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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1948.

CLUB NOTES.

BACK TO 1885.

Luton Town, whom we welcome as visitors this afternoon for our September holiday match, are paying only their third visit to us. Ten seasons have elapsed since they were last at Ewood but it is only a fortnight ago since we met at Luton.

That was quite an interesting game and, even though we lost by 2-0, the issue was always in doubt until Town scored their second goal, five minutes from time. The narrow margin of difference between the two teams that night suggested that, with ground advantages to-day, we should turn the tables. On the other hand, our friends have hopes of recording their first victory at Ewood Park. We must wait and see.

Our past meetings with Luton have resulted:—

	at	at
	B'burn	L'ton
1937-38	2-2	1-4
1938-39	2-0	1-1
1948-49	—	0-2

Just as we used to have the Rovers and the old Olympic in Blackburn, so they had, in the old days, two clubs in Luton. They amalgamated in 1885 to form the present Luton Town.

It was about that time that some of the Northern clubs were making "under the counter" payments to Scottish and other players, and there was a growing demand for the legalisation of professionalism. When the system was sanctioned, Luton became one of the first clubs in the South—if not the very first—to pay their players.

By 1891 they gave most of their playing staff 2s. 6d. a week—not a princely sum but worth a good deal more in those days than to-day.

Luton were in the Second Division for three seasons up to 1900-01, when they joined the Southern League, in which they remained until it became part of the Football League.

They won the championship of the Third Division (South) the same season that we ourselves first relegated.

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LEAGUE POSITION.

The points we obtained from the match with Notts Forest helped to improve our League position and our boys did their best at Fulham on Saturday to make it still easier.

It has been disappointing that a number of our players have not run into form as yet but we are confident that in most cases the lapse is only temporary and that soon they will strike a better spell.

Although we have had set-backs there is still the opportunity for much of the lost ground to be regained and for this campaign to become far more successful than many people thought. All our energies are directed to that end.

What is meant by the expression "giving a goal?"

The usual interpretation of "giving a goal," or "giving a goal through," is that the man making the bet agrees not to count the first goal scored by the side he is backing. In effect, he agrees to handicap his side by one goal, and says that they will win in spite of it. Thus, if you back the Rovers and "gave a goal," you would lose your bet if Rovers won 1-0 or 2-1. They would have to win by 2-0, 3-1, or any other two-goal margin.

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**SATURDAY,
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ROVERS

v.

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Right Back

GRAY

2

Left Back

ECKERSLEY

3

Right Half

BALDWIN

4

Centre Half

PRYDE

5

Left Half

BELL

6

Outside Right

GRAHAM

7

Inside Right

CROSSAN

6

Centre

WESTCOTT

8

Inside Left

CARTER

10

Outside Left

WHARTON

11

NORTHERN

DAILY

TELEGRAPH

**YOUR EVENING
PAPER**

Linesmen:

Red Stripe:

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WAUGH DUGGAN ARNISON BRENNAN SMALL

Outside Left Inside Left Centre Inside Right Outside Right

GARDINER

Left Half

COOKE

Left Back

Centre

HALL

Centre Half

Inside Right

COLLINS

Right Half

WILSON

Right Back

STRETEN

LUTON TOWN

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Date	Opponents	Grd.	R'slt.		
1948				1949	
Aug. 21	Southampton	Away	0-3	Jan. 1	Barnsley Away—
" 23	Bradford ..	Home	2-3	" 8	(3)
" 28	Barnsley	Home	5-3	" 15	Grimsby Town Home—
Sept. 1	Bradford .. .	Away	0-2	" 22	Notting'm F. Away—
" 4	Grimsby Town	Away	2-1	" 29	(4)
" 6	Luton Town	Away	0-2	Feb. 5	Fulham .. . Home—
" 11	Notting'm F.	Home	2-1	" 12	(5)
" 18	Fulham .. .	Away	—	" 19	Plymouth A. Away—
" 20	Luton Town	Home	—	" 26	(6) Tott'm H. Home—
" 25	Plymouth A.	Home	—	Mar. 5	West Ham U. Away—
Oct. 2	Tottenham H.	Away	—	" 12	Bury .. . Home—
" 9	West Ham U.	Home	—	" 19	W. B. Albion Away—
" 16	Bury .. .	Away	—	" 26	(S.F.) C'field Home—
" 23	W. B. Albion	Home	—	Apr. 2	Lincoln City Away—
" 30	Chesterfield	Away	—	" 9	Sheffield W... Home—
Nov. 6	Lincoln City..	Home	—	" 15	Cardiff City.. Home—
" 13	Sheffield W...	Away	—	" 16	Coventry C. Away—
" 20	Coventry City	Home	—	" 18	Cardiff City.. Away—
" 27	(1) Leeds U.	Away	—	" 23	Leeds United Home—
Dec. 4	Leicester City	Home	—	" 30	(F.) Leic'ter C. Away—
" 11	(2) Brentford	Away	—	May 7	Brentford .. Home—

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