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## OFFICIALS' PAGE

### CITY'S SEND OFF:—By the Chairman

OUR flying start in the new season's football—two wins and eight goals—has been followed by two defeats, each by a 2—4 score. Check!

So naturally there is disappointment. But all clubs have checks and disappointments. Our consolation is this: the defeat at Bradford followed injuries to Doherty and Dunkley, and the home fall on Wednesday to West Ham,—partly, though only partly, attributable to their absence—has arrived at an early stage of the campaign, and so gives a prompt indication of the season's needs.



A. HERD

What I mean is, there is time for recovery, and time to look round, and, if necessary, and possible, take steps to remedy any weakness and tackle the decline if it persists.

First, I wish to compliment West Ham United on a display of crafty, resourceful football. If this is the type of play the City have to encounter on the Second Division's arduous promotion trail, we shall be pleased. We always prefer to meet a team that plays good football, rather than the rough stuff.

Next, there is this to be said: we recognise the shortcomings of our team in this West Ham match, notably in defence. We shall have to improve on this showing if we are to realise our hopes of promotion. But we feel, at the moment, it is only a passing lapse, and trust this belief will be strengthened in to-day's match with our friends from Luton. We have not now made a good start, but we hope to do better, despite those injuries in attack, as the team settles down.

It has been pointed out that the City's only recent first-team signing has been the transfer of Howe from Liverpool. Don't run away with the idea, however, that we are necessarily content or idle. The club is in constant touch with the transfer situation, and if the necessity arises, every means will be used to strengthen the side by securing such new players as are obtainable. You can't always get all you want in this world, you

know. In short, we recognise that we may have to go into the transfer market, despite the high prices ruling as the result of recent events.

Take the case of Stanley Matthews, of Stoke City. Many clubs have been mentioned as being active. Some have been more prominently named than Manchester City. But, to show that we are active, I may mention that when the possibility of his transfer last season was made known, Manchester City were the first to get in touch with Stoke City. Don't jump to conclusions. Just take our word for it that Maine Road is alive to its needs.

And, finally, here's a welcome to our Cup-tie opponents of recent years from Luton.

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## CHARGING LAW:—By the Editor

AS was expected, the Football Association have given an early reply to the question that was put to them in regard to the rewritten charging law.

As I have previously explained, this has caused much confusion on the point as to whether a defender can obstruct an opponent without attempting to play the ball, and arising out of a statement by Mr. W. J. Lewington, the referee, to the players prior to the Norwich City and Bradford match on the opening day of the season, that he would penalise such incidents, Mr. D. Steele, the Bradford manager, asked for guidance on the matter.

### NO PENALTY

MR. S. F. ROUS, the F.A. Secretary, has replied as follows:

"In reply to your letter of August 30, I have to inform you that a referee would be at fault in stating that he would award a penalty if a defender obstructed an opponent from proceeding after the ball in the circumstances you mention. Mr. Lewington, whom you mention in your letter, probably had in mind the note to Section E of Law 12, which is as follows:

"Law 12: A player shall be penalised if he intentionally charges in a violent or dangerous manner; or charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be deliberately obstructing. (N.B.—This is not intended to penalise all charging; it is permissible as long as in the opinion of the referee it is fair and the players concerned are attempting to play the ball.)

"This note was inserted as an attempt to help the referee to decide when a fair charge could be given. If, however, different interpretations are placed upon this note, the F.A. may consider issuing a statement to clarify the position."

So now we know where we are.

### SO NEAR AND YET —

IT was an unhappy homecoming in the West Ham match, especially after the misfortunes encountered at Bradford. It is unnecessary to say we were disappointed over the result, but that West Ham deserved their victory was beyond dispute.

Their football was of the highest class—speedy, resourceful, and accurate in its finish. They certainly gave no indication of a side struggling for their first victory of the season. On this showing they should surely take high rank among the promotion candidates.

