

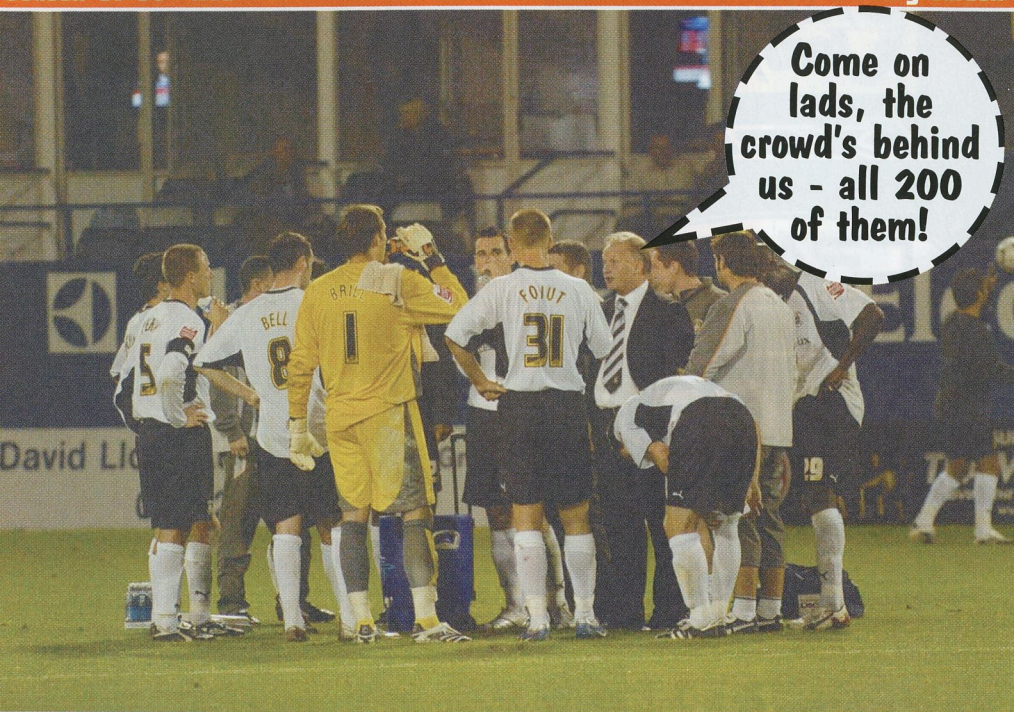
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# hatters matters

... a word from the editor

RELEGATION is depressing and it takes some getting over, be you a fan or a player.

That's why there's been a bit of a squad shake-up in an effort to move on and haul us back into the Championship quick smart.

Predictably the gates have dropped due to lower-league status and the annoyance over the sale of our best players at an unprecedented rate.

We've not exactly set League One alight yet. It's mainly due to our awful away form that we find ourselves a bit off the pace at the moment, although there's still plenty of time for things to be turned around (whoopee a point at Yeovil!)

Of course, it's a marathon not a sprint,



Hands up lads if you'll be happy with a point and you think this is going to end up as a boring goalless stalemate

but how much longer will Kevin Blackwell say "the team needs time to gel", "we're only at 65-70%" and "we're playing teams off the park but just need to be more clinical"?

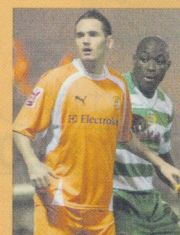
Yes, we have played some good stuff this season, but it's goals that win matches and apart from Paul Furlong who's going to get them for us? (Bring back Warren Feeney I say!)

It's also a shame that two of the best

performances of the season so far - the Sunderland and Charlton cup ties - have been played out in front of such paltry crowds.

We've drawn Everton next. Let's hope to avoid a repeat of the 4-0 drubbing in last season's cup tie because it was after that match that Town's Championship season collapsed like a pack of cards.

Mind you we're 17th in League One, can it get any worse...



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frames to help our senior pros get around the pitch. Paul Furlong's has been sent back, though, now he's proved he doesn't need it

**£300,000**

**Policing costs.** Yes, we know most of the away sides we've played so far have only brought a few hundreds fans but that hasn't stopped 'the fuzz' charging us top whack so we conform to public safety regulations. All most of them do is stand there and block our view, anyway!

