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## PALACE

V.

## LUTON TOWN

English League Match.

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

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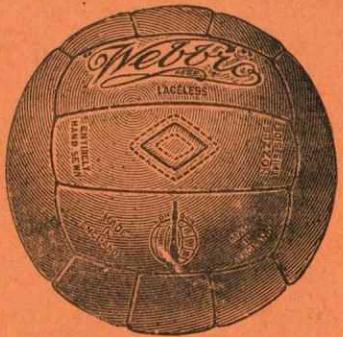
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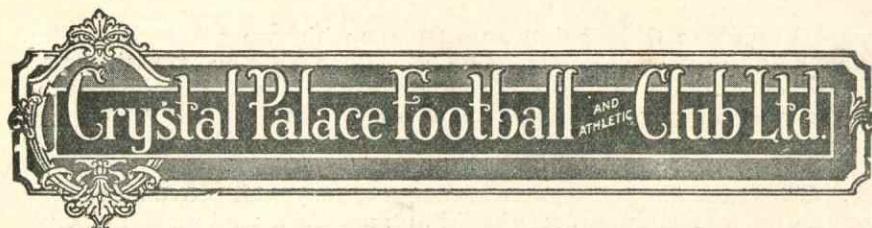
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THE plot thickens. Everything points to one of the most exciting struggles for promotion that the Southern Section of the Third Division has staged for some seasons. At the commencement Coventry and Reading seemed to have the stage to themselves: then along came Luton to steal the lime-light. Now Queen's Park Rangers

have decided that they will not be satisfied with a minor role, and we ourselves are hoping that we shall have an important part to play before the season is very much older.

A few weeks before Christmas we seemed to have lost our chance, but our boys are staging a fine recovery, and if their present form is maintained they may yet be "in at the death."

Obviously this afternoon's eagerly awaited clash with Luton, the present favourites, is of vital importance to both clubs. Should we win we will be well in the thick of the fight again. Despite Luton's fine record we have high hopes of checking their run of success. Early in the season we lost at Luton, and this match did much to set Luton on the winning road. Is it too much to hope that we can knock them off it again? Although we lost by six clear goals at Luton the magnitude of the score was due to the fact that our goalkeeper was injured and eventually had to leave the field. As regards the actual exchanges there was not a great deal in it, and we are hoping that advantage of ground will enable us to record the victory which is of such paramount importance to us.

### See How They Run.

SO interesting is the present position at the top of the Southern Section table that it is worth examining in detail. The first three places are held by Coventry, Luton and Queen's Park Rangers (in that order) with 33 points each. Then follow ourselves and Reading with 30 points apiece. The strength of Luton's position lies in the fact that they have played two games fewer than the other four clubs, but games in hand do not always mean certain points as we found to our cost on that memorable occasion when we missed promotion by goal average alone.

It can readily be seen what to-day's match means to us. At the

moment Luton are three points ahead of us with two games in hand, a possible margin of seven points. Should we win, that margin will be reduced to one point, with a possible margin of five, assuming Luton extracted full points from their games in hand.

In many ways Coventry are greatly to be feared. The fixtures have so fallen that out of their 25 games played fourteen have been away from home. The excess of home games remaining may well prove a deciding factor in Coventry's favour, for the "Bantams" are well nigh invincible on their own enclosure. Luton, the Rangers and ourselves have played one more game at home than away, whilst Reading have played an extra away game.

One of our hopes is in the fact that following Luton's visit this afternoon, Coventry, Queen's Park Rangers and Reading have all to come to Selhurst Park. Against these clubs we have only one "out" fixture to fulfill: that is against Reading who will be our opponents in the Good Friday and Easter Monday games.

Saturday's fixture card may complicate the promotion tangle still further or help to unravel it for Queen's Park Rangers visit Coventry, and Luton are at home to Reading.

#### A Bright Friendly.

SPECTATORS are apt to find their enthusiasm chilled when a match has neither League points nor Cup progress at stake, but those who were here last Saturday thoroughly enjoyed the entertaining friendly game with Millwall. Three goals up early in the second half our boys seemed to be sailing towards the comfortable victory which characterised the League meeting earlier in the season, but the visitors rallied to good effect. By scoring twice in the closing stages of the game they went down fighting by the odd goal in five.

An interesting feature of the game was the appearance of Rooke, our liberal-scoring Reserve centre-forward, as an outside left. Rooke gave a good account of himself in this unaccustomed position. He was our most persistent marksman, and only bad luck prevented him from figuring amongst the goalscorers. He had some fierce drives well saved by Yuill, and struck the post with one shot that had the goalkeeper well beaten.

