop Nico bullying us out of a vital three points



"Tackling? I don't do tackling. Those two boys to my left and right can man-mark him"



Langers is so scared he's rooted to the spot!



"Look boys, I know he's hard but someone needs to stop him."



THE SOLUTION: Play Sol out of position, he's the only one anywhere near Nico on the nutter scale and would be up for the battle. It could end up being 10 v 10 though and fisticuffs in the players' lounge!

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The city is the third largest in the UK and the 288th biggest in the world. It's also the second most crime ridden in the country so you'd do well to make it out of the place in one piece if

your travel guide to... Leeds



we happen to pick up three points.

It's home to St James' University Hospital, which is where some of our players may end up if Nico gets going.

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one junctions before waking up and turning off for the M621. Exit

famous fans

Vic Reeves
I'm a Leeds fan... get me out of here! Vic once entered the jungle to avoid Hell-end Road



Nasser Hussain
The ex-English cricket team captain is used to watching his teams collapse.



Jimmy Savile
Not even Sir Jim could fix the financial mess that Leeds have found themselves in!



dear dot



there's always plenty of agony involved in all things Hatters so we've roped in our very own agony aunt Dorothy Dixon to help relieve the suffering

SPRINGY SAYS: I've made some very stupid decisions in the past including leaving Luton for a new challenge at Leeds. To make things worse I then had a spell watching the ball bypass midfield at Watford. After playing for 'the enemy' some fans won't accept me back despite the fact that I'm clearly the best midfielder at the club.

DOT SAYS: Keep getting stuck in and you'll win the doubters over. That little stunt where you put that 'Watford Reject' message on your t-shirt certainly showed you have the character to cope with any abuse - and made me laugh!

RICHARD SAYS: I keep getting stick for the Norwich game being called off. I accept the snow had gone and it was quite mild by kick-off time but it was the match official's decision to postpone the game so early, not mine.

DOT SAYS: You can't be blamed if the ref wanted a day off to see the rugby on TV!

SOL SAYS: My whole game is based on tough tackling, but with the way the refs issue cards these days, I'll be lucky to last the first half!

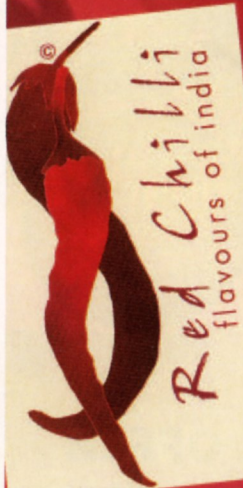


BOYDIE SAYS: The fans don't seem to appreciate my talent. All they want is someone who can run. Why can't they clap me for the bags of skill I possess?

DOT SAYS: What you need my son is the chance to go out on loan and get your fitness levels up. All the skill in the world won't be any use to you if you can't run fast enough to get hold of the ball.

DOT SAYS: I understand how the standard of officiating can make anyone see red. Speak to your team-mate Stephen O'Leary for advice. He never seems to get sent off ... er, or on, for that matter.

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A number of stress factors are identified, including sacking managers, missing out on promotion, going into administration, and losing games from being in a winning position.

For the record we've come 57th, with Notts County the most stressful and Liverpool the least.

It's a deal

the old guard celebrate getting their new contracts



"I can't believe it mate, we've done sod all this year and still we've both been handed lucrative new deals."



Dropped for a loan keeper one minute and the next they're giving me two more years. I just hope my back can stand the strain!

"Boss, boss, don't forget me boss. I've got at least another year of injuries left in me."



"Ssh, don't tell the fans another old boy has got signed up because there's no money for new talent or no-one wants to play in our stadium."

s**t ground 2-1!!!

Palace fan Dave Burke on the hell of sitting in the Oak Road end



OK, before I get going I should make it clear that I'm fully aware of the irony in a Crystal Palace fan criticising someone else's ground.

The words pot, kettle and black might spring to mind, and as the handful of you who made the trip down to fortress Selhurst last weekend will know, our ground isn't exactly the Palace our name suggests.

So it's quite refreshing to go somewhere like Kenilworth Road, which gets the dubious claim of being even worse than ours.

