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## hatters matters

... a word from the editor

FORGET the injury crisis we've been suffering – it's time to get positive.

Today's the day our league campaign is going to get the kickstart it so desperately needs.

With one or two players getting fit and back towards first team contention, now's the time for a dramatic improvement in our results.

The target must be to get to 0 points as soon as possible. How about by Christmas?

That means beating Dagenham, Brentford, Barnet and Morecambe at home (surely possible, with a bit of luck – although after Altrincham...) and getting a victory at either Rochdale or Wycombe.

Bournemouth are still on minus points



No wonder Hatters are getting injured. It's all down to the warm-up routine. How on earth did contortionist Keith Keane manage to stretch his leg like this?

and after that it's Mike Newell in our sights – his Grimsby team haven't got a league win yet, so must be catchable.

We started 30 points behind Grimsby and now it's 20 (with a game in hand!), so on both teams' current form we're on course to overhaul the Mariners after about 42 matches (a bit too close to the end of the season for comfort,

though). Well done to 16-year-old Jordan Patrick for making a little bit of history at Grimsby by being the youngest-ever player to appear for Town.

He may not hold that title for long, though, if the injury jinx continues – with Jean-Phillipe Yamfam (what a great name!), who's even younger, making the squad recently.



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# The news at



## What a load of rubbish

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## It's a licence to chill for 003

WE all know that over the years the Sol Man has been given a licence to kill by various managers - well, that's the only explanation we can think of for some of his ferocious tackling.

But we've now realised that our trusty left back is a massive James Bond fan.

While most of the injured players were kitted out like Lewis, right, for the doomed Bournemouth match, Sol resisted the temptation of saying: "Get me my padded club coat, Miss Money Penny".

Instead he showed how hard he is by sporting a rather dapper James Bond-style suit.

He's seen here making a bee-line for the club bar once the ref had called a premature end to proceedings, presumably to grab one of those shaken-but-not-stirred cocktails.

Fans worried about the club's injury



**THE NAME'S DAVIS, SOL DAVIS:**  
All that's missing is the dickie bow.

crisis should gain a Quantum Of Solace from the fact that he's well on the road to recovery. Once he's back I'm sure agent 003 will beat The Living Day-lights out of right wingers again.

# Ken

Rumours, speculation, gossip and half-truths



Where did it  
all go wrong?

## An old pals' act

THEY shared some good times down at Kenilworth Road, but now the harsh reality of life at the bottom of the Football League has well and truly sunk in. Mick and Mike had the chance to meet up when Town played up at Grimsby recently. Presumably they met up for a pint after the match for the chance to catch up and share their tales of woe. I bet the Hatters bus got back to Bedfordshire late that night.

## I've got chills...



THE unexpected big freeze meant it was the temperature, as well as the two teams' points tally, that was in minus figures when Hatters tried to play Bournemouth.

The Cherries keeper was so cold that he was frozen to the spot when this Chris Martin effort flew just wide (either that or he was admiring the snazzy orange football).. but fair play to him for not wearing trackie bottoms. As for poor Paul McVeigh... when you're out of luck, you really are. After waiting months for a start, he finally got into the side - but even then he only got his normal six minutes of match action.



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# Lookie likies...



**HIT-AND-MISS** England star Steve McManaman played for some of Europe's greatest clubs in the form of Liverpool and Real Madrid.

But here at the Hatters we have our very own frizzy, long-haired star in the guise of Rossi Jarvis - or we did until he had a recent haircut!

As well as their appearance there's another similarity - both spend/spent long times drifting out of games, especially when stuck on the flank.

Mac may have turned out on a weekly basis at Anfield and the Bernabau, but let's be honest, who wants to play for the Reds or the Galacticos when you could be a Hatter?!



our survey says...