At the same time, we think we are entitled to a little sympathy for one or two bad "breaks" in the first half. Had Milsom's great shot, which struck the post, found the net instead, or Herd's fine low header going straight for goal, not encountered an opponent's legs, the story of the match might have been different.

Things did not go right for us in front of goal during this spell, when we had the visitors' defence at full stretch, but West Ham weathered the storm, and on their second-half showing, were full value for victory.

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## GREAT BATTLES WITH LUTON

WE shall not need to remind our supporters that to-day's meeting is not our first clash with Luton Town. It will not have been forgotten that we were drawn against them in the Fifth Round of the Cup Competition last season, and beat them at Luton by 3—1.



J. NELSON

But our acquaintance goes back a long way further than that. We were opponents in the League competition forty years ago, when, as now, both ourselves and Luton Town were in the Second Division.

Oh, yes, the Town were members of the League as long ago as that. In 1897-8 they gained election. They replaced Burton Town, having previously been members of the Southern League, and on New Year's Day, 1898, we met them for the first time at Luton. We beat them by 2—0, and on March 26th following, we completed the "double" against them with a 2—1 win on our old ground at Hyde Road.

We achieved another "double" against them the next season. On October 8th, 1898,

we won 3—0 at Luton, and on February 4th, 1899, we had a 2—0 win against them at Hyde Road.

Since then our ways as Leaguers have been apart, but we have crossed each other's path on two occasions in the F.A. Cup Competition. And who will have forgotten them! They were both in recent years.

The first was in the Fourth Round in 1935-36—the Town's first and only appearance here at Maine Road.

The tie was played on January 25th, 1936, and we can pay no higher tribute to our visitors than to say that we have never had to fight harder for a victory. They put up a remarkably good game, and those who can recall the match will doubtless remember the heroic resistance of our defenders—Swift, Dale and Barkas, and the sensational header by Dale beneath the crossbar that saved a goal.

We won by 2—1, all the scoring being done in the second half. Our goals were obtained by Herd and M'Leod, and Martin precipitated a thrilling finish by getting one for Luton directly after our second point had been recorded.

Fresher still in the memory will be our next and last encounter in the Fifth Round of the Cup Competition on February 12th, this year. As will be remembered, Luton had the call this time, but once again the honours rested with us.

## MEET THE STRAWHATTERS

HERE are snapshots of to-day's players from Luton. Study them; get to know them; this makes the match more enjoyable:

**H. W. DOLMAN, Goalkeeper.** After a knee injury which kept him out of the game for several weeks he played a big part in the club's rise in the last few weeks last season. Won a Northern Section Championship medal with Chesterfield, and one for the Southern Section with Luton. Signed from Bristol City two years last March. Formerly a furnaceman. Height 5ft. 11½in., weight 13st. 10lb.

**T. S. SMITH, Right Back.** In his fifth season with the club. Was a half-back when he joined. Born at Higham, near Burnley. Played for Leeds Training College, and turned professional with Nelson, for whom he figured at centre-half. Afterwards had a spell with Rochdale, and joined Luton when his scholastic duties took him south. Plays cricket and lawn tennis. Height 5ft. 10in., weight 12st.

**T. DUNSMORE, Left Back.** A Scottish player who is expected to solve the big problem that beset the Town during last season. Joined from Hibernian with a big reputation. Has made a good impression at Luton, and looks like being a very useful acquisition. Height 5ft. 9in., weight 12st.

**J. FINLAYSON, Right Half-back.** One of the most consistent players on the books. Missed only three League matches last season. In his fourth season with the club. Born at Thornliebank, Scotland, and played at inside right for Motherwell. Went to Cowdenbeath then Clapton Orient, where he became a half-back, then a full-back. The No. 1 golfer of the club. Height 5ft. 11in., weight 12st.

