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CHARLTON Athletic, although looked upon as the "babes" of the Football League, are really only "babes" in so far as their entry into competitive football is concerned. It was on June 5th, 1906, that a number of old "soccer" stalwarts took it upon themselves to form a Football Club at Charlton, but they did so with no further ambitions beyond playing local football.

Their first domicile proved to be a ground known locally as Siemen's Meadow and it was here that the Club won the championship of the Lewisham League in its first year of formation. Possibly because the owner required his field for cow grazing purposes the Club had to look the following season for pastures new, and a pitch was eventually secured on Woolwich Common, where they remained for two seasons. At the end of this period the membership of the Club had increased enormously and allowed of a second team being started. With the advent of this innovation the quarters had to again be removed and eventually accommodation was provided at Pound Park, Charlton. It was not until the beginning of the season 1909-10 however, that the Club won its first trophy, the Woolwich Cup, which was prevented from reaching its resting place at the end of the previous season owing to the numerous replays which deferred an ultimate decision from being reached.

Up to 1913 the Club continued to be a junior organisation, but in this year a lease was taken of an enclosure at Horn Lane, Charlton, whereupon senior status was adopted. Admission was obtained to the First Division of the London League and also to the Southern Suburban League (Senior Division) which latter competition they christened by carrying off the Championship of the Eastern Division. At this period of its history the Great War intervened, and during the intermittant years the Club closed down.

It is in the post war years that Charlton have come to the fore. Up to February, 1920, the Club had been an entirely amateur organisation, but at this period professionalism was adopted and Charlton entered the Southern League, South Eastern

League and Kent League. At the Annual Meeting of the Football League in May, 1920, the Club was elected to the Southern Section of the Third Division. Shortly after this, the Valley ground, which had been their headquarters since the War, was vacated, in favour of a ground at Catford, but the venture was not a success, and after about six months they returned to their former love, where they have remained ever since.

The end of season 1928-9 found them promoted to the Second Division, where they remained until May, 1933, when they were again relegated to the Third Division.

Not many of the spectators who now witness Charlton's matches at the Valley, can recollect the time when it was once a swamp, with little or no prospect of it ever becoming a football field. Today it is a fine structure where accommodation can be found for 45,000 people.

	Height	Weight	Previous Clubs
Wright, H.	5' 11"	12 stones	Harwich and Parkston
Smith, N.	5' 7"	10 st. 11 lbs.	13 Seasons with Charlton
Oakes	5' 9"	12 st. 12 lbs.	Port Vale
Harris	5' 11"	12 st. 2 lbs.	Cardiff City
Turner	5' 11"	13 stones	Army
Jobling	5' 9"	12 st. 2 lbs.	Norwich City
Wilkinson	5' 8"	11 stones	Blackpool Everton, Newcastle
Robinson	5' 8"	11 st. 2 lbs.	Sunderland
Prior	5' 11"	11 st. 6 lbs.	Swindon Corinthians
Stephenson	5' 10"	11 st. 3 lbs.	Preston N.E., Aston Villa, Derby Co., Sheffield Wed.
Hobbis	5' 7"	10 st. 10 lbs.	Bromley F.C.



## ATTENDANCE BAROMETER.

1933	1934				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 26		Northampton Reserves	...	...	3140	12255	82	5	10	570 13 4
Aug. 28	Aug. 25	Southend United	...	...	11904	3371	553	2	10	87 12 11
	Aug. 27	Charlton Athletic	...	...	10475	4088	496	19	10	106 15 11
Sept. 2	Sept. 1	Tottenham Hotspur Reserves	...	...	1704	9392	43	5	8	423 11 2
Sept. 4	Sept. 3	Torquay United	...	...						
		Southend United Reserves	...	...						
		Swansea Town Reserves	...	...						
		Cardiff City	...	...						
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## CLUB NOTES

The match with Cardiff on Monday evening last, more or less confirmed the reports brought back from our two "away" encounters to the effect that with any of the slightest luck whatsoever, we should have registered two victories instead of a draw and a defeat. In this morning's post is a letter from a well-known Luton supporter, who saw the match at Bristol. He says "I saw my first match at Bristol last Saturday, and was well pleased with the team's work that day, and thought they deserved a win." Further confirmation of this is obtained in Phil Barnes' report in the Bristol Daily World, in which he writes, "They (Bristol Rovers) cannot complain about Saturday's result a draw of 1-1. They came near enough to losing once or twice and it would be ill-grace for them to grumble about having to divide the spoils."

