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The gaffer wanted me to try out a new position but this is taking things too far!



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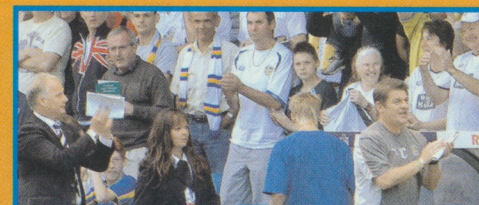
... a word from the editor

NEW season, new squad, same old problem... we can't seem to win away.

After a last-gasp winner hit the net for Swindon, we then got done by the odd goal at Elland Road - scored by the sub who was famously subbed by Big Fat Joe, Tresor Kandol.

So that's two defeats from two in the league away from Fortress Kenny and, if you take last season's trips into account too, that's nearly as many nil points as the UK gets at Eurovision!

Speaking of Europe we've all been dragged down to the ground three hours early today just because they think we're all desperate to rush back and see England play Israel at 4pm in



It was all very pleasant at the outset as the gaffer and his assistant went on a lap of honour at Elland Road. Then Tresor Kandol scored, Dennis Wise stuck his oar in and tempers flared as Luton fell to yet another away loss.

a Euro Championships qualifier.

Supporting the national team is very similar to following the Town... on occasions exciting, but more often than not downright 'bang your head against the wall' frustrating.

Although Hatters have disappointed on the road, thankfully we've picked up maximum points to date at home which keeps us in the hunt for a promotion

challenge at this early stage.

Hopefully, the team can only get better as all the new faces get more familiar with each other's style of play.

Obviously the season's highlight so far has been the great cup win against Premiership (for the moment) Sunderland... although Alan Goodall's comedy routine with the medical team versus Gillingham was a close second.



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# it takes two

## BORING:

David Bell offers Matthew Spring some advice ahead of his penalty against Gillingham.

## WACKY:

"I've told the missus not to ring me at work and certainly not when I'm about to take a pen."



## BORING:

Drew Talbot can't believe his goal has been ruled out for offside.

## WACKY:

KEEPER: "I know our boss told me Luton's strikeforce stinks, but I can't believe Drew's just eeked one out in the goalmouth."



## BORING:

Paul Furlong in aerial action

## WACKY:

"I'm going to get the ball one way or another."

Orange gets bored with humdrum caption writing so we've taken the liberty of dreaming up wacky alternatives

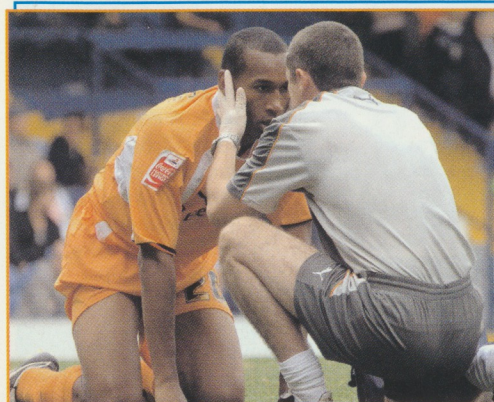
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## BORING:

Calvin Andrew receives treatment at Leeds

## WACKY:

"Look into my eyes... you are a decent striker"

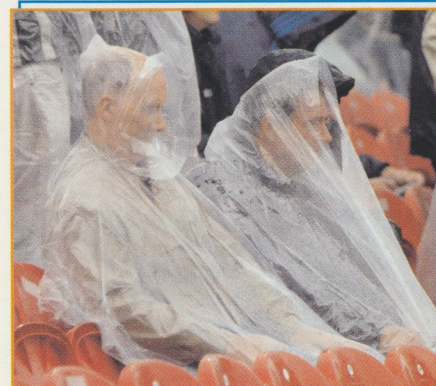


## BORING:

Fans shelter from the rain at Swindon

## WACKY:

After another late goal fans felt suicide by suffocation was the only option

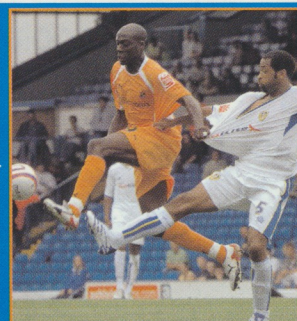


## BORING:

Tussle for the ball

## WACKY:

Furl forgot the lads had told him to wait until the after-match piss-up before going on the pull.