**J. NELSON, Centre Half-back.** A Lancashire lad. Captain for the last two seasons. Signed from Wolves three seasons ago, and has proved one of

the Club's best investments. Physique fits him admirably for the centre half position, and he has held up some of the best centre forwards in the country. Before joining Wolves he was with Preston North End, and before that with Chorley, where he was born. Height 6ft. 1½in., weight 12st. 7lb.

**J. LOUGHRAN, Left Half-back.** A capable and terrier-like player whose tactics worry opponents. Birmingham signed him after he left Dudley Training College, and he made 35 League appearances for them. Gained Junior International caps against Scotland and Ireland in 1935. He is a school-teacher, in Luton. All-round cricketer and good swimmer. Height 5ft. 6in., weight 11st.

**J. CARROLL.** The regular outside right was injured in the opening match at West Bromwich and may not be able to play. He was the Town's biggest capture of the close season. A Scot from Glasgow, his first professional club was Clyde, and he came to England to play for Leicester City 3½ seasons ago. He made nearly 100 appearances for the City, and was a consistent goal scorer. Luton paid a four-figure fee for his transfer. Height 5ft. 7in., weight 11st.

**C. FERGUSON, Outside Right.** Was signed as an inside forward. A Scot, he left Glasgow Benburb for Middlesbrough, and then went to Notts County from whom Luton obtained him. Scottish Junior International. Plays golf. Height 5ft. 8in., weight 11st. 2lb.

**W. J. REDFERN, Inside Forward.** A Welshman who had to go to Ireland for recognition. After playing for Liverpool Marine, he went to Newry Town, with whom he was a consistent goal scorer at centre forward. Transferred to Luton last September, and scored two goals in his first match. Born at Connah's Quay, near Chester. Height 5ft. 11½in., weight 12st.

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West Ham United, and who retains his place in to-day's match against Luton Town.

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Home					Away					Home					Away					Home					Away								
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Everton.....	(14)	4..2	0	0..2	0	0..10	1..8			Burnley.....	(6)	4..3	0	0..0	0	1..7	3..7			Sheffield W.....	3..	3..	0..	0..10	2..6	Manchester City.....	3..	3..	0..	0..9	4..6		
Chelsea.....	(10)	4..2	0	0..1	1	0..9	3..6			Sheffield W.....	(17)	4..2	0	0..1	0	1..11	5..7			Sheffield U.....	4..	3..	1..	0..9	7..6	Sheffield U.....	4..	3..	1..	0..9	7..6		
Middlesbrough.....	(5)	3..1	0	1..1	0	0..7	3..5			Blackburn.....	(16)	4..1	0	0..2	1	0..7	6..6			Everton.....	3..	2..	0..	1..6	3..5	Preston N. E.....	4..	2..	1..	1..8	5..5		
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Derby County.....	(15)	4..1	0	1..1	1	0..4	5..5			Fulham.....	(8)	4..1	0	0..2	1	0..6	4..6			Aston Villa.....	3..	2..	1..	0..7	5..4	Chesterfield.....	4..	2..	2..	0..7	8..4		
Liverpool.....	(11)	3..2	0	0..0	1	0..3	2..4			Bradford.....	(7)	3..1	0	1..1	0	0..8	4..5			Liverpool.....	3..	2..	1..	0..4	5..4	Stoke City.....	3..	1..	1..	1..7	6..3		
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Aston Villa.....	(—)	4..0	2	0..1	0	1..3	6..3			West Ham U.....	(9)	4..0	2	0..1	1	0..9	10..2																
Stoke City.....	(17)	4..0	1	1..0	1	1..6	10..2			Nottingham F.....	(20)	4..1	1	0..0	2	0..2	7..2																
Birmingham.....	(18)	4..1	1	0..0	2	0..4	9..2			Chesterfield.....	(11)	4..0	2	0..0	1	1..2	9..1																
Leicester City.....	(16)	4..0	0	1..0	2	1..3	7..2			Norwich City.....	(14)	4..0	2	0..0	2	0..4	9..0																
Blackpool.....	(12)	3..0	1	0..0	1	1..1	4..1			Southampton.....	(15)	3..0	1	0..0	2	0..4	9..0																