In today's game with Charlton we had hoped to field an unchanged team but an injury to Reece in Monday night's game has not yielded to treatment and so Reg Kingham gets a chance with the first team again in his usual position at right full back, Tom Mackey crossing over to the other side.

The Reserves suffered their first defeat at Tottenham on Monday and although the score of 5-1 reflects a trouncing, it was not at all as bad as the score suggests. They gave quite a good exhibition and Mr. Morton Cadman, a Tottenham Director, informed Coun Jeyes, who was in charge of the team, that we had quite a useful set of players. For their match with Southampton today, Harry Hagger gets his first game at outside left, and Dave Hutchison moves inside, whilst Joe Taylor resumes at centre forward, Andy Rennie and Tom Bell remaining here in case they are wanted.

Supporters are kindly requested to note that our Southern Section Cup-Tie at Gillingham has been arranged for Wednesday, September 26th

## GOAL SCORERS

Third Division		London Combination	
S. Bell	...	C. Cook	...
G. S. Martin	...	D. C. Hutchison	...
C. Cook	...	A. Rennie	...
		H. Hackett	...
		W. Pease	...
	6		8

No 2461

## HARRY HIGGINBOTHAM.

## ALF TIRRELL.

The Directors very much regret to inform the supporters, that the above two old players who rendered yeoman's service to the Club, are in dire circumstances both physically and financially. Higginbotham has contracted a form of sleeping sickness and is practically totally blind and Tirrell is suffering from dropsy.

In order to assist them to ease their financial position the Directors have decided that a collection be made among the spectators during the match today. Members of the Supporters Club have kindly undertaken to arrange this collection, and will be "going the rounds" during the interval. It is hoped that supporters will help this cause and assist the Directors in their effort to help old servants who have fallen on bad days.

## IMPORTANT.

The Directors have decided to create a Boys' Entrance at Maple Road. The Entrance will be that used by the Season Ticket Holders. All Boys using same must purchase a ticket from the Club Representative who is on duty there.

The Editor invites communications from Supporters on any aspect of Luton Town Football. Criticisms of matches, etc. will be welcomed, and any supporter not wishing to use his own name may use a nom-de-plume, although the correct name and address must accompany the letter.

Up to the present only one letter has been received, which is really surprising considering the number of remarks that the Editor has overheard when walking among the Supporters before, during and after the matches.

Monday, September 3rd.

Programme Winning Numbers

829 Mr. F. Pike,  
17, Kenneth Road, Luton.

2217 Not Claimed

Ball Winning Number

40896 Mr. J. Randall,  
80, Hitchin Road, Luton.

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

Tom Alderson is again wearing Darlington's colours this season. The Durham Club have very high opinions of his capabilities and it is whispered that nearby First Division neighbours are running the rule over him.

On the field today we have one of those queer coincidences that crop up at intervals when Soccer Clubs meet. Both inside lefts are George Stephenson, and whilst both hail from the North of England they are in no way related. Charlton's Stephenson is one of the famous Stephenson family, whom the best known of all perhaps is Clem of Aston Villa fame and who now is the present Manager of Huddersfield Town.

Joe Chapman is playing for Hyde United in the Cheshire League. Mr. Wightman made this discovery towards the end of last season, when he endeavoured to obtain the signature of Liggins, the United centre forward, and who was eventually transferred to Leicester City. Since leaving Luton Joe has taken unto himself a wife and lives at Chesterfield, travelling to and from here to Hyde on match days.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Inquirer	No! Mae West has not signed for Luton yet.
Supporter	The team you dreamt won the Cup for Luton in 1066 was W. Methusalah, goal, T. Canute and J. Alfred, full backs, P. Littlejohn, R. Hood and F. Tuck, half backs, A. Boleyn, J. Seymour, A. Cleaves, C. Parr and C. Howard, forwards. The referee on this occasion was Mr. (afterwards Lord) Charles Laughton.
Enthusiast	Thanks for your kind remarks. We will "ring" the "Bell's" up so they can be "told."
Bob Stander	We agree. Cardiff should abandon the "Leg Theory."
Spion Kopper	Yes we will endeavour to put the Biggleswade half-time score up with the others.
Lady Fair	To test a cocktail. Dip your finger in same. If the nail keeps on its O.K.
Designer	Elbows will be worn half-way down the sleeve this season.

## TO-DAY'S LIMERICK

There is a goal-keeper named Preedy  
Who makes visiting teams quite seedy  
By a jump or a fall  
He gets at the ball  
And stops them from being too greedy.

