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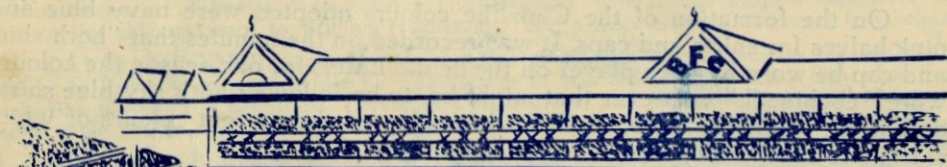
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BRADFORD v. LUTON TOWN Sat., Sept. 4th, 1948

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 Saturday to be made up by the Club. The following season the wages were doubled.

On the formation of the Club the colours adopted were navy blue and pink halves for shirts and caps. It was recorded on the minutes that "both shirt and cap be worn by each player on the field." Later, for one season the colours were "cochineal," whatever that might be, to be followed with sky blue shirts and white knickers. Then, in 1920, they adopted the present colours of white shirts and black knickers.

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

They just missed promotion in 1935-6 when they were runners-up, a point behind Coventry City. The following season they made certain of promotion by heading the table, two points in front of Notts County.

Luton have finished above Park Avenue in each of the post-war seasons, but last season it was only a superior goal average that put them in front.

Famous players who have assisted the Club at various times include John McCartney (afterwards famous as a manager), James McEwen, F. W. Kean, Louis Bookman (the old Bradford City and Irish left-winger), R. Donaldson, Frank Soo and H. J. R. Billington.

The Luton manager is Dally Duncan, the Scottish international, who was a member of Derby County's cup winning side in 1946.

After to-day's game the first team will have two away games, Plymouth and Coventry, before we see them again at Park Avenue in the return game v. Plymouth Argyle, on Wednesday, September 15th.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Mr. J. Hulme has taken over the General Secretarial work of the Supporters' Club and correspondence, etc., should now be addressed to him at 14 Woodhall Terrace, Thornbury.

A trip is being organised to Grimsby for the match on October 2nd, and names will be taken at the reserve match on Monday, 6th September, and at subsequent matches until the accommodation allotted to us is complete. Details of price and times, etc., for this outing are not yet finalised.

The proceeds of the collection we are taking today will, as usual, be allocated to ground improvements. We now have the authority of the Directors to announce that the immediate objective at which they aim is to improve the ground and its amenities.

The provision of concrete terracing at the Horton Park End of the ground, and in addition other improvements are contemplated.

The bar for Supporters' Club Members is now open in the Club-room on the Terrace, on Saturdays only, between 2 and 5-30 p.m.

LUTON TOWN

BERNARD STRETEN (goalkeeper).—Was described as England's best amateur goalkeeper for 20 years, when he became an amateur goalkeeper international two seasons ago. 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 in January, 1947. Now a professional.

H. W. COOKE (right-back).—A strong 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.

HUGH LINDSAY (left-back).—One of Luton's close season recruits from over the Border, where he had reached senior rank with St. Mirren, following outstanding work in junior circles. Polished and resourceful, and promises, with further English experience, to become an able successor to William Hughes, the Welsh international, who went to Chelsea.

DAVID GARDINER (right half-back).—Just as efficient on the right as the left flank, where he formerly operated before he crossed over to take the place of Frank Soo when that celebrity moved to Chelmsford. Clever and industrious, and regarded as one of the most serviceable of the club's local finds in recent years.

LESLIE HALL (centre half-back).—Formerly an amateur with St. Albans City in the Isthmian League before Luton made him a professional in September, 1943, since when he has progressed well. Made big strides last season, when he displaced Gager (now of Nottingham Forest), and is a photographer by trade.

WILLIAM GRIPTON (left half-back).—Another of the summer's newcomers, after having spent all his previous career in his native Black Country, where he originally played with Dartmouth Victoria. Left Bush Rangers (Handsworth League) to become a West Bromwich Albion professional in November, 1937, at the age of 17.

SAMUEL NELSON (outside-right).—Little more than at the outset of his career, and is a fast and sprightly player who finishes well. One of seven Irish forwards now playing in the Football League who all used to be with Belfast Linfield, and had had a spell with Blackpool as Stanley Matthews' understudy before Luton recruited him last season.