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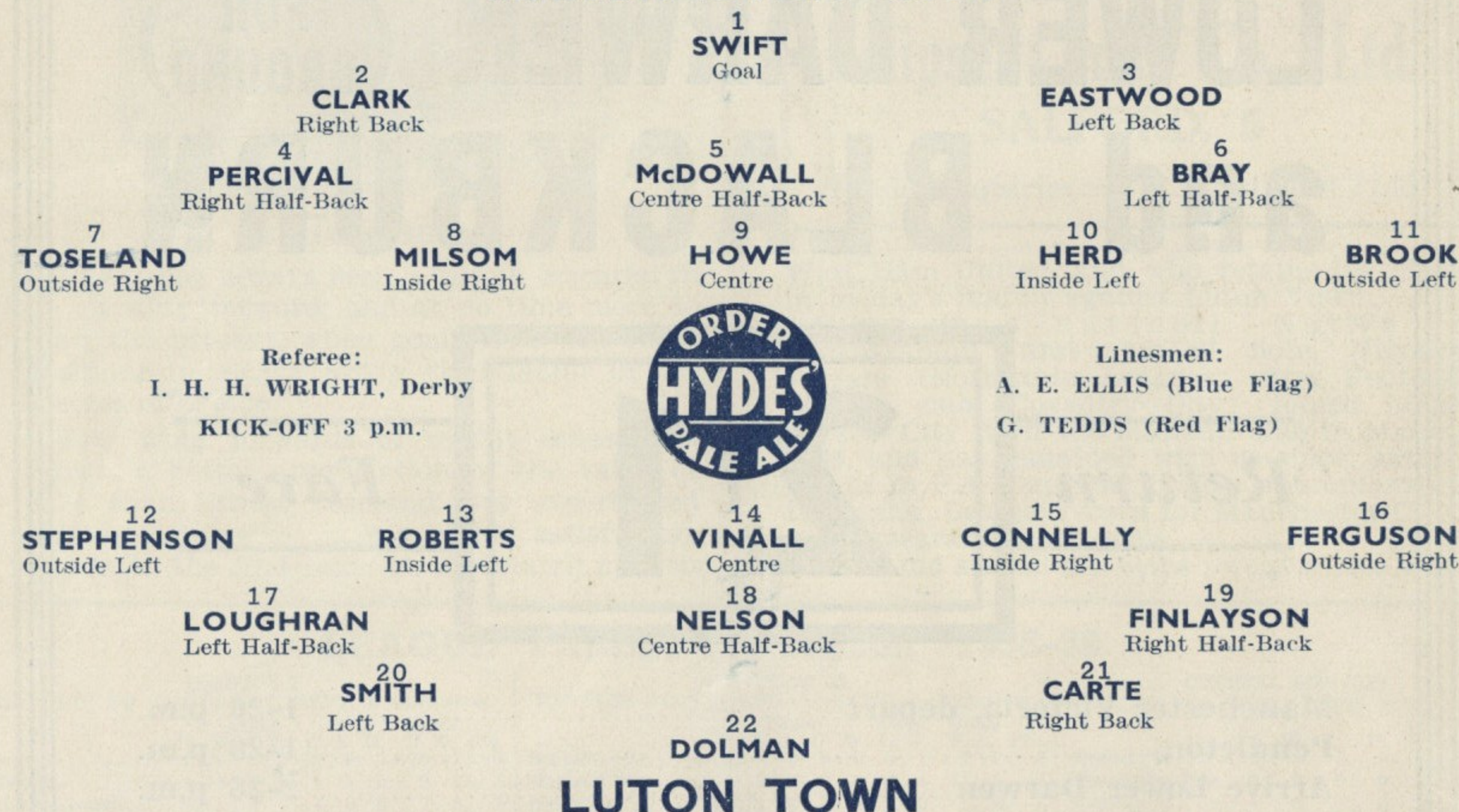
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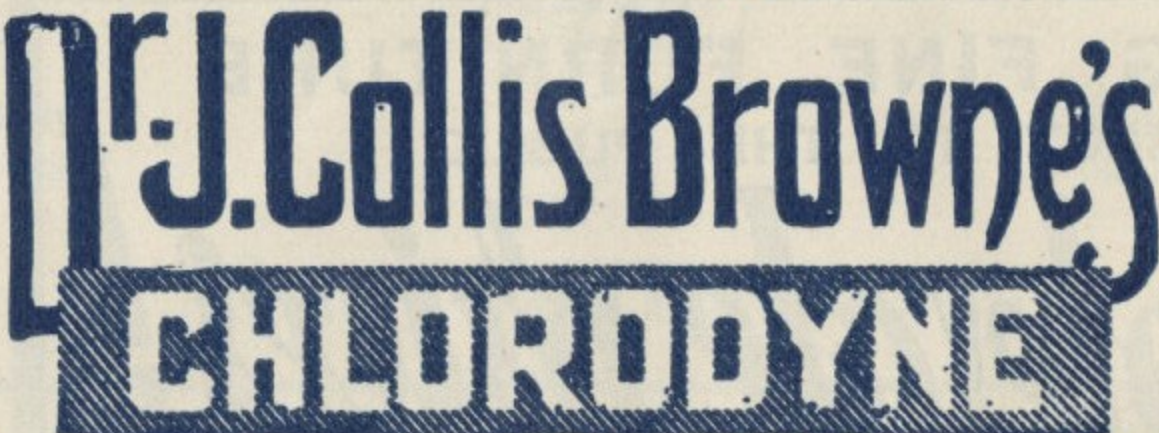
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B—BLACKBURN ROVERS v. SWANSEA TOWN .....	2	1
C—NEWCASTLE UNITED v. BURNLEY .....	1	2
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Blackburn Rovers ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.3	—	—	—	3.2	—	2.1	
Bradford ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.2	—	—	3.1	—	—	—	—	—	1.1	—	—	—	—	
Burnley... ..	{h a	—	—	—	1.1	2.0	—	—	—	—	2.1	—	—	—	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Bury ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	—	0.2	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	—	—	0.2	5.2	—	—	—	—	—	
Chesterfield... ..	{h a	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	0.3	—	1.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.1	—	—	—	—	
Coventry City ... ..	{h a	—	1.1	—	—	—	1.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	1.2	—	—	—	
Fulham ... ..	{h a	—	0.2	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.0	—	—	3.2	
Luton Town... ..	{h a	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	2.1	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.3	—	—	
Manchester City ... ..	{h a	2.4	—	—	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.0	—	—	—	2.4	
Millwall... ..	{h a	—	—	0.0	3.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.1	0.2	—	—	—	
Newcastle United ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	—	—	1.2	—	—	—	—	—	2.1	0.0	—	—	—	—	—	2.5	—	
Norwich City ... ..	{h a	1.3	—	—	—	—	1.2	—	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.3	—	
Nottingham Forest ... ..	{h a	—	1.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.0	—	—	0.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Plymouth Argyle ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.2	—	3.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.1	—	
Sheffield United ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	—	0.0	—	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sheffield Wednesday ... ..	{h a	3.0	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.3	—	—	3.2	
Southampton ... ..	{h a	—	1.2	2.5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.2	—	—	—	
Swansea Town ... ..	{h a	1.1	—	—	1.1	—	—	0.5	1.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Tottenham Hotspur ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.3	2.1	—	—	—	—	—	
Tranmere Rovers ... ..	{h a	2.3	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
West Bromwich Albion ... ..	{h a	—	—	—	—	—	3.0	—	—	5.2	3.2	1.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
West Ham United ... ..	{h a	1.2	—	—	—	—	2.3	—	4.2	—	—	—	—	—	2.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	