## ANSWERS

## To Last Monday's Queries.

7. Law 4 states "If from any cause during the progress of the game the bar is displaced, the referee shall have power to award a goal if in his opinion the ball would have passed under the bar if it had not been displaced." The recent decision of the F.A. instructs "That the referee has power to award a goal ONLY at the time of the displacement of the bar, and that when the bar is displaced, the match be abandoned." In the case given, if the ball struck the broken bar as it was displaced, the goal could be awarded, but if not at the time of displacement, the game should be stopped to replace the bar, and if this could not be done, then the play abandoned.

8. As the goal kick had been taken by the back, and the goal keeper was the second player to play, the decision to be given when the ball blew back into the net is a goal.

9. The law governing the throw-in indicates how the thrower shall throw the ball and not the distance it shall be thrown. As the conditions applicable to the throwing have been complied with, the throw should not be considered improper because of the shortness of the throw.

More Questions Next Saturday.

## LUTON BAND PROGRAMME

All the items today are being played at  
the request of several of our patrons.

- 1 Fox Trot  
"Little man you've had a busy day" ... Burke
  - 2 Waltz "Blue Danube" ... Strauss
  - 3 Excerpts from the "Desert Song" ... Romberg
- INTERVAL
- 4 March "B.B. and C.F." ... Hall

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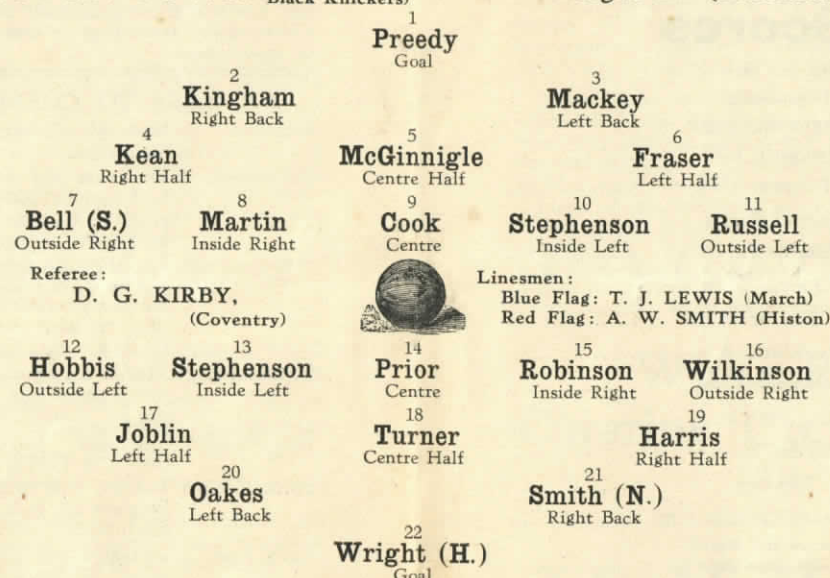
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**To-Days Half-Time Scores**

The half-time scores are given in two lists. Copy the first list and then watch the Board for the second list, which will be given immediately.

**FIRST LIST**

A	Birmingham v. Manchester C.	.....
B	Derby County v. Stoke City	.....
C	Grimsby Town v. Everton	.....
D	Leeds United v. Arsenal	.....
E	Leicester City v. Aston Villa	.....
F	Liverpool v. Portsmouth	.....
G	Sunderland v. Chelsea	.....
H	Tottenham H. v. Wolverhampton	.....
K	West Brom. A. v. Blackburn R.	.....
L	Bolton W. v. Southampton	.....
M	Bradford v. Norwich City	.....
N	Brentford v. West Ham U.	.....

**SECOND LIST**

A	Fulham v. Newcastle Utd.	.....
B	Aldershot v. Torquay Utd.	.....
C	Brighton v. Crystal Palace	.....
D	Bristol C. v. Exeter City	.....
E	Cardiff C. v. Queens Park R.	.....
F	Clapton O. v. Bournemouth	.....
G	Coventry C. v. Watford	.....
H	Gillingham v. Northampton	.....
K	Millwall v. Newport Co.	.....
L	Southend v. Bristol Rovers	.....
M	Swindon T. v. Reading	.....
N	Tranmere Rovers v. Lincoln City	.....

NOTE—The Letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named Club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

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**THE SUPPORTERS CLUB**

At the Council Meeting last week there was again plenty of enthusiasm and it was proved (if that was really necessary) that we have a loyal band of workers. The only doubt that was expressed was the advisability of continuing arrangements for the Christmas Draw, some of us being of the opinion that it would not be opportune for two such draws to be carried on for practically the same ends. Anyhow for the moment the matter is in abeyance.