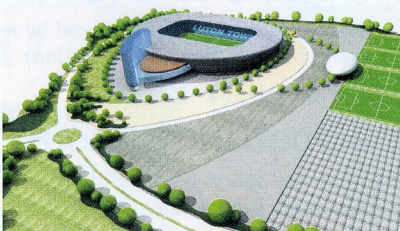


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**Consultancy fees for putting together a planning application for the proposed new stadium at Junction 12 of the M1.** It's on Green Belt land, villagers are fiercely opposed to it and even some fans have reservations, but let's press ahead and keep those fingers crossed!

• Paul McVeigh •

• Don Hutchison •

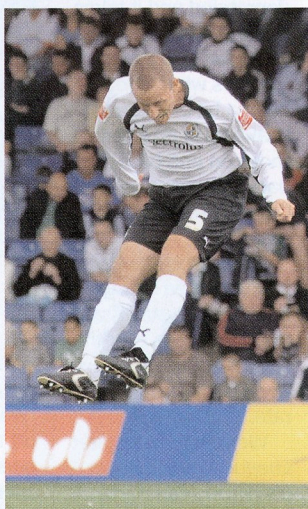
They're such regulars on the bench that Town have forked out for some gold-plated name plates to reserve their special spot

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A mass order of hard hats for the fans to wear as the stadium crumbles around their ears



# money gone?

transfer profits were being spent. Now more expensive outgoings have come to light...

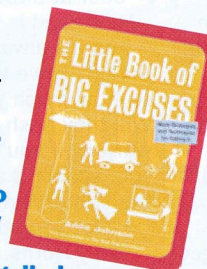
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Tin of white paint to touch up the penalty spot after it was worn out in the Bristol Rovers match



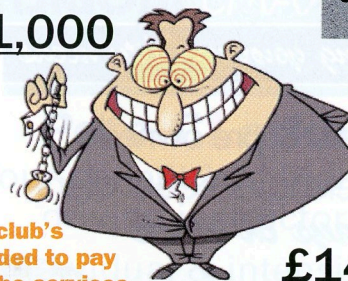
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A book of excuses for Kevin Blackwell to explain why the team still hasn't gelled or found its cutting edge



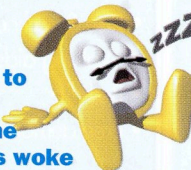
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The club's decided to pay for the services of a hypnotist to give the players more belief and to help them overcome that last-minute goal hoodoo they've been suffering from for years



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Alarm clocks to make sure the players woke up for the early Huddersfield kick off. Didn't work obviously!



**£102,260**

Free periscope for every fan who sits with a pylon or pillar blocking their view. That's 10,260 of us, then!



**£5 million!**

We're told Hatters now have the best coach in the world (no, we don't mean Kevin Blackwell). Unfortunately we had to sell Kevin Foley (and a few others) to pay for our super new transport, plus Keano did his groin and Coyne's knee popped posing for this photograph

Just to remind you, the expenses previously mentioned in Part 1 were: Good Luck In Your New Job card for departing players; Superglue to repair the corner flag which collapsed versus Burnley; woolly gloves for Dean Morgan; new balls and scoreboard bulbs due to our woeful shooting; gym membership for Boydie; wages for odd-job man to fix the guttering which collapsed v Bamsley; a rotten barn door for Feeney's shooting practice

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## match memories

Hatters fan Michael Crooks recalls his first ever game – Luton Town v Southampton on November 27, 1982

**WHY am I hooked on Luton? Southampton in the fog!**

My first ever match at the tender age of nine was back in 1982 – our first season back in the top flight.

My first live game, no action replays, fog, 2-0 down, 3-1 down and then a late, late Clive Goodyear goal and we were level, 3-3!

Plus Shilton was in goal, David Moss missed a penalty, Kirk Stephens smashed in the rebound – disallowed for offside.

Drama galore and it was replayed on Match Of The Day later that evening. I was hooked! and I haven't looked back since!

