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We couldn't believe it when the FA followed up their ridiculous 10-point deduction with an improper conduct charge for Kevin Nicholls. Nico supposedly incited the crowd at the end of the Bradford game, but all he was doing was rousing the fans for the vital matches to come. Now we've infiltrated Soho Square to find out what other trumped-up charges could be in the pipeline for LTFC.



← More net losses

There may be more than a few holes in the validity of this charge, but the FA has spotted a number of gaps in the 'Dreyer Net' above the beach huts. Quoting Health & Safety rule 152.5.35 they say we're putting the community at unnecessary risk from flying footballs by not repairing the damned thing.

Who grassed us up then?

A little-known (and never previously enforced) FA directive states that the average length of a club's grass should be no more than 1.5cm. Guess what? Ours is 1.6cm. They've also decided to clamp down on clubs who water



their pitch to aid a fast-passing game. What are the odds that these charges won't be turfed out?



They can bog off

Don't be fooled, ladies, the gents' urinals don't look anything like this. It's more one long metallic tray which everyone relieves themselves in. Why choose now to penalise us for it? Are they taking the pee?

We don't measure up

Sit down. You won't believe this one. FA officials took a tape measure into the last home game to measure the leg room between the seats. They've now decreed that every other row has to be ripped out to give sufficient leg room for the supporters or we'll be charged with putting fans at risk of DVT.



Really putting the boot in

With so many Hatters players opting for colourful boots, the FA have issued a "back to black - or else" rule.

Ken Rumours, speculation, gossip and half-truths

Trumped-up FA charges special

They're not taking this light-ly

Under new European laws there's a crackdown on lighting, including football club scoreboards and floodlighting.

Those eager-to-please FA suck-ups have decided to start their clampdown at



Luton, of course.

They've discovered that the percentage of working scoreboard bulbs has fallen below minimum standards - and they're also not

energy-saving ones.

The FA also say that Town's floodlights are turned on far too early during a game and cause light pollution for miles around.

I wonder what the punishment's going to be for these offences?



Don't condemn us yet

Soho Square has launched a secret campaign to get Kenilworth Road condemned. We know it's more than 100 years old, and part of the away end roof fell off against Aldershot, but we still love the old place. Maybe an "unfit ground" charge could push along a relocation?

Loan moan

Not wanting clubs to get into debt, there's now an FA campaign to stop teams obtaining loans.



And because the bigwigs are stupid and only see things in black and white, they're applying this not just to bank applications, but also to temporary player deals.

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10pts  mark wood	Town 1 Shrews 0 Town tighten up their defence for the run-in and a string of wins are their reward.	Accy 0 Town 1 This time the pitch doesn't freeze and the Hatters leave it late to triumph.	Vale 1 Town 1 A trip to the Potteries proves difficult and Town are pegged back after leading.	Town 2 Gills 1 Every game's a must-win and Luton battle back from a goal down to reign supreme.
4pts  steve sims	Town 1 Shrews 2 I'm nearly as far adrift in this contest as LTFC are, so I'll go for a loss to try to make up deficit.	Accy 2 Town 2 Craddock double but I reckon we'll shoot ourselves in the foot and concede late goal.	Vale 0 Town 2 Finally we win a "must-win" game. We just need to rattle off another ten in a row now!	Town 3 Gills 1 Tuesday night games under the lights are either dull or dramatic. The latter this time.
8pts  alec swann	Town 3 Shrews 3 Goals galore at Kenilworth Road, but the two sides have to be happy with a point each.	Accy 0 Town 1 A rare away day success for the Hatters with Tom Craddock netting the decisive goal.	Vale 1 Town 0 No joy for the visitors this time around with Vale getting the better of a scrappy affair.	Town 2 Gills 0 A Sam Parkin brace is more than enough to see off any threat the Gills might offer.
12pts  carl field	Town 1 Shrews 1 Things are desperate now after two more points dropped at home.	Accy 1 Town 0 Stanley once again prove just who they are and other results aren't helping.	Vale 0 Town 0 A shut-out at Vale Park as Big Mick admits that draws aren't good enough any more.	Town 2 Gills 1 Vital three points secured, but it will take a mammoth effort to avoid the drop now.

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Maradona is certainly better at scoring than Drew!

<< One man who drew a blank in front of goal was Mr Talbot, hence he's been shipped out to Chesterfield. He was once dubbed "the Ginger Maradona" by a crazy man, but we thought "the Ginger Stuart Douglas" was more appropriate.



<< Ian Henderson looks like a good signing. He'll certainly give some full-backs a few hairy moments. His flowing dark locks are held in place by a girly Alice band. Patrik Berger has a lot to answer for.

Conrad Logan looked a decent keeper and certainly filled the goal, which helped. He pulled off some good saves and seemed to care about our cause. Then things got a bit silly when Conrad (or his agent) demanded more money to extend his loan. If he wanted more disposable income, he should've disposed of his agent.



<< Mark Bower gave a man-of-the-match debut performance at Bournemouth, and will be a valuable extra defender in the squad. But once Pilks has returned will he get a sniff of the action?

We've somehow managed to pin Tom down to a permanent contract. But it makes you wonder how many of our signings have a relegation escape clause written in their deals?



<< Another dip into the loan market by Mick brought us Sunday-Akinni Wasiu. Comparisons have been made to former favourite Enoch. Is he as good? Never in a month of Sundays. Perhaps we haven't seen his Sunday best, but for us he doesn't quite have the pace or unpredictability of Mr Showunmi – or any of those classic comedy moments.