## FIRST TEAM FIXTURES &amp; RESULTS, SEASON 1938-39

1938	OPPONENTS	Home or Away	Results For Agst	Win, Lose or Draw	SCORERS	League Position
Aug. 27	SWANSEA TOWN.....	Home	5-0	Won	Doherty (2), Herd (2), Howe.....	1 8 10
" 29	CHESTERFIELD.....	Away	3-0	Won	Howe (2), Brook.....	
Sept. 3	BRADFORD.....	Away	2-4	Lost	Brook, Herd.....	
" 7	WEST HAM UNITED.....	Home	2-4	Lost	Herd, Howe.....	
" 10	LUTON TOWN.....	Home				
" 17	MILLWALL.....	Home				
" 24	BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	Away				
Oct. 1	FULHAM.....	Home				
" 8	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.....	Away				
" 15	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	Away				
" 22	SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	Home				
" 29	WEST BROMWICH ALBION.....	Away				
Nov. 5	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	Home				
" 12	SOUTHAMPTON.....	Away				
" 19	COVENTRY CITY.....	Home				
" 26	NOTTINGHAM FOREST.....	Away				
Dec. 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	Home				
" 10	BURNLEY.....	Away				
" 17	NORWICH CITY.....	Home				
" 24	SWANSEA TOWN.....	Away				
" 26	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	Away				
" 27	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	Home				
" 31	BRADFORD.....	Home				
1939						
Jan. 7	F.A. Cup, 3rd Round.....					
" 14	LUTON TOWN.....	Away				
" 21	MILLWALL (F.A. Cup 4th Round).....	Away				
" 28	BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	Home				
Feb. 4	FULHAM.....	Away				
" 11	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (F.A. Cup, 5th Round).....	Home				
" 18	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	Home				
" 25	SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	Away				
Mar. 4	WEST BROMWICH A. (F.A. Cup, 6th Round).....	Home				
" 11	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	Away				
" 18	SOUTHAMPTON.....	Home				
" 25	COVENTRY CITY (F.A. Cup, Semi-Final).....	Away				
April 1	NOTTINGHAM FOREST.....	Home				
" 7	BURY.....	Away				
" 8	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	Away				
" 10	BURY.....	Home				
" 15	BURNLEY.....	Home				
" 22	NORWICH CITY.....	Away				
" 29	CHESTERFIELD (F.A. Cup, Final).....	Home				
May 6	WEST HAM UNITED.....	Away				

## CENTRAL LEAGUE

1938		
Aug. 27	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS.....	Away...4-2
" 31	CHESTERFIELD.....	Home...3-1
Sept. 3	ASTON VILLA.....	Home...2-1
" 10	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Away.....
" 14	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.....	Home.....
" 17	DERBY COUNTY.....	Away.....
" 24	BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	Home.....
Oct. 1	BLACKPOOL.....	Away.....
" 8	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.....	Home.....
" 15	BIRMINGHAM.....	Home.....
" 22	WEST BROMWICH ALBION.....	Away.....
" 29	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	Home.....
Nov. 5	LIVERPOOL.....	Away.....
" 12	LEEDS UNITED.....	Home.....
" 19	BOLTON WANDERERS.....	Away.....
" 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	Home.....
Dec. 3	BURNLEY.....	Away.....
" 10	PRESTON NORTH END.....	Home.....
" 17	STOKE CITY.....	Away.....
" 24	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS.....	Home.....
" 26	EVERTON.....	Home.....
" 27	EVERTON.....	Away.....
" 31	ASTON VILLA.....	Away.....
1939		
Jan. 2	CHESTERFIELD.....	Away.....
" 7	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.....	Away.....
" 14	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Home.....
" 21	DERBY COUNTY.....	Home.....
" 28	BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	Away.....
Feb. 4	BLACKPOOL.....	Home.....
" 11	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.....	Away.....
" 18	BIRMINGHAM.....	Away.....
" 25	WEST BROMWICH ALBION.....	Home.....
Mar. 4	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	Away.....
" 11	LIVERPOOL.....	Home.....
" 18	LEEDS UNITED.....	Away.....
" 25	BOLTON WANDERERS.....	Home.....
April 1	SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	Away.....
" 7	BURY.....	Home.....
" 8	BURNLEY.....	Home.....
" 10	BURY.....	Away.....
" 15	PRESTON NORTH END.....	Away.....
" 22	STOKE CITY.....	Home.....