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## from the allotments

... with 'orrible 'ornet Don Monty

WELL done on beating Charlton seconds. Nice to see a little club doing well.

It's all really posh at The Vic now. Those images of grotty loos and tea huts (or was that the Oak Road End?) are all now a dim and distant memory.

We don't even have tickets now, oh no.

Your season ticket is now like a credit card, which can lead to occasional confusion when you try to buy your shopping at Sainsbury's with it.

Yep, first off you flash your card to get through the turnstile.

Then there's the good bit. You buy your obligatory yellow shirt in the shop, flash the plastic and you get

loyalty points, which I think means you have priority for seats when you reach cup finals. No laughing.

But now here's the great thing. Go and buy your pre-match pie and pint, you wave your card in front of the scanner and your name pops up – 'Hello Don Monty'.

You heard it right. You get rewarded for drinking beer at a football match. How good is that?!

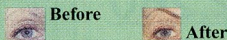
There's always a worry, though. Have they set a limit on how much you can drink? Will they flash up a health warning if you've downed your season's allocation by the end of November?

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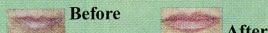
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Stop playing like you want to be playing Stevenage next season

Curtis Davies, Steve Howard, Kevin Nicholls, Rowan Vine, Carlos Edwards, Leon Barnett, Kevin Foley... start performing and you, too, might not have to play in this crummy stadium ever again

If at first you don't succeed, you'll be booed

You're lucky to be here – not many clubs spend £5m on a new coach!

Didn't your mums feed you your greens? That's why you lot are so short and we keep letting in set-piece goals

Pull your finger out or else you'll be picked for the next round of that paint trophy

Yes, you're experienced players. Yes, you've been there and done that at a higher level. Well, do it again!

# getting the message...

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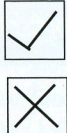
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# check it out



What to look out for in today's game

Empty seats again around the stadium

Lots of passes, but no cutting edge

Boss plays a 4-5-1 - or is it a 4-3-3?

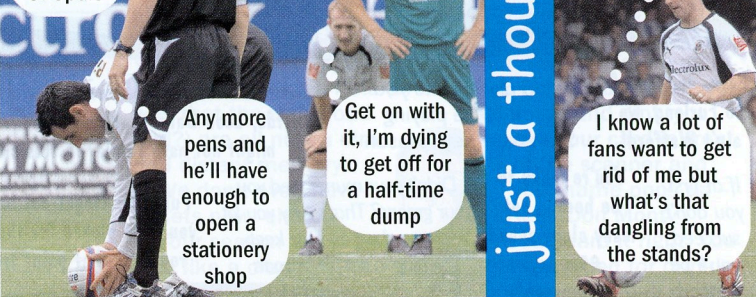
Good first half tails off in second period

Hatters concede another late goal

'We're only at 65%' claims the gaffer

Ticket office queues for Tues game (not)

One more re-take and I might get myself on to A Question Of Sport



just a thought...

## head to head...



Doncaster (H): 2-1 win  
Northampton (H): 2-1 win  
Crewe (A): 2-1 defeat  
Forest (H): 2-1 win  
Everton (H): 0-2 loss

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

Doncaster (H): 2-2 draw  
North'ton (H): 1-0 win  
Crewe (A): 1-1 draw  
Forest (H): 1-2 loss  
Everton (H): 1-3 loss



Correct result 1pt, exact score 2pts: Latest score - Steve 8 Andy 7

# just the job

they don't pay megabucks at Hatters, so players have been known to take on extra jobs to supplement their wage

1

Trevor Peake was captain when Town went into freefall and plummeted out of the top flight. But out of adversity came the nugget of an idea and Trev decided to drop in on a local skydiving business who took him on as their part-time instructor. But where's your 'chute, Peakey?

2

But the old man's legs weren't up to training with his team-mates, so instead Trev spent the week earning a little extra through a spot of truck driving



When not fit enough to play, Russ Perrett whipped out his camera and earned some extra readies as a wedding photographer. It was a marriage made in heaven, as he was available for functions most Saturdays!

