

DRESSING ROOM

with Mick Harford

Our England 'B' striker Mick Harford recently signed a new three-year contract, news which delighted everyone at the club. Today, in Dressing Room Talk, he explains why he decided to commit himself to Luton Town:

New contract

"I had to take all things into consideration when it came to deciding my future but had little doubt in the end that it was right for me to sign the new contract. We have got a great bunch of lads at Kenilworth Road and an ambitious manager, chairman and board of directors. The club is thinking big and is on the verge of winning something.

"I feel we have a good chance of getting to Wembley and that was obviously a big factor. Everyone is ambitious. The team is playing well and we are trying to be progressive and to succeed. A lot was made of my possibilities elsewhere, but I always said the offer from Luton was a good one. And I have proved that by signing it.

"I think my England chances are just as good here too. I won recognition earlier this season when I was elected for the England 'B' team and that proves the manager is still watching me and has not forgotten me. Of course, I would probably get more exposure at a bigger club – one of the big city clubs – but that might not make much difference.

"I have settled in the area and we've got a baby now which has made me feel more settled too. And the way I was looked after and treated by the club when I had a long spell out with injury was another important thing. I was never troubled about it. No questions were asked. I was looked after properly and well and able to make a proper recovery.

"The lads of course have been a big factor. I've been here three years and had a good spell of success, except for injuries. So that is important for me. They have given me a fair bit of stick about it all too.



- **Ambitious:** Mick Harford.

The million man

"Les has been calling me 'Million' because of all the transfer speculation and that has tended to stick with some of the lads. It's almost become a permanent nickname now. I'm very flattered to be considered to be worth all that really.

"It really comes down to what you do on the pitch and how much you enjoy your game a lot of the time. That affects everything else. And it is obvious we all enjoy the game here.

"Mind you, we could have had a better FA Cup draw for the fifth round than away to QPR. It is not going to be an easy tie. But it could have been a lot worse. And it gives us the chance to gain revenge for last year when they knocked us out in the fourth round, in a replay after drawing at Kenilworth Road."

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