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No. 6. **BRADFORD v. LUTON TOWN**
Saturday, Oct. 4th, 1947 **Kick-off 3-15**



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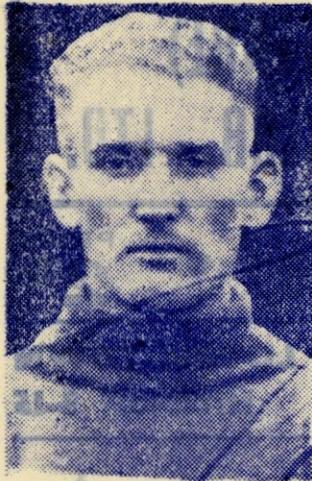
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Park Avenue Cameos (No. 6)

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JAMES H. NICHOLLS

5ft. 11½ ins. 11½ st.

Born at Coseley in Staffs, Jim Nicholls played with the Hurst Hill School XI and with the Coseley Town School-boys XI.

He later played for Bilston Borough Juniors in the Wolverhampton Amateur League and then with Dudley Town in the Birmingham League.

Joining the R.A.S.C. in 1940 he was stationed at Morley, and after one game with Park Avenue reserves he was drafted into the first team owing to an injury to Chick Farr. His first match was at Middlesbrough when he played a "blinder."

He played for the East Bierley side when the Bradford reserve side was discontinued and helped them to win several honours before he was sent abroad.

In the Middle East he played a lot of representative football as a member of the Canal Area side.

After being "demobbed" he returned to Bradford and played for the Midland League side until Chick Farr was injured in the Manchester City match at Park Avenue on May 14th last. Nicholls played in the remaining six games of last season.

OUR VISITORS

The Luton Town club was formed in 1885 by the fusion of Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior.

Luton are the oldest professional club in the South of England. In 1890 they paid three players 5/- per match, but at the end of the season it was decided to pay all the players in the first team and the amount agreed upon was 2/6 per week with 6d. extra for away games and time lost at work before 12 noon on Saturdays to be made up. The following season the wages were doubled.

Luton played in the Southern League until the amalgamation with the Football League when they became members of the Third Division (South).

Runners-up in 1935-6 they won promotion in the following season. They finished above Bradford in the final table of last season and out to make a promotion bid this time.

Their Manager, "Dally" Duncan was in Derby County's cup winning side of 1946.

CLUB GOSSIP

The collection taken at the interval will, in future, go into the "Ground Purchase and Improvements Fund," supporters contributing have the satisfaction of knowing that eventually their contributions will help towards a "bigger and better" Park Avenue.

The two points obtained from the home game against Sheffield Wednesday kept the team at the top of the Second Division table, and another pleasing feature was in the attendance, which, at 21,800, was Park Avenue's best this season.

Until eight minutes from the end of the game at Ninian Park it appeared likely that the long trip to Cardiff would not have been in vain, but a snap goal following a free kick won both points for the homesters.

Our defence played a magnificent game and were rather unfortunate to be defeated after such a display.

Supporters who intend to visit Elland Road for our match v. Leeds United on Saturday, 25th October, 1947 are informed that tickets may be obtained for reserved seats in the centre stand, price 5/- each. Applications, enclosing remittance and stamped addressed envelope, should be addressed to—Mr. C. A. Crowther, Sec., Leeds United F.C., Elland Road, Leeds. Early application is obviously essential in view of the limited accommodation available.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

May we once more remind you that our first dance of the season will be held on Monday, Oct. 6th, from 7 to 12 p.m. at the Queen's Hall.

Refreshments will be available and late transport has been arranged.

Tickets, price 3/6, may be obtained at the tea rooms to-day or from Shee's, Market Street.

The M.C.'s at this dance will be Billy Elliott and Bill Layton, and we understand that other members of the team will be present.

We ask your support to make this the outstanding function of its kind during the season.