3



Deano often acts like a tart on the pitch so it was no surprise when he was offered a modelling contract. Being a bit of a big head, he saw red when he was expected to strut his stuff along a green carpet, though

5



Double act Kevin and John have been signed up for a Right Guard commercial

6



Calvin Andrew has his sights set on nabbing the World's Strongest Man prize money and tried to get on the show by sending off a video of the amazing moment he lifted the Leeds keeper up on his back

# What's on...

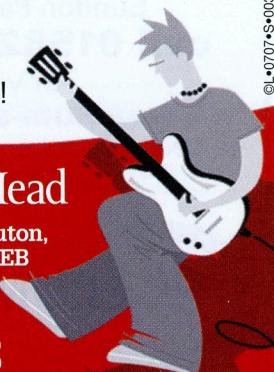
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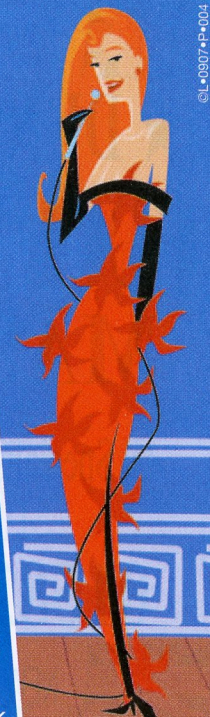
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# boys 'r' us



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

WITH such a large squad, there's no way the gaffer can keep everyone happy.

Brko, Talbot, Hutchison, McVeigh, Currie... they're all decent pros but have been sitting on the bench in recent weeks. Some people take it in their stride but others simply act like a baby.

Currie, perhaps, has been a tad unlucky to be sitting out the action and, as can be seen from the photo here, he hasn't taken the rejection very well.

Come on Dazza, be a man. If you must cry, do it behind closed doors, not in front of the crowd.

Of course he's just become a dad recently, so we'll forgive him because he's probably tired and emotional. Oh... that's a thought, perhaps this photo is really him copying that silly baby celebration routine following a Hatters goal? Needs a bit of work, then!



I hear young Keith Keane has been flown out to Germany for treatment on a troublesome groin injury. That's bad news, because he provides me with plenty of entertainment whenever he makes it on to the pitch for Hatters.

Apparently the surgeon dealing with him is the same one who's been treating Michael Owen... get to the back of the queue then, Keano!

While he's at it, perhaps the surgeon could do an op on those flat feet!

# girls world



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

AFTER watching Blackwell on Saturday against Huddersfield I couldn't remember what he reminded me of.

Suddenly, last night it came to me... one of those 'trip the light fantastic' mascaras. It claims to volumise and lengthen your lashes, to attract those you desire and to be the envy of all your friends (don't worry there is a point to this!)

Fancy words but no result! My lashes are no longer and we still have only won three league games out of seven.

My dad has always told me 'you are only as good as your last game Rebecca'. I believe this was in relation to my football match with the Brownies aged seven, when I saved two goals (he wanted to keep my feet on the ground!).

## CELEB WATCH:

What would be worse than Paul 'famous' Doncaster fan Paul Daniels turning up? Bringing Debbie McGee with him!

## MUST TRY HARDER AWARD

Dean Morgan: Seriously Dean, You have to prove yourself. You were lucky to stay on after the first 20

mins against Huddersfield. Your attitude stinks but we know you have the talent. Stop showing off and get on with it!

## TIP OF THE MONTH:

Get those Ugg boots back out again, warm furry covered feet! Perfect for Tuesday night matches!

So if you are only as good as your last game, then why did he drop Brill and then have a go at him in the press conference after the game. To be honest Kevin, If you think it's clever to 'slag off' Dean in a press conference, then you're very much mistaken. He did exceptionally well against Charlton and its unprofessional to have outbursts about your players. Before the game against

Northampton, I happened to bump into a gentleman in a very sharp brown pin-stripe suit. When I looked up it was actually Matthew Spring looking quite cool as well as confident.

I'm not sure whether it's the suit, but he seems to be playing much better than he has before.

Perhaps some of our other players need to get the name of his tailor!

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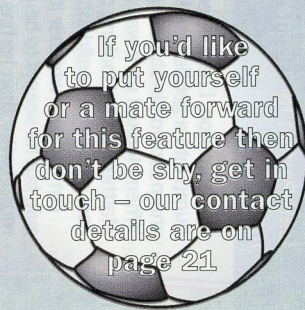
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# What a beauty!