As much as most Luton



GOAL: Dave (hiding behind that big pillar somewhere) enjoys the comforts of the away end as Carlos nets during our 2-1 win against the Eagles in September

fans might argue with me about what happens on the pitch (and please don't get me started on how far offside Mr Edwards was when he scored Luton's first against us in September), I don't think many will argue about the need for a new ground.

And most of you haven't even been in the away end - it's up there with the

worst (I have when I was a Junior Hatter - Ed).

Just getting into the ground is a sign of things to come, as you have to go up a fire escape that goes right through someone's back garden.

And once the 2,000 or so away fans get in, they're up against each other to try and get the best (if there is such a thing) seat.

Normally I think it's quite good to have unallocated seating because it means if you get there early you can get a good seat for the same money someone sitting behind a pillar pays.

But in the away section at Kenilworth Road you only get a choice between restricted view seats and very restricted view seats - go to any part of the stand and you still won't see the whole pitch because of the pillars.

At the last Luton v Palace game I couldn't see the whole of either goal, but then I guess that was probably a good thing.

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Lut goals: 1*
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Attributes (out of 100)

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Ex-club: Rushden
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Lut goals: 2*
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Pace:	80
Shooting:	76
Tackling:	79
Heading:	74
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Birth date: 1-11-84
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Height: 5ft 9ins
Weight: 11.00 st
Ex-club: None
Lut apps: 150*
Lut goals: 5*
*at 31-12-06



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Shooting:	72
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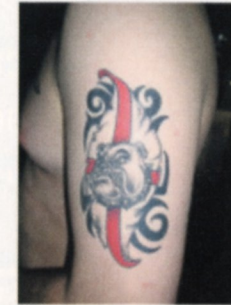
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How did you come to support the Hatters?

I went to Liverpool v Luton Town at Anfield in December 1974 and felt sorry for the Town. I've been feeling sorry for them ever since.

How long have you been going to games?

Ever since the above match, but regularly during the 1980s and since 2001.

What games do you go to (first team, reserves, youth, friendlies etc)?

I watch all first team

games and recently went to the FA Youth Cup tie at Burnley.

What's the best/worst thing about supporting the Town?

It's never a dull moment.

Best goal ever seen for Luton?

Ahmet Brkovic v Hull, Feb 2005.

Favourite player of all time?

David Moss.

Favourite current player?

Leon Barnett.

How many Luton replica tops do you own?

Four, plus most of the programmes since 1954.

When will Hatters move to a new stadium?

I'm not holding my breath.

Finally, what makes you fan-tastic?

Following the Town through thick and thin. However, I know there are better Town fans than me.



(in association with 'Motormouth' Mike)

"talking points"



FORMER Hatters hero Malcolm Macdonald had a brush with the law just after Town had clinched promotion in 1970.

Following the 0-0 draw at Mansfield, the entire squad raced back down the M1 to celebrate at Caesars Palace nightclub in Luton.

Malcolm reveals in his book *Never Afraid To Miss* how he was driving home after the party when a police car pulled him over for breath test. After trying the "don't you

know who I am?" line, Supremac told the copper: "The chairman of the club knows the chief constable and the manager is best

friend with your super." Malcolm was initially puzzled when his desperate attempts fell on deaf ears. But then it all became clear.

He writes: "The policeman just shook his head and said: 'It's no good mate, I'm a Watford supporter'."

"Fortunately, I passed the test."

- who said the following?

- 1 "If I get booed, I won't know where it is coming from. I hope we have enough fit players otherwise it could be embarrassing."
- 2 "It's hard to write a player to watch section on Luton because every time they find someone worth watching they flog him."
- 3 "I dived on to some pitch markings in one game and, because they had been marked out with lime, I burned myself really badly."
- 4 "I used to really like Gazza as a kid, even though I'm an Arsenal fan!"
- 5 "If I am claiming an assist for our first goal, I think I'll claim an assist for Brentford's second. I really should have saved that."

(answers below)

1. Mike Newell ahead of this season's FA Cup tie with former side Brentford in 2000.
2. Clive Whittingham, writer for QPR website Loft For Blackburn.
3. Ex-Hatter Andy Dibble while playing for Barry Town in 1998.
4. David Bell on his childhood hero.
5. On-loan keeper Ben Roberts on his mistake v Brentford in 2000.

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