Satisfaction was expressed at the report given regarding the Cabaret Ball on October 10th, and a large number of tickets were taken up. If anyone would like a number (4/6 double, 2/6 single, 1/- balcony) they can be obtained at 92, Chapel Street, or they are on sale at the Club hut.

The Directors are to be approached with the idea of sums of money being allotted for certain objects with special reference to the extension of the Lane Stand. Previously cheques have been sent without any request whatsoever. Supporters will thus know that we are looking after their comforts.

Membership is increasing, but all too slowly considering the efforts made to secure members. Pay your shilling today and come along to the Annual Meeting on Thursday next, September 13th, at 10, Cardiff Road. You will be welcome.

Some of our members have volunteered to act as Stewards for the Cancer Relief Fund Dance on October 6th. This once again knocks on the head that football supporters are a selfish lot.

**BOB STAND NOTES**

The Committee have now decided the manner in which their effort for this season is to be made. At the request of many supporters we shall extend the present "Bob" Stand to the length of the playing pitch. The cost of this addition will be about £360, which price when compared with that required for the erection of the present structure seems relatively high, but supporters must remember that in this new addition terracing will have to be made up and possibly a more formidable barrier will have to be erected to take the place of corrugated iron fencing.

Our present Bank Balance is about £40, so we have got to raise £320. Now then, supporters give us all the help you can. You can start first of all by taking one of our Books of Penny Christmas Draw Tickets and Mr. J. Collier, 6a, Cromwell Road, Luton, will be pleased to hear from anyone who will be pleased to do so.

The steel work is now in course of preparation, and during the next few weeks the construction will be begun. When completed it should prove to be an added comfort for the Supporters, as well as make the ground look more as a football ground should be.

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## FIXTURES 1934-35

## First XI Division III (Southern)

					F.	A.
Sat., Aug.	25	Southend United	...	...	H	1 1
Mon., "	27	Cardiff City	...	...	A	0 1
Sat., Sept.	1	Bristol Rovers	...	...	A	1 1
Mon., "	3	Cardiff City	...	...	H	4 0
Sat., "	8	Charlton Athletic	...	...	H	
Sat., "	15	Crystal Palace	...	...	A	
Sat., "	22	Queens Park Rangers	...	...	H	
Sat., "	29	Torquay United	...	...	A	
Sat., Oct.	6	Swindon Town	...	...	H	
Sat., "	13	Aldershot	...	...	A	
Sat., "	20	Exeter City	...	...	A	
Sat., "	27	Bristol City	...	...	H	
Sat., Nov.	3	Bournemouth	...	...	A	
Sat., "	10	Watford	...	...	H	
Sat., "	17	Clapton Orient	...	...	A	
Sat., "	24	Millwall	...	...	H	
Sat., Dec.	1	Reading	...	...	A	
Sat., "	8	Northampton	...	...	H	
Sat., "	15	Millwall	...	...	A	
Sat., "	22	Coventry City	...	...	H	
Sat., "	25	Brighton & Hove A.	...	...	H	
Tues., "	26	Brighton & Hove A.	...	...	A	
Sat., "	29	Southend United	...	...	A	
Sat., Jan.	5	Bristol Rovers	...	...	H	
Sat., "	12	Gillingham	...	...	H	
Sat., "	19	Charlton Athletic	...	...	A	
Sat., "	26	Crystal Palace	...	...	H	
Sat., Feb.	2	Queens Park Rangers	...	...	A	
Sat., "	9	Torquay United	...	...	H	
Sat., "	16	Swindon Town	...	...	A	
Sat., "	23	Aldershot	...	...	H	
Sat., Mar.	2	Exeter City	...	...	H	
Sat., "	9	Bristol City	...	...	A	
Sat., "	16	Bournemouth	...	...	H	
Sat., "	23	Watford	...	...	A	
Sat., "	30	Clapton Orient	...	...	H	
Sat., April	6	Gillingham	...	...	A	
Sat., "	13	Reading	...	...	H	
Fri., "	19	Newport County	...	...	A	
Sat., "	20	Northampton Town	...	...	A	
Mon., "	22	Newport County	...	...	H	
Sat., "	27		...	...		
Sat., May	4	Coventry City	...	...	A	