## Cutie Candice

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**Age:** 23

**Occupation:** Hairdresser/  
bar person

**Attached?** Single

**Been a supporter since:** Always  
supported them as I'm from Luton

**Best looking Hatter:** Dean Brill

**Most valuable player:** Dave  
Edwards

**Player to flog:** The worst  
looking (erm... Keith Keane)

**Ideal night out:** Going out with  
the girls, eating and drinking then  
going home wrecked!

**Favourite TV shows:** Friends,  
X Factor





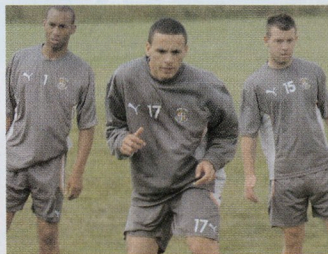
# give us a break



Never one to be argumentative, Deano graciously accepted the role of chief clothes washer and spent most of his time in the Butlins laundrette



Chief exec John Mitchell entered the talent contest with his plank karate chop routine, while Sam Parkin's comic stand-up act (well sit-down, actually, as his ankle was hurting), which included a joke about a debt-ridden football club buying an injured striker for £340,000 and then wondering why he was never fit to play, went down as badly as Hatters last season



The lads were desperate that one of them should win the outdoor game of musical statues

The gaffer decided to enter the Pop Idol contest. He wasn't bad either... so why did the chief exec walk out just as he was singing "if I had a little money" from Abba hit Money, Money, Money?



...

Blackwell wasn't joking when he said he was glad of a midweek break and would be taking the team to Skeggy after the Bristol Rovers game. Orange put a spy in the camp to see what the lads got up to at Butlin's!



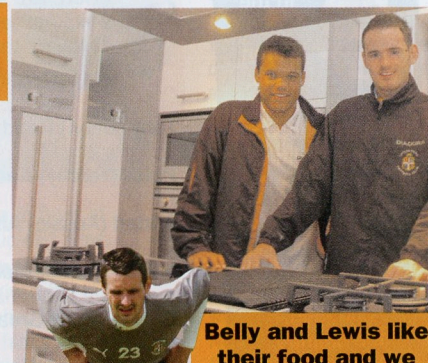
Much to the players' annoyance, Happy Harry managed to grab all the Skeggy girls for himself



Robbo tried to chill out by catching up on a spot of reading of his favourite fanzine



Brko and Drew decided to enter the camp's piggy-back race and romped home first



Belly and Lewis like their food and we managed to grab this shot of them putting together a team meal in their shiny five-star caravan... but Springy couldn't stomach the duo's cooking

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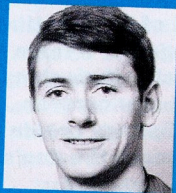
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# bring me sunshine ... a light-hearted dip into the archives at Kenilworth Road



In the '60s Luton fans were heard to chant 'Rioch for England' little knowing that the sharp-shooting inside-forward Bruce would eventually captain Scotland, the country of his proud father



Here are some nicknames of Hatters players through the ages.

**Billy (Rabbit) Waugh**

**John (Granny) Groves**  
**Tony (Beryl) Read**  
**Malcolm (Supermac) Macdonald**  
**Peter (Torchy) Anderson**  
**John (Maxie) Faulkner**  
**Adrian (Aussie) Alston**  
**Pasquale (Lil) Fuccillo**  
**Milija (Elastic) Aleksic**  
**John (Dixie) Deans**  
**Tony (Paddy) Grealish**  
**Kirk (Basher) Stephens**  
**Brian (Nobby) Horton**  
**David (Mini) Preece**  
**Imre (Olive) Varadi**



'Nobby' gives a TV interview



In December 1966 the Hatters, second from bottom of the old Division Four, travelled to Lincoln, the only club below them. The Imps ran out 8-1 winners!