It's 1pt for a right result and 2pts for a precise score

**Town 3 Bamet 1**  
With our tails up we continue our winning streak. Well I'm allowed to dream...

**Town 3 Bamet 0**  
A few injured players are back and I'm going to risk jinxing the outcome.

**Town 1 Bamet 0**  
A scrappy game is decided by a solitary goal as Luton win two on the bounce.

**Town 2 Bamet 1**  
Craddock fires Luton to win and ever closer to their zero salvation.

**Town 2 Br'ford 0**  
Finally we start to find some form now that we've got some players back.

**Town 1 Br'ford 1**  
I can't stand it, I can't predict yet another loss. Still, a draw's really not good enough.

**Town 2 Br'ford 0**  
No problems this time as Harford's men have too much for the Bees.

**Town 2 Br'ford 1**  
Late drama to settle this one as Nico fires home penalty in the 94th minute.

**R'dale 1 Town 2**  
We can't keep clean sheets but we're making chances. Safety here we come.

**R'dale 4 Town 1**  
When I predict a win we lose, so I'm going for a 1-4 reverse and hope I'm wrong.

**R'dale 3 Town 0**  
The hosts are flying high and the form book proves true as Rochdale cruise.

**R'dale 2 Town 1**  
Play-off chasing Dale just have too much for Harford's Hatters at Spotland.

**Town 2 D&R 1**  
Our home form has been awful so far, so it's high time we got some results.

**Town 0 D&R 2**  
I'm not getting any results right, so it's time to be less optimistic. I'll go for a 0-2.

**Town 1 D&R 1**  
Hatters' home form has been pretty poor but they do enough here for a point.

**Town 2 D&R 1**  
They can't beat Altrincham, but it's a funny old game, I'll still go for a home win.

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# On the ball... with Ricky Hill

**PART ONE**

Half Time Orange's Steve Sims meets a Luton Town legend - and asks him some daft questions.

## >> Is it true you haven't cut your hair since 2004?

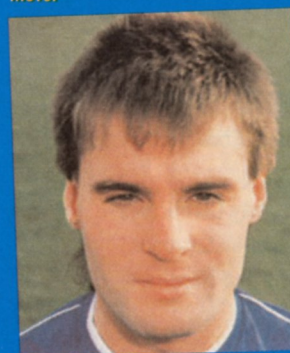
"I returned to England after a successful spell in Trinidad. It was a big sacrifice to go there and it wasn't home. I came back and thought 'what am I going to do now?'"

"I'd been out of the game for 18 months. I wrote to clubs and asked if there was any chance of an interview. Certain clubs wrote back, others didn't."

"The PFA recommended me but there wasn't any offers. I know there is an issue with ethnic minority groups furthering their career after football is over."

"There's only Keith Alexander and Paul Ince in management jobs and very few people in background staff posts. I said to myself until I get a job offer from a football club I will grow my hair."

"I've not had one offer to go back into the professional environment. When I was coaching at Sheffield Wednesday, Benito Carbone and Paulo di Canio told me my coaching was Serie A. Why would someone not want that? Hence my hair is still on the move."



**HE'S GONNA GET IT:** What happened when Ricky tried to take out Everton hardman Pat Van Den Hauwe?

## >> Did you ever commit a really bad foul?

"When we played Everton in an FA Cup replay at Goodison in 1986, I got studs on my face."

"Brian Stein told me in the dressing room at half-time it was Pat Van Den Hauwe. I didn't realise but I played the entire second half concussed."

"I thought 'next time he's going to get it'. The next time we played Everton the ball was in the air and came down by Pat Van Den Hauwe and I thought 'he's going to get it'...but I missed! The intent was there, though."

## >> Can you tell us a funny story from your time at Luton?

"The funniest team talk David Pleat administered was for an evening game at Hull."

"Gary Heale had just been bought from Canvey Island. We were in the hotel and David looked at Gary and asked him how he was feeling and could he do 90 minutes, to which he said he felt all right and he could do the full game."

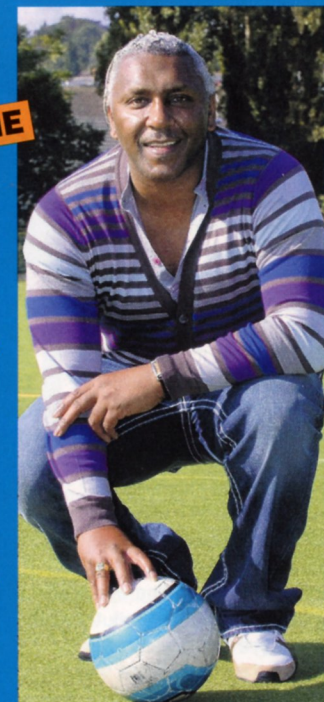
"Then he told him he was sub! All the lads broke out laughing. It broke the ice."

## >> There must be something funnier than that!

"All the young boys used to have to sing a carol at Christmas and stand in the dressing room in Wellington Boots naked."

"It was part of being an apprentice. In they'd come one at a time and we'd be voting on who was worst and booing them off."

"It was like an X Factor scenario. The worse one had to run around the pitch naked with nothing but their boots on. Then the lads would get a hose and bathe him with water. I



remember Marc North was one of the worst. That one might still be going on now."

## >> Have you been on the phone to offer Mick advice?

"He's already lasted longer than me, so I don't think he needs my help! I wish him luck with anything he does. He came to my wedding in 1986. I love him to death."