## MANCHESTER LEAGUE

On Droylsden F.C. Ground

1938		
Sept. 3	CHEADLE.....	Away...6-2
" 10	TAYLOR BROTHERS.....	Away.....
" 17	URMSTON.....	Home.....
" 24	HYDE UNITED (G.C.).....	Away.....
Oct. 1	NEWTON HEATH LOCO.....	Home.....
" 8	HYDE UNITED.....	Away.....
" 15	McMAHONS.....	Away.....
" 22	I.C.I.....	Home.....
" 29	NEWTON HEATH LOCO.....	Away.....
Nov. 5	TYLDESLEY UNITED.....	Away.....
" 12	STOCKPORT COUNTY "A".....	Away.....
" 19	McMAHONS.....	Home.....
" 26	I.C.I.....	Away.....
Dec. 3	STOCKPORT COUNTY "A".....	Home.....
" 17	BARNTON VICTORIA.....	Home.....
" 24	GLOSSOP.....	Away.....
" 31	TYLDESLEY UNITED.....	Home.....
1939		
Jan. 7	NEWTON HEATH ATHLETIC.....	Home.....
" 14	BUXTON.....	Home.....
" 21	URMSTON.....	Away.....
" 28	GLOSSOP.....	Home.....
Feb. 4	BUXTON.....	Away.....
" 11	NEWTON HEATH ATHLETIC.....	Away.....
" 18	HYDE UNITED.....	Home.....
" 25	BARNTON VICTORIA.....	Away.....
Mar. 4	TAYLOR BROTHERS.....	Home.....
" 25	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Home.....
April 1	CHEADLE.....	Home.....
" 7	.....	.....
" 10	.....	.....
" 15	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Away.....
" 22	LINOTYPE & MACHINERY.....	Away.....
" 29	LINOTYPE & MACHINERY.....	Home.....

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## BALL IN PLAY LAW

WE think our excerpts from the rewritten laws of the game are proving an interesting as well as an informative feature of our new programme.

Here's the law in its new form as regards the ball being in and out of play:

*The ball is out of play*

- (a) *When it has wholly crossed the goal-line or touch-line, whether on the ground or in the air.*
- (b) *When the game has been stopped by the referee.*

*The ball is in play at all other times from the start of the match to the finish, including:*

- (a) *If it rebounds from a goalpost, crossbar, or corner flagpost into the field of play.*
- (b) *If it rebounds off either the referee or linesmen when they are in the field of play.*
- (c) *In the event of a supposed infringement of the laws, until a decision is given.*

In the Referees' Chart, players are advised:

In this law particularly, play to the whistle, not to the flag; a linesman's signal is only intended for the referee, and the latter is the only person empowered to give decisions.

## LUTON TOWN SKETCHES—contd. from p. 5

**E. CONNELLY, Inside Right.** The Town paid one of their biggest fees for his transfer from Newcastle United last March. Played some very fine football in the closing weeks of the season. Two-footed and quick, he knows where the goal lies. Is really an inside left, but settled down at inside right. Played for Rosslyn Juniors before going to Newcastle in 1935. Was only 18 when he had his baptism in a Cup-tie. Born Dumbarton. Height 5ft. 7½in., weight 10st.