**John (Tumble) Dreyer**  
**Martin (Billy) Williams**  
**Adrian (Shreck) Forbes**

Nicknames seemed to have been dying out over the past few years but we now have a glut with Darren (Ruby) Currie, Drew (Sunbeam) Talbot and David (Betty) Forde on the books at Kenilworth Road this season



Long-serving skipper Syd Owen is the only Luton player to be named 'Footballer of the Year', an award he picked up just before the Town's defeat to Nottingham Forest in the 1959 F.A. Cup final

# what a load of rubbish #7

GREAT things were expected of Vidar Riseth when Terry Westley plucked him from Norwegian team Kongsvinger to add some threat to Hatters' 1995/96 campaign in the old Division One.

As it turned out he provided Town's frontline with all the punch of a Joe Bugner powerpuff jab and played little part in the campaign which ended with Hatters relegation to Division Two.

Vidar made only seven starts and five sub appearances during his time at Kenilworth Road and Luton never won a match in which he featured (six defeats and six draws).

THIS month we decided to turn the clock back to the nightmare that was the Terry Westley managerial era. There were a few duds in that squad but step forward Nowegian striker Vidar Riseth



He made his debut at home as a sub against Charlton on October 29, 1995, and was then given a run of six starts in the number 9 jersey before Westley lost patience with him.

During that spell of matches - in which he failed to score - the poor sod was unlucky enough to get the chance to play in the ill-fated Anglo-Italian Cup. Hatters lost 2-1 in

Cesana in front of a pathetic 461 fans.

Once Westley had been given the big heave-ho, Lennie clearly didn't fancy him, either, and shipped Vidar back

to his old team on loan.

Costing Hatters £110,000, he seemed a complete waste of money at the time.

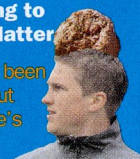
In hindsight, though, perhaps it was just Luton's coaching staff who couldn't get the best out of him. Just two years after leaving us, Celtic paid a £1.5m fee to sign him from ASK Linz and he went on to play for Norway in the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000.

## CARTHORSE OF THE MONTH

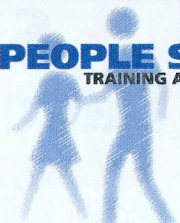


police horse Charlie awards a pile of steaming dung to an under-performing Hatter

Sure, Paul McVeigh hasn't been given much of a chance, but when we have seen him he's done very little to impress



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# the exHATTERfiles



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



## EX-FILE #1 Curtis Davies



I've been asked to carry out a detailed investigation on this lad, as there seems to be some funny goings on with transfer deals. First Luton pleaded to get the next installment of his £3m switch to the Hawthorns ahead of schedule to plug some holes in their finances. Now the Baggies have loaned him out for a season with a view to an eventual £8-9m move to Villa. All this wheeling and dealing is alien to me and just delays Luton getting their sell-on cash. Villa probably won't even want him in the end!



## EX-FILE #2 Duncan Jupp



Mystery still surrounds why Big Fat Joe brought this plonker to the club in 2003. I've carried out detailed discussions with supporters who tell me they wondered why he needed to sign such a crap right back when he'd also secured the services of Paul Shepherd for the end-of-season run-in. Unbelievably Dunc's currently still employed - by Gillingham. Hatters fan tell me they were looking forward to laughing at him at the recent home game but he bottled it, claiming he was injured



## EX-FILE #3 Rowan Vine



What's that smell... Oh it's the smell of Vine rotting in Birmingham's reserves. You didn't need psychic powers to have foreseen that scenario. He probably doesn't regret leaving Luton, as he's earning big money regardless of whether he's playing. But Luton fans miss him, so I'll investigate the chances of a loan deal



## EX-FILE #4 Warren Feeney



My nostrils have also picked up a strong smell with this Ex-File too. It's the smell of bulls\*\*t coming out of Mr Feeney's backside. My research tells me he was claiming he was about to shoot Cardiff into the Premiership, now he's been sent away to bitter rivals Swansea on loan in a secret mission to ruin their season



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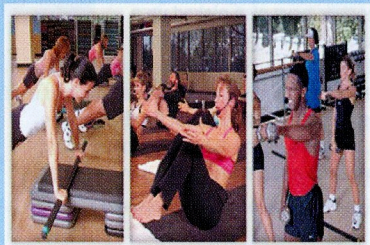


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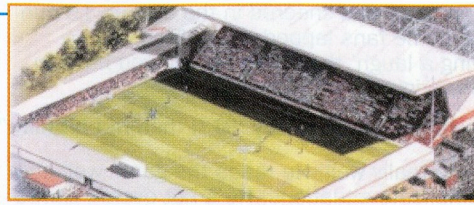
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"BLUE Moon, You Saw Me Standing Alone..."