Deano's juggling circus act is no more as he spends the rest of his Town contract on loan to Orient. That means there'll be no more golden moments like that spectacular winner against Southampton, the ripper against Reading, or the ... no that's it really. Still, Morgs' departure means he won't be paid over the odds to sit in the stands any more. We got fed up with him strolling around the pitch. Even his renowned half-time entertainment – the golf-ball-in-gob routine (see above) – was wearing a bit thin. We're not sure he wants to be playing in the Orient first team, though. Didn't he miss two pens in one of their recent reserve games?

exiled hat



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



LUTON fans may be praying for some kind of divine intervention at the moment but the white stuff falling out of the sky in recent weeks has been rather too cold to be manna.

Maybe this is a blessing – goodness knows what would happen to in Roper's waistline if hunks of bread started falling on the Keelworth Road pitch.

The weather once again prevented me from attending a Luton match as the Accrington game was frozen out.

Is my friend had come up for the weekend to visit, we decided to go and see some football anyway and travelled to Ewood Park to see Blackburn v Villa.

With Accrington the stop before Blackburn on the train, we were amazed to see all traces of snow faded away just seconds after leaving Accrington station. Perhaps Lord

Mawhinney has been dropping loads of snow over grounds we're due to play at to stop us completing our miracle escape.

I sincerely hope by the time you read this we have beaten Brighton – Wembley will be an absolute cauldron of passion and anger if this faceless individual dares to walk onto the pitch.

I felt your pain caused by the Bradford debacle. Aside from the dreadful refereeing performance and their late equaliser, Barry Conlon is developing the nasty habit of always scoring against us – adding him to the list of Luke Beckett, Paul Furlong and Brighton's Nicky Forster.

So writing this ahead of Tuesday's Paint Pot tie versus Brighton, I was definitely praying for Calvin Andrew to start ahead of Forster.



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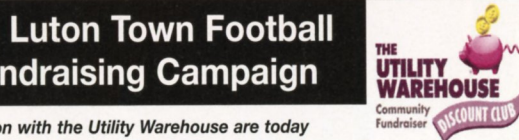
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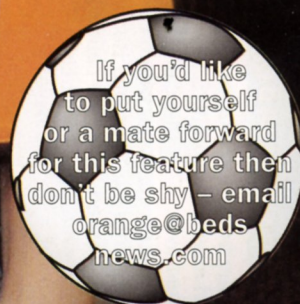
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O'Cahan you believe it?

Hatters fan John O'Cahan gives his verdict on the latest Kenilworth Road news

I KICKED a Coke bottle on the floor in anger, as it all seemed over.

As I walked out of the Maple Road after the Bury game, I asked myself over and over the same question that I've been pondering for years and years... Why do I keep on coming?

I'm sure it's a question that, as a Luton Town supporter, you'll have asked yourself again and again.

How did this poxy little club, with its tinpot little ground and a chaotic rollercoaster of a history, manage to

make me fall in love with it?

This club should come with a caveat - "Warning! Handle with extreme caution."

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offence to Dale intended, don't seem to get around much - they've been in the Fourth Division since 1974!

In that time, Luton have been up and down, lurching from crisis to crisis with the occasional moment of fleeting glory in between.

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Maybe that's why I put myself through the ritualistic torture that it is at times to support this football club.

Through all of the gut-wrenching slaps in the face and kicks in the teeth that are thrown at me with Luton - both at Kenilworth Road and on the road - you just never, ever know what's around the corner.

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Still steamed up

FOUR weeks may have passed since the Bradford game, but everyone's blood at Half-time Orange is still boiling over the 'performance' of referee Trevor Kettle in the 3-3 draw. A series of bizarre decisions throughout the game culminated in that gut-wrenching spot-kick in deep into stoppage time. Was he specially sent by the football authorities to finish the job they started last summer with our massive points deductions?



The officials are caught discussing their cunning plan to stitch us up



Sunday is scythed down, and, guess what, previously whistle-happy Kettle says: "Play on!"



Kettle sends Bradford boss McCall to the stands, but he then lets him coach from the sidelines from one of the beach huts.



We're stitched up again as following treatment to a head wound, Henderson isn't waved back on. Instead he's forced to wait on the touchline for five minutes.



over Kettle?



Town pay the penalty again. In a melee of bodies Kettle spots "a clip" on a Bradford player whose fall is more delayed than a Thameslink train. The ref can't tell livid Luton who the mystery offender was, though. Nico restrains his team-mates from remonstrating, only to be booked for daring to approach the official for an explanation.



Following a 'hangbags' confrontation, Kettle sends off Chris Martin on the say-so of his assistant Clark Kent who's standing 100 yards away on the blind side of the alleged incident.



Mick and Nico are charged with improper conduct and the club with failing to control their players. Mr Kettle is promoted to the Premiership list.



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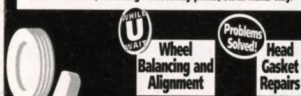
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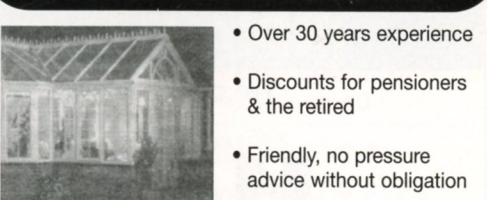
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Unlike Graham (God) of course, now back at our place as a director... although he's never short of a

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