## BORING:

Dean didn't make the starting XI

## WACKY:

After mastering ball juggling, mouthy Deano moved on to the 'egg from thin air' routine



Can you  
do any  
better?

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Blast... I only signed up for this lot 'cos they told me the weather's quite nice down in the softy south



wacko jacko

## from the allotments

... with 'orrible 'ornet Don Monty

ONE Paul Furlong, there's only one Paul Furlong, one Paul Furlong ...

You'll need to shout it loud because he is getting on a bit.

Apparently he gets Tuesday mornings off training to go and get his pension from High Town Post Office.

Still, it's good to see the old boy playing well. He was a hero at the Vic, and was our record transfer when he hopped off to Chelsea.

It all went Pete Tong - or should that be Fur-long - for him at Stamford Bridge, which just proves our point when we sang You Should Have Stayed At The Watford.

All of our ex-players

should have stayed, except Trevor Senior... and Matthew Spring.

Credit where credit's due. You've made a good start to the season. A good start, that is, apart from losing to a team with minus points last week which is quite an achievement in anybody's books.

Although even we cheered when 'Cross 'n' Blackwell squared up to Dennis Wise.

We were even top of the league for two hours last Saturday.

Who spoiled the party as his Coventry team came back to win 2-1? Dowie.

Typical. He did us at the Palace too.

Glory 'orns.



## who am I?



there's no need to be embarrassed if you wear a Hatters shirt, but who are these players hiding their faces away?



### ANSWERS:

1. David Bell 2. Clarke Carlisle 3. Paul Furlong 4. Darren Currie 5. Paul McVeigh 6. Russ Perrett



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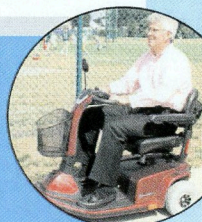
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for in today's game

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take own samies

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Playing 12 mins with  
10 men - again!

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Cumie seeks coke  
(drink!) from crowd

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Another 1 minute  
cameo from Don H

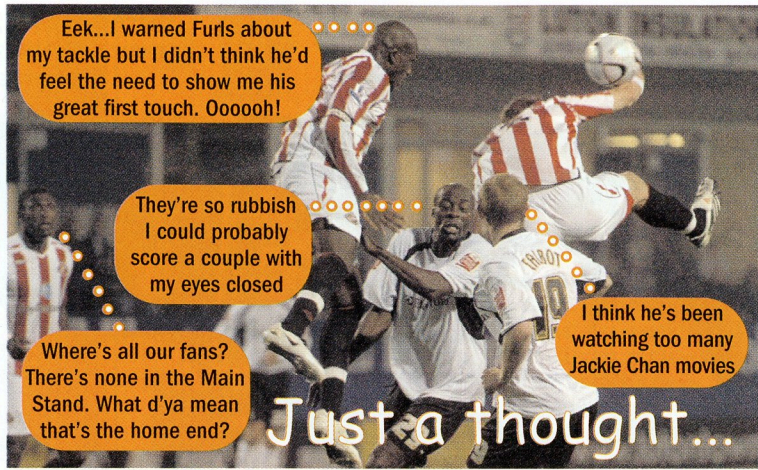
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Fans rush off to  
watch England

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3CR's Ewan Duncan  
ignored by Blackwell

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Eek...I warned Furls about  
my tackle but I didn't think he'd  
feel the need to show me his  
great first touch. Ooooooh!

They're so rubbish  
I could probably  
score a couple with  
my eyes closed

Where's all our fans?  
There's none in the Main  
Stand. What d'ya mean  
that's the home end?

I think he's been  
watching too many  
Jackie Chan movies

Just a thought...

head to head...

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



Bristol R (H): 1-0 win  
Tranmere (A): 1-1 draw  
Port Vale (H): 2-0 win  
Charlton (H): 1-2 loss  
Hudd'field (A): 0-1 loss

Bristol R (H): 3-1 win  
Tranmere (A): 0-1 loss  
Port Vale (H): 2-1 win  
Charlton (H): 2-1 win  
Hudd'field (A): 1-1 draw



Correct result 1pt, exact score 2pts: Latest score - Steve 6 Andy 3

# the exHATTERfiles



we sent Mulder and Scully  
off to investigate how  
former Luton players are  
faring at their new clubs



## EX-FILE #1 Nathan Abbey



My investigations dug up this  
archive photo of Abbey on his  
knees following one of his  
trademark howlers for Luton.