## Reserve Fixtures London Combination

					F.	A.
Sat., Aug.	25	Watford	...	...	A	1 1
Mon., "	27	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	H	3 1
Sat., Sept.	1	Southend United	...	...	H	3 1
Mon., "	3	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	A	1 5
Sat., "	8	Southampton	...	...	A	
Sat., "	15	Charlton Athletic	...	...	H	
Mon., "	17	Leicester City	...	...	H	
Sat., "	22	Crystal Palace	...	...	A	
Sat., "	29	Chelsea	...	...	H	
Wed., Oct.	3	Brighton & Hove A.	...	...	A	
Sat., "	6	Queens Park Rangers	...	...	A	
Sat., "	13	Clapton Orient	...	...	A	
Sat., "	20	Arsenal	...	...	H	
Wed., "	24	Brighton & Hove A.	...	...	H	
Sat., "	27	Bournemouth	...	...	A	
Sat., Nov.	3	Northampton Town	...	...	H	
Sat., "	10	Reading	...	...	A	
Sat., "	17	Brentford	...	...	H	
Sat., "	24	Fulham	...	...	A	
Sat., Dec.	1	Coventry City	...	...	H	
Sat., "	8	Millwall	...	...	A	
Sat., "	15	Bristol City	...	...	H	
Sat., "	22	Portsmouth	...	...	A	
Tues., "	25	West Ham	...	...	A	
Wed., "	26	West Ham	...	...	H	
Sat., "	29	Watford	...	...	H	
Sat., Jan.	5	Southend United	...	...	A	
Sat., "	12	Leicester City	...	...	A	
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Sat., "	13	Coventry City	...	...	A	
Fri., "	19	Swansea Town	...	...	A	
Sat., "	20	Millwall	...	...	H	
Mon., "	22	Swansea Town	...	...	H	
Sat., "	27	Bristol City	...	...	A	
Sat., May	4	Portsmouth	...	...	H	

## LEAGUE TABLES

## League III (Southern)

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Coventry City	4	4	0	0	9	0	8
Newport County	4	3	1	0	10	4	6
Brighton & Hove A.	4	3	1	0	7	4	6
Charlton Athletic	4	3	1	0	9	6	6
Swindon Town	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Queens Park Rangers	4	2	1	1	9	8	5
LUTON TOWN	4	1	1	2	6	3	4
Millwall	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Reading	4	2	2	0	6	3	4
Exeter City	4	2	2	0	6	6	4
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	2	13	9	4
Bristol City	4	2	2	0	4	5	4
Northampton	4	2	2	0	5	7	4
Cardiff City	4	2	2	0	4	11	4
Southend United	4	1	2	1	6	7	3
Aldershot	4	1	2	1	6	8	3
Gillingham	3	1	2	0	4	6	2
Bristol Rovers	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Torquay United	4	1	3	0	5	9	2
Bournemouth	3	1	2	0	4	9	2
Clapton Orient	4	1	3	0	3	9	2
Watford	4	0	4	0	3	9	0

## London Combination

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Arsenal	3	3	0	0	15	1	6
Queens Park Rangers	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
Tottenham Hotspur	4	3	1	0	15	7	6
Reading	4	3	1	0	9	5	6
Portsmouth	4	2	1	1	9	5	5
LUTON TOWN	4	2	1	1	8	8	5
Swansea Town	3	1	0	2	5	2	4
Brighton & Hove A.	3	2	1	0	6	4	4
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	2	9	6	4
Fulham	4	2	2	0	6	5	4
Bristol City	4	2	2	0	7	6	4
Coventry City	4	2	2	0	7	6	4
Leicester City	4	1	1	2	7	6	4
Northampton	4	2	2	0	6	8	4
Bournemouth	4	1	2	1	7	9	3
Clapton O.	4	1	2	1	7	9	3
Charlton Athletic	4	1	2	1	7	11	3
Southampton	3	1	2	0	4	6	2
Brentford	3	1	2	0	3	6	2
West Ham United	4	1	3	0	4	10	2
Chelsea	4	0	2	2	3	9	2
Watford	4	0	2	2	2	14	2
Millwall	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Southend United	2	0	2	0	3	9	0

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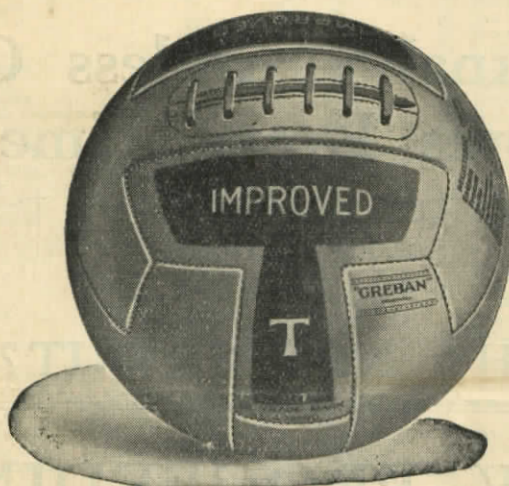
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