"They're in good hands. The key is to go on a run where they can get victories. That will be Mick's aim. As well as points it puts pressure on the teams above you."



A crazy LTFC festive tradition involved a hosepipe, singing and some wellies!

>> Ricky was interviewed by HTO's Steve Sims. See what happened when Steve and Ricky squared up on the football pitch by viewing the Half-time Orange section of [lutontoday.co.uk](http://lutontoday.co.uk)



# exiled hat

University of Leeds  
student Tom Skinner –  
a Luton fan oop north



PEOPLE'S ignorance of Luton's plight is starting to irritate me.

A few Saturdays ago I was stuck in the university library, at a computer, panicking that I had two essays to churn out for the following Friday.

Panicking so much, in fact, that I kept glancing up every 30 seconds at the score updates for our game against Bury.

Knowing that Luton are atrociously bad at hanging on to leads, I was pretty nervous as the clock reached 4.45pm. Imagine, therefore, my frustration when the librarian entered the computer room to announce that it was closing.

Does he not realise the importance of the situation?

Secondly, watching Match Of The



Viney  
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against  
Adrian  
Chiles'  
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Brom

Day 2 recently, Hull's incredible rise from the foot of the league 10 years ago to their current invasion of the Premiership was being discussed.

Adrian Chiles then quipped: "I wonder who is 92nd in the Football League today?"

How is this purported football fanatic unaware of our position?

After all, only two years ago I saw him walking down Dunstable Road looking fairly annoyed after Rowan Vine had run his beloved Baggies ragged.

Has he really already forgotten about the club where the away fans enter the ground by walking through someone's

house? Adrian, that's 'Too Bad'!

At least we know the task ahead of us and we've got to keep the faith.

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# girls' world



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

THIS week I have been treated to several reminders that Christmas is on its way and flicking through my diary, panic has officially struck.

Six whole weeks before Christmas! Before long it'll be time to spend with the family/have a blazing row with the other half/feel desperately miserable and single (delete where appropriate).

But most importantly Boxing Day will arrive and so will the opportunity to escape!

Luton v Lincoln. At home! At this moment in time, however, we have a fair few games to get through and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the dashing Mr Craddock will be in Bedfordshire for the festive season.

He really is a breath of fresh air and, with our terrible luck in

## RUMOUR MILL

>> The word on the street is that one of Luton's strikers thinks that the fans treat him unfairly and that we just can't see how good he is. Um... well start scoring then, Paul! (whoops!)

## CELEB WATCH

>> Well I couldn't think of any famous D&R fans off the top of my head, so I asked Google. It told me that Carlos Tevez is a fan. And they say we'd be lost without the internet!

injuries, he's just what the doctor ordered.

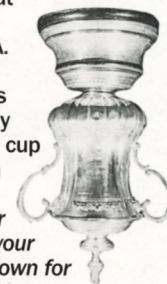
I have two rants now. Firstly, I think it's time Sol Davis was on his

way. He is the last of the 'big' money earners at the club now Parkin has gone and while he isn't playing fabulously he really is a drain on the club.

Secondly, I would like to wave my flag of excitement at the fans that protested against the FA.

Personally I think football's governing body can stick their cup where the sun don't shine (we'll settle for sticking it on your page upside down for now – Ed) and let us concentrate on staying in league football – a position they put us in in the first place.

Up the Hatters!



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**Most valuable player:**

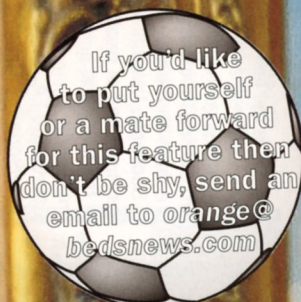
Sam Parkin

**Player to flog:** Sol Davis

**Ideal night out:** Party

**Favourite TV show:**

Come Dine With Me



what a beauty!

Lucia



## what do we think of it so far?



A VERY mixed bag of results yet again and the indifferent home form continues. It all means we've still yet to make real in-roads into the massive points deficit.

But given the injury-ravaged squad and the fact that we've been dragging people out of school to play, it's all the more remarkable we've managed to get as many points as we have.

Jordan Patrick, left, is one for the future and will the left peg of Jake Howells, right, turn out to be every bit as good as Matthew Taylor's?

It looks like both have bright futures and neither lad is going to get frozen out of the game - apart from the Bourmemouth one! Sold by the summer, then!



The departure of experienced striker Sam Parkin is likely to help our bank balance rather than our chances of the great escape. Still looking at this evidence it appears that the big man may have been a bit scared of the challenges that lie ahead for the Hatters



A ROUND of applause, though, for Tom Craddock, who's looked lively since joining on loan from Middlesbrough. He's someone who knows where the net is. His Grimsby strike is the goal of the season so far - admittedly there's not been many to choose from, though!