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One thing you won't hear the fans chant (if there's enough of them to muster a chant, that is) is any sort of dissent

aimed at Alex boss Dario Gradi. He's the longest-serving manager in the Football League, having been the gaffer since 1983.

Having clocked up 24 years at the helm, the Crewe supporters have probably long-since given up on calling for his head, anyway.

The Cheshire club is best known for its association with the railway industry, so expect to see a posse of duffel coated, notebook-hugging train-

## directions

M1, M6, exit at J16 and follow signs for Crewe. Can't go wrong really – unless you stop off at a pub and forget the time!

Even easier if you take a train and upon arrival turn left out of the station, then left again and you'll be there.

## famous fans

**Michael Crawford**  
Ooh Betty, I've got a bit of trouble. Hmmm. You see I support a naff team



**Dario G**  
The dance band are mad Alex fans and, yes, they're actually named after the Crewe boss



**Rob Cieka**  
Drummer with the Boo Radley's. Never heard of him so you'll have to guess which one he is...



spotters loitering in the vicinity (the train station is only stone's throw – duck! – away from the ground).

The Crewe crater on Mars is named after the town and the club is about as likely to go on a team-building trip to see it as they are to ever make the top flight.

In 2005, Crewe was voted one of the chavviest towns in Britain. Keep your eyes peeled for the Burberry baseball caps and hoodies.



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



DEAN SAYS:

"I did pretty well early doors but then the gaffer brought in a new keeper when I was injured. I'm fit again now but he's brought in a Premiership goalie, despite my Carling Cup heroics. Will I ever get a proper chance?"



DOT SAYS:

"You've been at Luton for a while and if you're ever going to make the breakthrough it's likely to be this season. Keep impressing when you get the chance and you may secure the No.1 jersey."



JARO SAYS:

"I've signed on to get some experience but so far I've been kept out of the team for most of my stay by a midget centre half and a man with dodgy knees. What's the point?"



DOT SAYS:

"The midget and his sidekick are experienced pros, so you can't expect to dislodge them from the team just like that. You're here as cover and at least you're getting more of a first-team look-in than you'd get at Bolton. Be patient."

## 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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# What a mix-up!

Carol Vorderman brings you some Hatters-related anagrams

- RAD ODD FIVE
- AFAR AWAY JADED
- AJAR FOWL JUT SO
- CARJACK HINDS OR
- GALUMPH VICE
- ED SNOWY
- PEA ENJOY

(answers below – don't look until you've tried very hard or Carol will get cross!)  
David Forde, Edward Asafu-Adjaye, Jaroslav Fojut, Richard Jackson, Paul McVeigh, Syd Owen, Joe Payne

# (dedicated to 'Motormouth' Mike's memory) talking points

- who said the following?

- 1 "Every Luton pass was cheered in the closing 15 minutes as the home fans lapped it up. 'Premiership you're having a laugh' they chanted and you have to say they were right!"
- 2 "I didn't even have time to say 'I@\*!' before I hit him."
- 3 "Keith's done really well. He reads the game well and doesn't complicate situations. He's not even a centre half, he's a midfielder and he'll get better."
- 4 "I couldn't believe it when I found out Drew was only 20 – he must have had a hard paper round in Sheffield, that's all I can say!"
- 5 "I even worked in Sainsbury's and the worst thing was stacking pet food because it stinks. Stacking shelves compared to kicking a ball in the Premier League is a rude awakening."

(answers below)  
1. Sunderland Evening Chronicle journalist after this season's 3-0 win over Brands Hatch; 2. Mike Newell commenting on Keith Keane last season; 3. Kevin Blackwell on Drew Talbot; 4. Ex-Hatter Curtis Davies.

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