Exchanges were keen and clean, and although the Millwall goal was frequently threatened we had to be content with a one goal lead at half time. This was obtained by Blackman who netted with a neat shot following some clever spade work by Smith.

Soon after the resumption Rooke gave Waldron an opening of which the inside left made good use, and this was shortly followed by another from Birtley who calmly tapped the ball into the net from an impeccable centre from Levene who had initiated a clever move with Rooke on the wing.

Far from giving up, Millwall fought back with renewed vigour, and their most dangerous attacks were made at this juncture. Daniels atoned for a previous bad miss by scoring a good goal after being partially checked, and in the last half minute Palmer accepted a pass down the middle to run through and score.



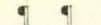
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## CRYSTALS

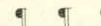
SO far this season we have met six clubs both at home and away, and the statistically-minded may be interested to learn how we have fared against those clubs with whom we have now fulfilled our League fixtures.



Two clubs have had to yield four points to us. They are Swindon and Bournemouth. Our scores against Swindon were 2-0 (a), 5-1 (h), total 7-1: against Bournemouth 2-0 (b), 5-2 (a), total 7-2.



From the two other clubs we have extracted three points, namely Cardiff and Gillingham. Scores with Cardiff were 3-2 (h), 1-1 (a), total 4-3: with Gillingham 2-0 (a), 1-1 (h), total 3-1.



With the other two clubs, Southend and Northampton, we have had to be content to share the spoils, as follows. Against Southend 1-7 (a), 3-0 (h) total 4-7: against Northampton 1-3 (a), 6-1 (h), total 7-4.



Up to now, therefore, no club has succeeded in doing more than halving points with us. Perhaps the team with the best chance of recording a "double" over us is Watford which is the only team that has won a League match at Selhurst Park. We have yet to visit Watford.



Although our boys are staging a fine "come back" in the promotion struggle it is interesting to note that we are as yet one point down on the corresponding games played last season. In taking these results into account Notts County have been given Charlton's place.



An extract from a recent article by "The Watcher" who writes in our programme is quoted in the current issue of "World's Press News". The article from which the quotation is made is that in which the Watcher recorded that when Stanley found Livingstone in the wilds of Africa, the first concern of conversation was news.

# Our Visitors.



ALTHOUGH Luton Town are known as the "Strawplaiters" they are certainly not men of straw. They come to us this afternoon with the reputation of being the most formidable side in the Southern Section, and at the moment are favourites of promotion, having games in hand over their rivals in the promotion zone.

Luton have reached their present exalted position on the table by playing fine football. They started the season with a series of disasters, but once they

found their true form they went "on and on and on and up and up and up". I think it is correct to say that their last League defeat was sustained as far back as October, and, indeed, their only defeat of any kind since then was inflicted on them on Saturday when they lost to Manchester City in the cup tie at Maine Road.

Even in defeat Luton gave a spice of their quality. It was no mean performance to run a First Division club to an odd goal on their own ground, and from all accounts Luton played such attractive football that Manchester were lucky to be on terms at the interval which arrived without score.

However, our boys have a knack of rising to the occasion, and we are hoping that they will check Luton's run of successes in what should be the finest game yet seen at Selhurst. Should victory come our way it will enable us well and truly to re-enter the promotion arena, and our lads will be anxious to avenge the defeat sustained at Luton early in the season when we were unfortunate to lose our goal-keeper through injury.

## Palace v. Luton Town

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1936

RIGHT

1—Dunn	3—Booth
2—Owens	6—Collins
4—Turner	5—Wilde
7—Wood	8—Birtley
9—Blackman	10—Dawes
	11—Bigg

PALACE  
(CARDINAL & BLUE)

LEFT

Referee:  
A. W. Smith  
(Histon, Cambs.)