ROBERT BRENNAN (inside-right).—Another Irishman who is just as able in either extreme wing position. Won Irish League representative honours against the Scottish League before Luton paid about £3,000 for him in recruiting him in October, 1947, from Belfast Distillery, of which club Alf Peachey, ex-Bradford City centre-half, is secretary.

WILLIAM ARNISON (centre-forward).—Costliest member of the side, Luton being said to have paid Glasgow Rangers £7,500 for him on August 16th. Big and strong South African who left his native land for Scotland in 1946 after he had won a big scoring reputation at home, and is studying to be a masseur. A dangerous opportunist.

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.

WILLIAM WAUGH (outside-left).—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 before returning to his original berth.

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			Goals F. A.
Aug. 21	Cardiff City	home	3 0
23	(Mon.) Blackburn Rovers	away	3 2
28	Queen's Park Rangers	away	0 1
Sept. 1	(Wed.) Blackburn Rovers	home	2 0
4	Luton Town	home	
8	(Wed.) Plymouth Argyle	away	
11	Coventry City	away	
15	(Wed.) Plymouth Argyle	home	
18	Southampton	away	
25	Barnsley	home	
Oct. 2	Grimsby Town	away	
9	Leeds United	home	
16	Leicester City	away	
23	Brentford	home	
30	Tottenham Hotspur	away	
Nov. 6	West Ham United	home	
13	Bury	away	
20	West Bromwich Albion	home	
27	Chesterfield	away	
Dec. 4	Lincoln City	home	
11	Sheffield Wed.	away	
18	Cardiff City	away	
25	Fulham	home	
27	(Mon.) Fulham	away	
Jan. 1	Queen's Park Rangers	home	
8			
15	Luton Town	away	
22	Coventry City	home	
29			
Feb. 5	Southampton	home	
12			
19	Barnsley	away	
26	Grimsby Town	home	
Mar. 5	Leeds United	away	
12	Leicester City	home	
19	Brentford	away	
26	Tottenham Hotspur	home	
April 2	West Ham United	away	
9	Bury	home	
15	(Good Friday) Nottingham F.	away	
16	West Bromwich Albion	away	
18	(Easter Mon.) Nottingham F.	home	
23	Chesterfield	home	
30	Lincoln City	away	
May 7	Sheffield Wednesday	home	

F.A. CUP DATES :

3rd round, 8th Jan.; 4th round, 29th Jan
5th round, 12th Feb.; 6th round, 26th Feb.
Semi-finals, 26th March; Final Tie, 30th April

MIDLAND LEAGUE

			Goals F. A.
Aug. 21	Rotherham United	away	3 2
23	(Mon.) Bradford City	home	2 1
28	Graham	home	4 1
30	(Mon.) Bradford City	away	4 2
Sept. 4	Doncaster Rovers	away	
6	(Mon.) Denaby United	home	
11	Notts County	home	
13	(Mon.) Denaby United	away	
18	Nottingham Forest	home	
25	Shrewsbury Town	away	
Oct. 2	Grimsby Town	home	
9	Frickley Colliery	away	
16	Hull City	home	
23	Peterborough United	away	
30	Rotherham United	home	
Nov. 6	Graham	away	
13	Doncaster Rovers	home	
20	Hull City	away	
27	Gainsborough Trinity	home	
Dec. 4	Lincoln City	away	
11	Boston United	home	
18	Nottingham Forest	away	
Jan. 1	Scarborough	away	
8	York City	away	
15	York City	home	
22	Notts County	away	
29	Shrewsbury Town	home	
Feb. 5	Scunthorpe United	away	
12	Peterborough United	home	
19	Scunthorpe United	home	
26	Grimsby Town	away	
Mar. 5	Ransome & Marles	home	
12	Mansfield Town	away	
19	Scarborough	home	
23	Goole Town (Prov.)	home	
26	Gainsborough Trinity	away	
April 2	Mansfield Town	home	
9	Ransome & Marles	away	
16	Frickley Colliery	home	
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