Communications re Supporters' Club matters should be addressed to the Secretary at 3, Masefield Avenue, Bradford.

TO-DAY'S OPPONENTS

BERNARD STRETEN (goalkeeper).—Has been described as England's best amateur goalkeeper for 20 years, and became an amateur international last season. Developed in Norfolk schoolboy play, was a war-time "guest" with Walsall, Crewe Alexandra, Norwich City and Notts County, and went to Luton from Shrewsbury Town last January.

H. W. COOKE (right back).—A sturdy and stalwart two-footed defender of much versatility who can be utilised in a variety of positions with equal effect. One of the team's younger and most promising players, and had had experience with Bournemouth when Luton recruited him as a left back late in December, 1945.

WILLIAM MARSHALL HUGHES (left back).—One of the Second Division's outstanding personalities, and cost Luton their record fee of £10,000 last July. Secured by Birmingham from South Wales junior football in 1935 when 17, and became his country's regular choice and captain. Represented Great Britain against The Rest of Europe last May.

FRANK SOO (right half-back).—High among the most polished wing half-backs of the day. Son of a Chinese father and English mother, born at Buxton, brought up in Liverpool, and left Prescott Cables for Stoke City in January, 1933. Became an English international before Leicester City signed him at a big fee in 1945, and passed to Luton in June, 1946.

HORACE GAGER (centre half-back).—Though born in London, was taken to Luton as a boy, and is regarded as a local. Left the Luton Vauxhall Motors team to become a Town professional as an inside forward in November, 1937, but became the pivot and captain of the team during the war. A fair-haired and commanding figure.

SIDNEY OWEN (left half-back).—Signed for Birmingham in October, 1945, when home on leave from Italy, where he had played while in the R.A.F. Got only five first team chances at St. Andrew's last season, but demonstrated his adaptability by appearing in all three half-back positions, and has proved his worth since he arrived at Luton in June.

WILLIAM WAUGH (outside right).—Clever and purposeful Scot who ran his trials with varied minor clubs before he left Bathgate Thistle to become a Luton professional in September, 1944. Was then an outside left of 22, but later made a successful switch to the right flank, where he is a dangerous raider.

EDWARD CONNELLY (inside right).—Another skilful Scot who first left Rosslyn Juniors for Newcastle United in March, 1935, when 18, and passed on to Luton in March, 1938. Transferred to West Bromwich Albion in August, 1939, but returned to Luton in April, 1946. A brother-in-law of Douglas Witcomb, Sheffield Wednesday's Welsh international right half-back.

ALLENBY DRIVER (inside or centre forward).—A product of North Notts League football in which he played with the Mansfield Shoe Co. team before he became a Sheffield Wednesday professional in April, 1936. Is returning to familiar ground, for he became a "guest" player with us at Park Avenue in January, 1940. Luton signed him just a year ago.

HUGH JOHN BILLINGTON (centre forward).—One of the finest local "finds" the club ever made. Was serving his apprenticeship as a printer and playing with Waterlow's (Dunstable), the Spartan League champions, when Town enrolled him as a professional in May, 1938. Has maintained an exceptional scoring record ever since. A Newcastle United and York City war-time "guest."

EDWARD DUGGAN (inside left).—A Londoner from Plaistow and was taken to Luton from East End junior company. Had had two years on the ground staff before he was made a professional in August, 1939, a month before war began. Brother-in-law of "Ten-goal" Joe Payne, who also began his meteoric career at Luton.

DOUGLAS DUNCAN (outside left).—Known to all as "Dally," and one of the finest extreme wingers of modern times. Left Aberdeen Richmond for Hull City in August, 1928, cost Derby County a big fee in March, 1932, and was Scotland's first choice for an extended period. Moved to Luton as player-coach last October, and was made player-manager in June.