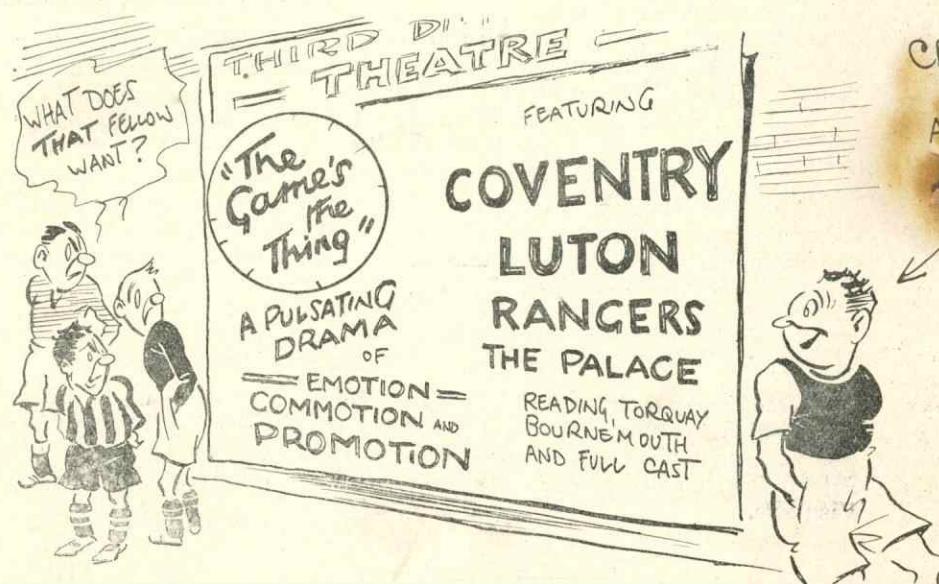
Linesmen:  
Red Flag—Rev. C. V. Clibbon  
(Colchester)  
Blue Flag—F. S. C. Riggs  
(Southend-on-Sea)

12—Stephenson	13—Roberts	14—Ball	15—Martin	16—Crompton
17—Fellowes		18—Nelson	19—Finlayson	
		20—Smith	21—Mackey	
			22—Coen	

LEFT

LUTON TOWN  
(WHITE SHIRTS, BLACK KNICKERS)

RIGHT



# BEING FAMOUS

by "WATCHER"

"PLEASE 'ave yer got any famous footballers on yer?"

A grubby little youngster touched me with this enquiry when I was hurrying home one nasty night. It seemed such an original enquiry that I actually pulled up and went into the question. Now I am not a bit like George Allison in looks so there was no chance of the boy having supposed that I had just come from Highbury and had saved a railway fare by stuffing Alex James in my pocket. Not that. It turned out to be nothing more than a matter of cigarette pictures.

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What a thing it is to be famous! When you have reached the heights of fame men carve you in stone and make you an ornament for the market-square, they daub you in oil-colours and hang you in the National Gallery, they print your views on spiritualism and nudism, they pad you with cheques for appearances at music halls: they even paste you on cigarette cards. But what is this thing that is labelled *Fame*? Whatever it is, all kinds of people scratch for it.

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One night, over a hundred years ago, a Westminster schoolboy managed to get locked in the Abbey. He curled himself up in the Coronation Chair and when the first glimmer of daylight pierced the gloom, he got to work with his pocket-knife on the historic oak seat and carved a name for himself: "*P. Abbot slept in this chair, July 5th, 1800.*" Fame and infamy may be very much the same. Scratching a way to fame has seemed the only way for many. Another specimen of handiwork was to be seen in the old timber-built Plough Inn in Lordship Lane, East Dulwich. Scratched on a window-pane was this: "*March 16, 1810—Thomas Mould Jones dined here: eat six pounds of bacon, drank nineteen pots of beer.*" What immortality!

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And some have greatness thrust upon them. Benjamin Haydon tells of his visit to Stratford-on-Avon. He found an old man smoking his pipe in the parlour of an inn. 'Well' said Haydon, 'did you ever hear of Shakespeare?' 'Heer of un, ah! Jahn Cooper told me. There's another wonderful feller.' 'Who?' asked Haydon. 'Jahn Cooper.' 'What has he done?' Haydon inquired. 'Dun,' said the old man, smacking his knee, 'dun—I'll tell 'e; 'e's lived 'ere in this yere town for ninety yeer as man and boy, and 'e's never had the toothache, and never lost wan!' It is enough to turn the shade of Shakespeare green with envy: that John Cooper should come to fame without the trouble of writing plays. Not scratching—just *biting* his way to fame.

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But famous footballers arrive by no such easy way. The glory of having ones image printed on a cigarette card is never obtained by scratching windows and boasting of teeth: the soccer celebrity must win his way by professional ability. So there is some real glory in having little boys ask for a cigarette picture of oneself. But after all what is cigarette card fame.....my cigarettes once brought me sets of fishes and beetles!