Since then he's had more clubs than Tiger  
Woods. Lately he's turned out for MK Dons  
and, after his team, fought to take Sheff Utd to  
extra-time in the cup he then gifted the winner  
by spilling a shot that even my grannie could  
have stopped with one hand.

## EX-FILE #3 Besian Idrizaj



Peter Taylor's just taken him to  
Palace on a season's long loan.  
From what I hear he's not that  
great. I expect the man who's made  
more signings than JK Rowling at a  
book launch, to get bored with his new play thing  
in next to no time & send him back to Liverpool.



## EX-FILE #2 Adam Boyd



Now I don't know much  
about football but then again nether does  
Ex-File #2. He's appears to be something of  
an unexplained phenomena. Utter rubbish  
for Luton but banging in the goals now he's got  
away on a free to Leyton Orient. He tells me he  
used to see unidentified flying objects during his  
time at Kenilworth Road. That was the ball,  
Adam... or the manager's boot!



## EX-FILE #4 Russell Perrett



He's gone yet Town fans tell  
me they've hardly noticed -  
mainly because he was rarely  
fit enough to play. I've now discovered  
that he's been putting his feet up on a deckchair  
in Bournemouth. Sources tell me that he's failed  
to play in his new team's early matches because  
he's picked up an injury. Spooky that, ain't it?



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# Dan of the Dongs

by MK Dons fan Dan Dyson

WHAT a keeper. You lot reckon he's naff but I can tell you we Dons fans think he's a class act.

I'm referring, of course, to Nathan Abbey. He was excellent in our 3-3 (aet) penalties win over Ipswich in the Carling Cup first round and was the hero as he saved a spot-kick to put us through.

He was then excellent again against Sheffield United in the second round, making several top-class saves to earn us a 2-2 draw in normal time (although admittedly his spill gifted the Blades their extra-time winner).

I see you've had a few hiccups in the keeper department, with three stoppers out injured. But don't for a moment think we'll let you have Tanny back... *(MK Dons is the best place for him - Ed)*

# boys 'r' us



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

SO Pinkney wants the squad to be streamlined does he?

I've mulled it over and he's right, there's no point keeping hold of players who are never even going to be in with a sniff of a place on the bench.

So it's time to start the cull and send those we don't need to Vicarage Road!

It's a man's game, so some tough decisions are going to have to be made.

Here's my list to give the gaffer a few pointers:

**Marlon:** *Sorry mate it's time to see the back (ow!) of you.*

**Lewis:** *The ex-Bradford chugger may only be saved if the Sol Man is determined to go.*



**Keano:** *His heart's in the right place and he's versatile (can play rubbish in many positions).*

**O'Leary:** *What d'ya mean you thought he'd gone already. That was Michael L.*

**Unders:** *The new Paul Hughes. Age is against him too.*

**Robbo:** *Awful when he first came, OK for a time, reverting to awful again.*

**Langleigh:** *Done his ligaments so is contributing the same now as he did all last term.*

That leaves a bit of room for some fresh young talent down at Kenilworth Road.

Anyone know when the News Of The World girls (pictured) are coming back.

# girls world



so women and football don't mix? not so says our Orange girlie Becky Gazeley

DURING Tuesday's triumph against Sunderland the excitement flowed like a promotion chase.

I even stubbed my toe and chipped my pedicured toenails on the seat in front (trying to kick every ball while wearing my jewel-encrusted flip-flops was not so sensible).

To be honest I completely forget the pain when the mighty Paul Furlong put on a magnificent show which finally felt like I was getting my money's worth! He clearly has no ounce of Hornet left in him!

Paul, however, hasn't taken the place of my favourite player as yet, I'm still waiting for a few more games to decide that important role!

As Luton fans we come to

## CELEB WATCH:

Depeche Mode, right, are apparently Rovers fans, they're also apparently an 80's pop group! Am I showing my age?

## MAN OF THE MONTH:

David Bell - Seriously trying hard! Let's hope it's for our benefit and not Championship scouts.