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AT PARK AVENUE
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BRADFORD RESERVES
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GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY
SATURDAY, OCT. 11th
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Second Division

			Goals F A
Aug. 23	West Ham United	h	4 1
" 27	Nottingham Forest	a	2 1
" 30	Chesterfield	a	1 0
Sept. 3	Nottingham Forest	h	3 1
" 6	Millwall	h	4 0
" 10	Doncaster Rovers	h	4 0
" 13	Tottenham Hotspur	a	1 3
" 18	Doncaster Rovers	a	0 3
" 20	Sheffield Wednesday	h	2 0
" 27	Cardiff City	a	0 1
Oct. 4	Luton Town	---	home
" 11	Brentford	---	away
" 18	Leicester City	---	home
" 25	Leeds United	---	away
Nov. 1	Fulham	---	home
" 8	Coventry City	---	away
" 15	Newcastle United	---	home
" 22	Birmingham City	---	away
" 29	West Bromwich Albion	---	home
Dec. 6	Barnsley	---	away
" 13	Plymouth Argyle	---	home
" 20	West Ham United	---	away
" 26	Southampton	---	home
" 27	Southampton	---	away
Jan. 3	Chesterfield	---	home
" 10	F.A. Cup 3rd Round	---	---
" 17	Millwall	---	away
" 24	F.A. Cup 4th Round	---	---
" 31	Tottenham Hotspur	---	home
Feb. 7	Sheffield Wednesday	---	away
" 14	Cardiff City	---	home
" 21	Luton Town	---	away
" 28	Brentford	---	home
Mar. 6	Leicester City	---	away
" 13	Leeds United	---	home
" 20	Fulham	---	away
" 26	Bury	---	away
" 27	Coventry City	---	home
" 29	Bury	---	home
April 3	Newcastle United	---	away
" 10	Birmingham City	---	home
" 17	West Bromwich Albion	---	away
" 24	Barnsley	---	home
May 1	Plymouth Argyle	---	away

Midland League

			Goals F A
Aug. 23	S. Shrewsbury Town	a	1 3
" 27	W. Mansfield Town Res.	h	6 2
" 30	S. Ransome & Marles	h	6 0
Sept. 1	M. Bradford City Res.	a	8 2
" 6	S. Boston United	a	3 6
" 11	Th. Notts Forest Res.	a	4 5
" 13	S. Rotherham United Res.	h	4 3
" 15	M. Bradford City Res.	h	6 2
" 20	S. Peterborough United	a	1 0
" 27	S. Ollerton Colliery	h	5 1
Oct. 4	S. Notts County Res.	---	away
" 11	S. Gainsborough Trinity	---	home
" 18	S. Hull City Res.	---	away
" 25	S. Lincoln City Res.	---	home
Nov. 1	S. Shrewsbury Town	---	home
" 8	S. Denaby United	---	away
" 15	S. Hull City Res.	---	home
" 22	S. Scarborough	---	away
Dec. 6	S. Frickley Colliery	---	away
" 13	S. York City Res.	---	home
" 20	S. Doncaster Rovers Res.	---	home
" 27	S. York City Res.	---	away
Jan. 3	S. Ollerton Colliery	---	away
" 10	S. Boston United	---	home
" 17	S. Scunthorpe United	---	home
" 24	S. Rotherham United Res.	---	away
Feb. 7	S. Frickley Colliery	---	home
" 14	S. Scunthorpe United	---	away
" 21	S. Gainsborough Trinity	---	away
" 28	S. Notts County Res.	---	home
Mar. 6	S. Lincoln City Res.	---	away
" 13	S. Scarborough	---	home
" 20	S. Ransome & Marles	---	away
" 27	E.M. Doncaster Rovers Res.	---	away
" 29	E.M. Doncaster Rovers Res.	---	away
April 3	S. Peterborough United	---	home
" 6	Tu. Grimsby Town Res.	---	away
" 10	S. Grantham	---	away
" 14	W. Notts Forest Res.	---	home
" 17	S. Denaby United	---	home
" 21	W. Mansfield Town Res.	---	away
" 24	S. Grimsby Town Res.	---	home
" 28	W. Grimsby Town Res.	---	home
May 1	S. Grantham	---	home

F.A. CUP-TIE DATES:

5th Round, Feb. 7th; 6th Round, Feb. 28th; Semi-Final, March 20th; Final, April 24th.