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES, 1935-36

Date	Opponents	Results 1934-5 For Ag.	Goals For Ag.	1935-36 Results For Ag.	Goals For Ag.
1935					
Aug. 31	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b> ...H	6	1	3	2
Sept. 4	Southend United ...A	4	1	1	7
7	Gillingham ...A	0	2	2	0
11	<b>SOUTHEND UNITED</b> ...B	1	0	3	0
14	<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b> ...H	1	0	2	0
16	Northampton T. ...A	2	3	1	3
21	Luton Town ...H	2	2	0	6
23	<b>NORTHAMPTON</b> ...H	2	0	0	0
28	<b>NOTTS. COUNTY</b> ...H	—	—	0	0
30	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b> ...H	—	—	2	1
Oct. 5	Bristol Rovers ...A	3	5	4	2
12	<b>CLAPTON ORIENT</b> ...H	1	0	2	2
19	<b>ALDERSHOT</b> ...H	3	0	2	1
26	Torquay United ...A	1	7	2	3
28	<b>EXETER CITY</b> ...H	—	—	4	2
Nov. 2	<b>MILLWALL</b> ...H	1	1	5	0
9	Coventry City ...A	1	1	1	8
11	<b>SOUTHEND UNITED</b> ...H	—	—	3	2
16	<b>WATFORD</b> ...B	0	0	1	2
20	<b>THE CORINTHIANS</b> ...H	—	—	3	1
23	Queen's Park Rangers ...A	3	3	0	3
30	Bristol City, E.C. ...A	—	—	1	0
Dec. 7	Exeter City ...A	6	0	0	1
18	<b>NEWPORT COUNTY</b> ...H	6	0	6	0
21	Bristol City (aband'd) ...A	0	1	1	1
25	Swindon Town ...A	1	1	2	0
26	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b> ...H	7	0	5	1
28	Cardiff City ...A	0	2	1	1
1936					
Jan. 4	<b>GILLINGHAM</b> ...H	2	0	1	1
11	<b>COVENTRY CITY</b> ...H	—	—	1	2
15	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE</b> ...B	3	0	4	0
18	Bournemouth ...A	1	1	5	2
29	<b>LUTON TOWN</b> ...B	2	1	—	—
Feb. 1	Notts. County ...A	—	—	—	—
8	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b> ...B	2	0	2	2
15	Clapton Orient ...A	0	2	2	2
22	Aldershot ...A	2	2	2	2
29	<b>TORQUAY UNITED</b> ...B	2	2	2	2
Mar. 7	Millwall ...A	2	3	2	3
14	<b>COVENTRY CITY</b> ...B	3	1	—	—
21	Watford ...A	0	2	0	2
28	<b>QUEEN'S PARK R.</b> ...B	2	3	2	3
Apr. 4	Brighton & Hove ...A	0	3	4	0
10	<b>READING</b> ...B	3	1	—	—
11	<b>EXETER CITY</b> ...B	0	1	—	—
13	Reading ...A	1	6	—	—
18	Newport County ...A	3	2	—	—
25	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b> ...B	3	1	—	—
29	Bristol City ...A	—	—	—	—