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# They're dropping

At a time when we can least afford it, the injury jinx has struck at Kenilworth Road. Recently it's been easier for Mick to list the players available rather than those who have been forced to sit on the sidelines.



At least none of our knocks has been as bad as the one sustained by the poor Brighton keeper in the pre-season friendly. He argued he could carry on, but didn't have a (left) leg to stand on.

Sam gave blood for the cause – on the few occasions he was ever on the pitch. Still he's fit now (for Orient). They're fans are getting excited about a dream Parkin/Boyd strikeforce, with ammo from Morgs on the wing. That's got to be a winner!



I'm sorry lads, that makes just 10 fit players. You're going to have to start now. Does one of you want to go in goal?



Pilks thought he'd make a few media headlines when he fell foul of the injury made famous by Beckham and Rooney. But then he discovered no-one gives a s@@! about life outside the Premiership

# like flies...



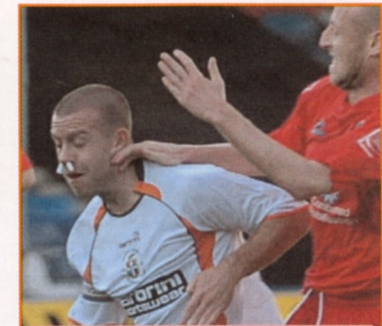
Nico has been laid low for a chunk of the season, but you'll never catch him lying down on the job when he's in the thick of the action... oh, apart from here.



Rossi Jarvis has missed the odd game and has been somewhat lethargic in others. The problem, as seen here, is he can't get his arse in gear.



Unimpressive Kevin Watson has been out, too. We're not really sure what's wrong with him – or what his injury is!



Keano's always been one to set a (stand-in) captain's example. He's played on despite serious injury to both nostrils. Even a karate chop to the neck couldn't put him on the sidelines.

BEEN INJURED OUT TOO...Sol Davis, Lewis Emanuel, Garreth O'Connor, Ed Asafu-Adjaye, Ryan Charles, Asa Hall, Marc Pugh... oh, run out of room....

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## the ones that got away

kicked out by Hatters, but they turned out to be quite good, actually



AFTER being spotted playing for his district team in Birmingham, Frankie joined Luton straight from school before making his Hatters debut against Derby in August 1980.

He was still 17, but scored a point saver against Oldham two games later.

Although big and strong and a reasonable goalscorer, Frankie was never able to command a permanent place in Luton's eventual top flight side so moved down the leagues to join up with his old



**NOW: Frankie Bunn is working as a coach at Coventry City**

team-mate Brian Horton, by now manager at Hull, in 1985.

Frankie finished as

top scorer for the Tigers in his first season at Boothferry Park, which led to a £90,000 move to Oldham where his claim to fame was scoring six goals in a League Cup tie against Scarborough in 1989, still a record in the competition.

Sadly, crowd favourite Frankie was forced to retire from first class football after aggravating a serious knee injury during the Littlewoods Cup final against Nottingham Forest at Wembley in 1990.

Despite a 19-month battle to regain fitness following major surgery, Frank was unable to continue at the top level, although he did recover sufficiently to resume in non-League circles.

Frank is now first team coach at Coventry City.



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Only Watford manages to get rid of managers who weren't

under the slightest bit of pressure from the fans.

There hadn't been a single 'Boothroyd out' chant - despite the fact we led three times at home to Blackpool last week and lost it... in the last minute.

He even had us playing what goes for good football. We passed it occasionally (although we did get bored with that from time to time and kicked it upfield) - it does get the ball there much quicker, doesn't it?

Aidy's a good manager and it wasn't his fault we'd sold half the players. The other

half were injured and even when we do win a game we have to draw it because of a phantom goal (I'm still not over that, as you can see).

He was, after all, only the second man to ever take Watford to the Promised Land, the top flight. Now it seems the closest we'll ever get to the Promised Land is a pre-season tour to Israel.

Maybe we do need to freshen things up, and good luck to Malky the new boy in charge as caretaker. But the one thing you can guarantee is the next manager will be... cheaper.

Even Elton's gone, thrown a fit and renounced his life president title after this week's news.

Not quite on a par with The Beatles returning their MBEs, but pretty close in this corner of Hertfordshire, I can tell you.

Still difficult at your place, I hear. Any truth in the rumour that Mick Harford was stopped for speeding after the last match? Apparently he told police he'd do anything to get three points.

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Mobility Supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance
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less than £14,600 per annum
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less than £14,600 per annum
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