**E. J. VINALL, Centre Forward.** Luton paid a big fee for him from Norwich City last October. A clever player with a hard shot. Born near Aston Villa's ground, and played for Birmingham as an amateur. Became a professional with Folkestone, and moved to Sunderland. Norwich signed him in 1933, and for three seasons he was ever present—the only centre forward in the country with such a record. Height 5ft. 10½in., weight 12st. 3lb.

**F. ROBERTS, Inside Left.** In his fifth season with the club. One of the hardest workers in the team and a great club player. Reached double figures (12) in goals for the first time last season. Born at Birmingham and played for Smethwick Highfield and Piggott's Works before signing professional forms for Birmingham. Went into the League team at centre forward almost immediately, but after one season Luton persuaded Birmingham to part with him. Height 5ft. 8in., weight 11st. 7lb.

**G. H. STEPHENSON, Outside Left.** Joined the club five seasons ago. A real match-winner on his day. Born at Stillington, Durham, and signed professional forms for Durham City. Left them for Aston Villa, and had three seasons at Villa Park before joining Luton. He and Roberts have an excellent understanding. Height 5ft. 9in., weight 12st.

## ALL UNDER WAY

ALL our teams are now under way. The "A" team kicked off a week ago, and a jolly good start they made, too.

Lest it may not have been seen what they accomplished, we would like to point out that they inaugurated their Manchester League programme with an away victory at Cheadle by 6-2.

And that with only ten men for the greater part of the game, too.

We are sorry to say that Walsh had the misfortune to twist his ankle after thirty-five minutes' play, and had to retire.

We are very proud of some of the young players we have in this team. We think they are going to make their mark in the game.

Swinerton, the dashing young centre-forward, whom we secured from Wrexham just before the season opened, scored two of the goals, Freeman also helped himself to a brace, and the other two were obtained by the wing forwards, Rudd and Blackshaw.

The "A" team, of course, are playing their matches at Droylsden. They make their first appearance there next Saturday, when they meet Urmston.

### RESERVES' HAT-TRICK

OUR Central League team have made the best start of all. This is their record up-to-date:

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
3	3	0	0	9	4	6

In beating Aston Villa's strong Reserve team at Maine Road last Saturday, they gave a very fine display indeed, and already "Bobby" Marshall's advice is having its effect.

It, of course, tells a tale when we have to withdraw players from the side to fill gaps in the League team, as we have had to do this week, but we have every confidence that we are going to have some very good football from this eleven in the present campaign.

Bridges scored the two goals that won the match against the Villa. He has made an excellent start, and so have Toseland and Milsom.

We are also pleased to say that Robinson is showing no signs of the injuries which told against him last season. He is keeping a grand goal, and another player who is rendering great service is Westwood, who came to us from the United, and has more than fulfilled expectations.

We place him amongst our young players who are going to make their way in the game.

The Reserves, by the way, play their "Derby" game with the United Reserves at Old Trafford this afternoon.

Next Wednesday evening they are at home to Huddersfield Town Reserves. This game, by the way, will complete our opening mid-week engagements.

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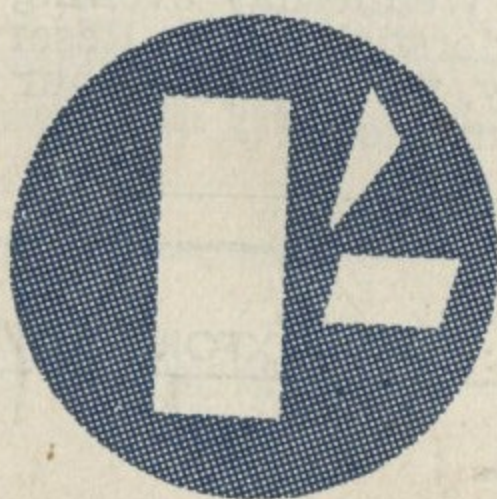
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