\*Southern Section Cup

## London Combination Fixtures, 1935-36

Date	Opponents	Results 1934-35 For Ag.	Goals For Ag.	1935-36 Results For Ag.	Goals For Ag.
1935					
Aug. 31	Spurs ...A	2	6	1	12
Sept. 4	Reading ...A	2	1	4	3
7	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b> ...B	2	1	3	3
11	Bournemouth ...A	1	1	0	1
14	<b>READING</b> ...B	4	1	1	8
18	<b>FULHAM</b> ...B	1	0	2	1
21	Brentford ...A	3	4	0	4
28	<b>CHARLTON ATH.</b> ...B	1	0	2	0
Oct. 2	<b>LUTON TOWN</b> ...B	2	1	2	1
5	<b>NORTHAMPTON</b> ...B	2	3	2	1
9	Charlton Ath. ...A	1	0	1	4
16	Northampton ...A	3	6	2	1
19	Arsenal ...A	4	4	3	0
23	<b>COVENTRY CITY</b> ...B	5	0	1	0
26	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b> ...B	4	1	3	1
Nov. 2	Brighton & Hove ...A	0	2	4	2
7	Clapton Orient ...A	3	4	1	1
9	<b>QUEEN'S PARK R.</b> ...B	3	1	0	0
16	Chelsea ...A	0	7	2	2
23	<b>WATFORD</b> ...B	3	2	8	0
30	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b> ...B	1	6	4	1
Dec. 7	<b>MILLWALL</b> ...B	5	1	1	2
14	West Ham United ...A	2	2	1	2
21	<b>SWANSEA TOWN</b> ...B	3	1	1	1
25	<b>LEICESTER CITY</b> ...B	1	1	5	0
26	Leicester City ...A	0	1	3	6
28	<b>SPURS</b> ...B	3	5	3	3
1936					
Jan. 4	Portsmouth ...A	1	4	2	4
11	Coventry City ...A	2	1	1	2
18	<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b> ...B	8	0	6	3
Feb. 1	<b>BRENTFORD</b> ...B	2	1	—	—
8	Luton Town ...A	2	5	—	—
22	<b>ARSENAL</b> ...B	2	2	—	—
29	Southampton ...A	2	2	—	—
Mar. 7	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; HOVE</b> ...B	5	1	—	—
14	Queen's Park R. ...A	0	1	—	—
18	Bristol City ...A	—	—	—	—
21	<b>CHELSEA</b> ...B	4	0	—	—
28	Watford ...A	0	3	—	—
Apr. 4	Southend United ...A	0	2	—	—
10	Millwall ...A	0	2	—	—
11	<b>SOUTHEND UNITED</b> ...B	1	2	—	—
13	<b>WEST HAM UNITED</b> ...B	3	0	—	—
18	Fulham ...A	2	1	—	—
23	Swansea Town ...A	1	1	—	—
25	Clapton Orient ...B	5	0	—	—
May 2	—	—	—	—	—

Saturday, February 1st

AT SELHURST PARK

PALACE Res.

V.

BRENTFORD Res.

LONDON COMBINATION MATCH

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE

### DIVISION III. (S.)

	Goals							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	
Coventry C.	25	14	5	6	63	25	33	
Luton Town	23	14	5	4	45	21	33	
Q.P.R. ...	25	15	3	7	58	34	33	
Palace ...	25	13	4	8	59	46	30	
Reading ...	25	15	0	10	53	42	30	
Torquay U.	25	12	4	9	43	38	28	
Bournem'th	25	10	7	8	37	31	27	
Gillingham	25	11	5	9	40	37	27	
Brighton	25	11	4	10	49	43	26	
Watford ...	23	10	5	8	35	34	25	
Millwall	25	8	9	8	32	45	25	
Notts. Co.	24	8	7	9	34	31	23	
Clapton O.	24	9	4	11	35	37	22	
Cardiff City	25	7	7	11	34	40	21	
Bristol City	24	8	5	11	23	32	21	
Bristol R.	25	7	7	11	37	52	21	
N'rthampton	27	8	5	14	40	68	21	
Scutbend U.	25	6	8	11	37	36	20	
Swindon T.	25	7	6	12	38	45	20	
Exeter City	26	7	6	13	38	51	20	
Newport Co.	25	7	6	12	39	71	20	
Aldershot	23	7	4	12	26	36	18	

## LONDON COMBINATION

	Goals							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	
Brentford ...	29	22	2	5	72	33	46	
Arsenal ...	27	19	2	6	74	26	40	
Portsmo'th	27	16	8	3	74	36	40	
Swansea T.	29	16	6	7	50	39	38	
Charlton A.	29	16	3	10	60	43	35	
Chelsea ...	29	13	8	8	60	50	34	
Palace ...	30	14	6	10	69	64	34	
Q.P.R. ...	28	15	3	10	57	43	33	
West Ham	30	14	4	12	70	51	32	
Luton T. ...	29	13	4	12	78	69	30	
Reading ...	28	13	3	12	63	65	29	
Coventry C.	28	13	3	12	59	47	29	
Millwall ...	28	12	5	11	39	41	29	
'Spurs ...	27	9	7	11	69	67	25	
N'rthampton	28	9	6	13	50	53	24	
Southend U	27	7	7	13	47	67	21	
Watford ...	28	9	3	16	56	85	21	
Clapton O.	28	7	7	14	34	66	21	
Fulham ...	27	8	4	15	56	56	20	
Bournem'th	29	7	6	16	47	73	20	
Bristol City	30	9	2	19	44	90	20	
S'thampton	28	6	7	15	38	54	19	
Leicester C	26	9	1	16	44	64	19	
Brighton	27	6	5	16	45	72	17	

## The Army v. Belgian Army

at Selhurst Park, on February 15th, 1936

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

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