## TIP OF THE MONTH:

Long beads are back in this month, just try and keep them under control when we score!



expect drama... actually it has followed us around like a bad smell for the past couple of years.

But with a new era in Blackwell and Pinkney, I was shocked at what appeared to be our gaffer and a small rat-like creature called Dennis coming

head to head in anger last Saturday. I thought for a brief moment I was watching the Jeremy Kyle Show.

The said rat-like creature has called Mr Blackwell 'bitter'. Sorry, but nobody cares!

Taxi for Dennis I think.... Oh no, perhaps that's not Wise.

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### VITAL STATISTICS

**Full Name:** Amy McEvoy

**Age:** 19

**Occupation:** Student and part-time bar person

**Attached?** Yes

**Been a supporter since:** 2004.  
I see a lot of the fans after games at the Leaside Hotel where I work

**Best looking Hatter:** Kevin Blackwell (I like a mature man!)

**Most valuable player:** David Bell

**Player to flog:** Paul Furlong

**Ideal night out:** London

**Favourite TV shows:** Friends

Angelic  
Amy



# it's a funny old name



**Dean Brill**  
Nickname: Deano  
Alternative: Brillo Pad

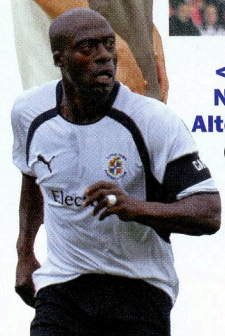


<< **Chris Perry**  
Nickname: Pez  
Alternative: Kevin (& Perry)



<< **Dean Morgan:**  
Nickname: Deano  
Alternative: Captain

<< **Paul Furlong**  
Nickname: Furls  
Alternative: Zimmer  
(although willing to share name with many other qualifying squad members)



**Keith Keane: >>**  
Nickname: Keano  
Alternative: Flat foot or Sub



**Ahmet Brkovic: >>**  
Nickname: Croation  
Sensation  
Alternative: Mr Angry

<< **Dave Edwards:**  
Nickname: Carlos  
Alternative: King



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We haven't had a player with a decent nickname for ages but now that's all changed with loan signing of Jaroslaw "The Butcher" Fojut. Orange decided to look at the squad and allocate some pet names of our own.

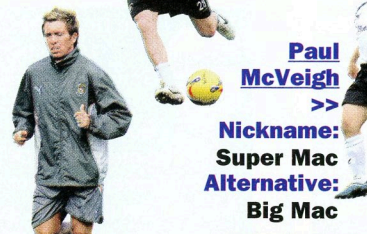
**David Bell >>**  
Nickname: Belly  
Alternative: Ding Dong



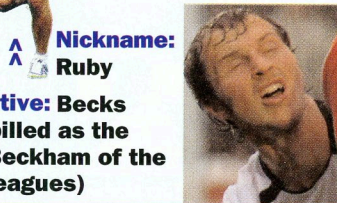
**Don Hutchison >>**  
Nickname: Hutch  
Alternative: Starsky



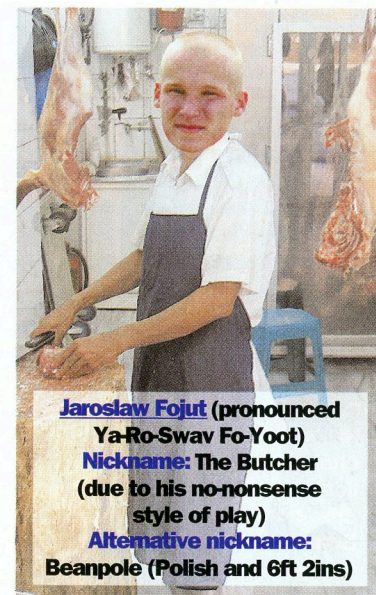
**Paul McVeigh >>**  
Nickname: Super Mac  
Alternative: Big Mac



**Darren Currie >**  
Nickname: Ruby  
Alternative: Becks  
(been billed as the David Beckham of the lower leagues)



<< **Richard Jackson**  
Nickname: Jacko  
Alternative: Bruce  
(Forsyth)



**Jaroslaw Fojut** (pronounced Ya-Ro-Swav Fo-Yoot)  
Nickname: The Butcher  
(due to his no-nonsense style of play)  
Alternative nickname: Beanpole (Polish and 6ft 2ins)