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Appearances and Goalscorers

Up to and including Saturday, Sept. 27th

SECOND DIVISION

	Goals
R. Danskin	1
J. D. Downie	10 6
W. H. Elliott	10 1
T. F. Farr	2
A. Farrell	10 (p) 2
R. Greenwood	7
L. Horsman	3
R. Hepworth	1
W. Layton	10 1
H. J. McIlvenny	9 6
S. McTaff	1
J. H. Nicholls	8
J. W. Smith	10 3
J. F. Stephen	10
R. B. W. White	8
E. G. Wilkins	10 2

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Appearances and Goalscorers

Up to and including Saturday, Sept 27th

MIDLAND LEAGUE

	Goals
G. Bradford	1
J. Britton	8
F. J. Clark	3
R. Danskin	1
W. Deplidge	8 2
R. Dtx	3 2
W. Donaldson	6 3
T. F. Farr	3
H. Glasby	9 3
R. Greenwood	1
R. Hepworth	3
H. N. Holmes	29 3
L. Horsman	5 6
H. Leonard	6
J. Mordue	6
J. McCall	9 3
S. McTaff	9 1
E. A. Naylor	10 10
J. Newsholme	3
J. H. Nicholls	2
M. Priestley	7 5
R. Slade	3
E. Wojtczak	2
Chapman (Bradford City) o.g.	1

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LEAGUE TABLE—SECOND DIVISION

Up to and including Saturday, September 27th

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	10	6	3	1	15
BRADFORD	10	7	0	3	14
Birmingham City	10	6	2	2	14
Cardiff City	10	5	3	2	13
Newcastle United	10	5	2	3	12
West Ham United	10	4	4	2	12
Tottenham Hotspur	10	4	3	3	11
Sheffield Wednesday	10	5	1	4	11
Fulham	10	5	0	5	10
Leeds United	10	5	0	5	10
Bury	10	4	2	4	10
Luton Town	10	4	2	4	10
Southampton	10	4	2	4	10
Coventry City	10	4	1	5	9
Barnsley	10	4	1	5	9
Leicester City	10	3	3	4	9
Doncaster Rovers	10	3	3	4	9
Millwall	9	2	3	4	7
Chesterfield	9	3	1	5	7
Plymouth Argyle	10	2	3	5	7
Nottingham Forest	10	3	0	7	6
Brentford	10	1	1	8	3

League Table—MIDLAND LEAGUE

Up to and including Saturday, September 27th

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Shrewsbury T.	9	7	1	1	15
Boston United	10	7	1	2	15
Nottingham Forest Res.	12	7	1	4	15
BRADFORD RES.	10	7	0	3	14
Grantham	10	6	1	3	13
Gainsborough	10	5	3	2	13
Lincoln City Res.	9	6	0	3	12
Peterborough U.	10	4	3	3	11
Doncaster Rov. Res.	7	4	2	1	10
Ransomes & Marles	9	4	2	3	10
Scunthorpe U.	9	4	2	3	10
Hull City Res.	10	4	2	4	10
Scarborough	10	3	2	5	8
Denaby United	9	4	0	5	8
Frickley Colliery	10	2	3	5	7
Rotherham U. Res.	7	2	2	3	6
Grimsby Town Res.	8	2	2	4	6
York City Res.	8	1	3	4	5
Mansfield Town Res.	9	2	1	6	5
Notts. County Res.	9	1	3	5	5
Ollerton Colliery	7	1	0	6	2
Bradford City Res.	8	0	0	8	0