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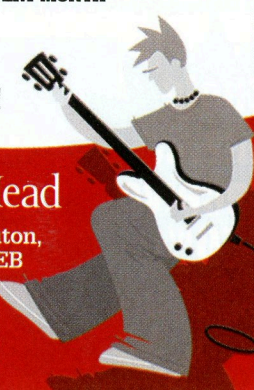
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# bring me sunshine

... a light-hearted dip into the archives at Kenilworth Road



By mid-October 2001 no less than 11 new players had made league debuts for the Hatters since the start of that season. Forming part of the up-coming Joe Kinnear revolution were Carl Emberson, Russ Perrett, Kevin Nicholls, Paul Hughes, Carl Griffiths, Ian Hillier, Adrian Forbes, Chris Coyne, Jean-Louis Valois, Dean Crowe and Ahmet Brkovic. Coyne and Brkovic are, of course, still at the club.



In the 3-3 draw at Liverpool in 1982 the Town used three different goalkeepers who each conceded a goal. Normal goalkeeper Jake Findlay was injured after conceding the first Reds goal, with his replacement Kirk 'Shakin' Stephens (as dubbed by the Kop) letting in number two. Stephens was spared further humiliation in the second half when Mal Donaghy took over between the sticks but he was powerless to prevent the third Liverpool goal.



The Town's F.A. Cup tie with Blackpool in 1953 needed three replays before it was settled. A total of 106,232 spectators witnessed this epic encounter.



In December 1934 the Town went 0-3 down at Southend after hard-man full-back Tom Mackey was sent off for disputing a penalty. So fired up were the Hatters players that they managed to fight back to 3-3.



Tom Mackey

3-3.

# return of the mac

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Better not let him see me laugh, he'll probably deck me!



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Ian McCaskill



The Hatters club shop has ordered in the latest fashion accessory to see fans through the summery start to the football season. The new £20 macs have been going down a storm. Who said LTFC was an unfashionable club?

“ Helloooooooo! There's was some high pressure on Kevin's boys after it started raining goals (well two) at the wrong end of the pitch at Swindon, causing a deep depression among the Kenilworth Road faithful. These macs are jolly nice though. Well worth the £20. ”



What a berk he looks... £40 for these two macs, plus the tickets and petrol. I could've bought so many shoes for that”

“ Cheap, plastic and utter trash, like all the rip-off football kits. Save your £20 and put it towards that designer label coat you can't really afford and which isn't even shower proof. At least you'll look the classiest drowned rat on the terraces. ”

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# what a load of rubbish #6

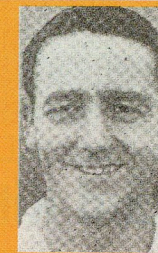
WE'VE laid into Adam Boyd so many times that reader Peter Elkington has leapt to his defence... claiming he's not Town's worst-ever signing.

Instead Peter put forward the name of Jimmy Jinks, a centre-forward who, quite frankly, we thought he'd made up... after all, who'd want a player called Jinx in their line-up?

Signed from Fulham for a 'nominal' fee (code for a set of training bibs and a couple of balls), he made his debut at Kenilworth Road in a Second Division 2-1 win against Bury on March 4, 1950. He didn't score.

Jimmy played the next three games and proved a Jinx as the games at Tottenham and Blackburn and the home match with

WE'VE suffered plenty of bad luck over the years - especially with the conceding of late goals (although that's probably karma for Bruno's cup final last-kick winner against Arsenal). But back in the 1950s Hatters had their own Jinx, a player by the name of Jimmy. Yes, I know you've never heard of him, but read on...



**Jimmy Jinx**

Cardiff all finished goalless.

Jimmy did a disappearing act from the teamsheet for the rest of that season. Records suggest this was initially due to illness and then down to the form of George Stobbs. He then didn't resurface until the sixth match of the 1950-51 campaign.

Jinx then played five matches on the spin, but Town didn't win any of them

- although he did score in the first two games of that sequence a 2-1 home

defeat to Hull and a 6-1 reverse at Bamsley.

Jimmy played nine games and scored two goals before he was transferred to Aldershot in September 1951. He's described in the archives as "a clever ball player who can crack the ball hard with either foot"... perhaps he was related to Johnny Vilstrup!

He bagged a single goal in five starts for 'Shots' before vanishing off the football radar.

## CARTHORSE OF THE MONTH



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

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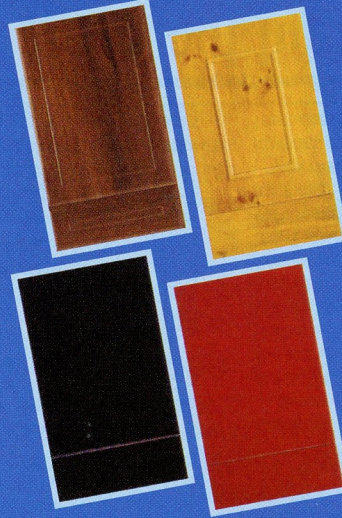
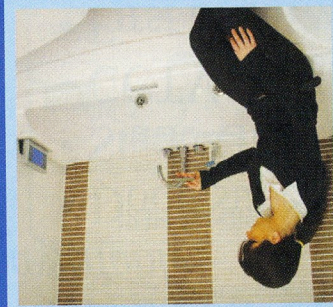
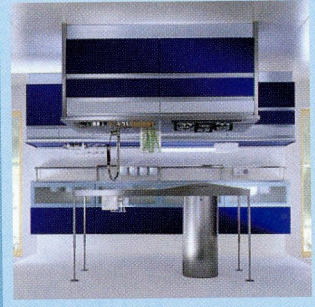
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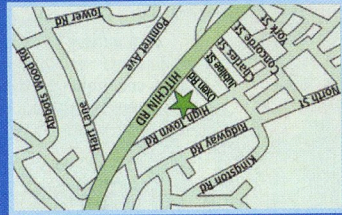
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**dear dot**

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

**DAVID SAYS:** "I've put my money where my mouth is and let Kevin bolster the squad. But now look at the number of the players we've got. We're going to have to build a bigger bench."

**DOT SAYS:** "I agree the squad is a bit too large, but bear in mind winter will kick in soon and some of the older players may be found to be running on empty. Still, you can't afford to have big earners sitting around doing nothing, so get the squad playing, get out away day.

If you drive and choose to street park, make sure you take a spare quid with you so you can employ the services of a five-year-old security guard. All in all it's a get in, get out away day.

**BRKO SAYS:** "Since the gaffer took over I've not had a look in. I know I'm no spring chicken but I've proved in the past I can bring some real flair to League One."

**DOT SAYS:** "Keep your head down and your chance will come. You've been a key Championship player for Luton so this level should be a breeze. The fans will be gagging to see a biggie kick before long and will be chanting your name."

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Carol Vorderman brings you some Hatters-related anagrams

**KARMA NIPS**  
**A NAKED DOOR**  
**SAD DO VIMS**  
**JAR CHEVRON**  
**HANDY MA LOG**  
**ROMEO NJHO**  
**ANAL LAD LOGO**

(answers below - don't look until you've tried very hard or Carol will get cross!)  
 1) Sam Parkin, 2) Oak Road end, 3) David Moss, 4) John Carver, 5) Mal Donaghy, 6) John Moore, 7) Alan Goodall

(dedicated to 'Motormouth' Mike's memory)

# talking points

- who said the following?



- 1 "We're not in a relegation battle."
- 2 "I was very surprised when he came out so strongly and said there should be an investigation into transfer dealings. Then it came out that he was on a percentage of transfers and... well, it made him look silly."
- 3 "I text Maik to say I'm gonna slip one past you. He said I'd been on the Christmas pudding!"
- 4 "It's been a bit of a circus at time. But now we have a new chairman. He's a very affluent man, he is very driven and he loves the club."
- 5 "I'm hoping it's not the level of performance the players are capable of."

(answers below)

1. Mike Newell as Luton went into freefall in the second half of last season.  
 2. Rowan Vine on Mike Newell, 3. Warren Feeney speaking after last Decem-ber's Birmingham game, 4. Chris Coyne on the arrival of chairman David Pinkney, 5. Assistant manager Sam Ellis after yet another defeat last season.

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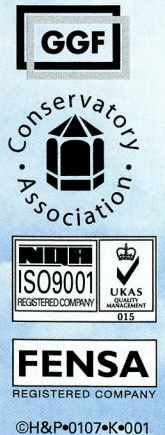
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