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Saturday, October 2nd, 1948

## Club Notes

With two home matches in successive weeks, against Luton Town to-day and against Chesterfield next Saturday, we have a great chance to improve the state of affairs at the City Ground. An all-out effort by our boys will give us a lift from the bottom of the table, we sincerely hope. So will a continuance of the improved displays in the last two games, for amidst all the worries over our present position it is some satisfaction to note that the team is beginning to show much better promise.

We had a really heart-rending result at Shepherd's Bush last Saturday, and even if it brought no points, nor altered the unalterable outcome of that game, it was at least some satisfaction to read the reports in the London Press praising the Reds as the better side, and emphasising that we had two legitimate penalty appeals refused. But the worst feature of the whole affair was, of course, the handling offence which cost us the first goal.

That is the sort of thing which always afflicts the team that is struggling, but until the breaks come our way—and they are long overdue—we can only win through by being better than the opposition. To that end we realise that we have to strengthen the side, for although Jack Edwards, on his showing last week gave the impression that he is the man to solve our centre-forward problem, our Committee is not blind to the fact that we have to be strengthened, and particularly do we require a thrustful, scheming inside man.



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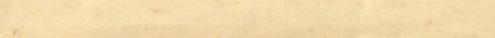
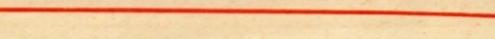
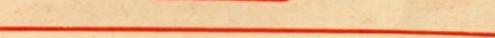
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Date	Day	Opponents	Gr. F. A.
1948			
Aug. 21	S	West Brom. A.	...H 0 1
24	T	Grimsby Town	...A 2 1
28	S	Fulham	...A 0 4
Sept. 1	W	Grimsby Town	...H 0 0
4	S	Plymouth A.	...H 1 0
8	W	Barnsley	...A 0 4
11	S	Blackburn Rovers	...A 1 2
15	W	Barnsley	...H 0 1
18	S	Cardiff City	...H 0 0
25	S	Queen's Park R.	...A 1 2
Oct. 2	S	Luton Town	...H
9	S	Chesterfield	...H
16	S	Lincoln City	...A
23	S	Sheffield W.	...H
30	S	Coventry City	...A
Nov. 6	S	Leeds United	...H
13	S	Leicester City	...A
20	S	Brentford	...H
27	S	(I) Tottenham H.	...A
Dec. 4	S	West Ham Utd.	...H
11	S	(2) Bury	...A
18	S	West Brom. A.	...A
25	S	Southampton	...H
27	M	Southampton	...A
1949			
Jan. 1	S	Fulham	...H
8	S	(3)	...
15	S	Plymouth Argyle	...A
22	S	Blackburn Rovers	...H
29	S	(4)	...
Feb. 5	S	Cardiff City	...A
12	S	(5)	...
19	S	Queen's Park R.	...H
26	S	(6) Luton Town	...A
Mar. 5	S	Chesterfield	...A
12	S	Lincoln City	...H
19	S	Sheffield W.	...A
26	S	(S.F.) Coventry	...H
April 2	S	Leeds United	...A
9	S	Leicester City	...H
15	F	Bradford	...H
16	S	Brentford	...A
18	M	Bradford	...A
23	S	Tottenham H.	...H
30	S	(F.) West Ham	...A
May 7	S	Bury	...H

**MIDLAND LEAGUE FIXTURES**

Date	Day	Opponents	Gr. F. A.
1948			
Aug. 21	S	Notts. County R.	...A 1 1
23	M	Mansfield T. Res.	...A 2 3
28	S	Gainsborough T.	...H 8 2
Sept. 4	S	York City Res.	...A 0 1
6	M	Mansfield T. Res.	...H 0 0
11	S	Scunthorpe Utd.	...H 5 2
16	T	Grantham Town	...A 2 2
18	S	Bradford P.A. Res.	...A 0 3
25	S	Rotherham Res.	...H 4 0
Oct. 2	S	Scunthorpe Utd.	...A
9	S	Shrewsbury Town	...A
16	S	Lincoln City R.	...H
23	S	Hull City Res.	...A
30	S	Doncaster Res.	...H
Nov. 6	S	Bradford City Res.	...A
13	S	Grantham Town	...H
20	S	Scarborough	...A
27	S	York City Res.	...H
Dec. 4	S	Rotherham U. Res.	...A
11	S	Ransome & M.	...H
18	S	Bradford P.A. R.	...H
1949			
Jan. 1	S	Frickley Colliery	...A
8	S	Grimsby Town R.	...A
15	S	Notts. C. Res.	...H
22	S	Gainsborough T.	...A
29	S	Grimsby T. Res.	...H
Feb. 5	S	Denaby United	...H
12	S	Boston United	...H
19	S	Boston United	...A
26	S	Shrewsbury T.	...H
Mar. 5	S	Hull City Res.	...H
12	S	Lincoln City Res.	...A
19	S	Frickley Colliery	...H
26	S	Doncaster R. Res.	...A
April 2	S	Goole Town	...H
9	S	Peterborough U.	...A
16	S	Peterborough U.	...H
19	Tu	Goole Town	...A
28	Th	Ransome & M.	...A
30	S	Scarborough	...H
May 2	M	Denaby United	...A
4	W	Bradford C. Res.	...H

**GOAL SCORERS—1st Team**

Lee	...	...	...	2
Leverton	...	...	...	1
Wilkins	...	...	...	1
Edwards	...	...	...	1

**TODAY'S VISITORS**

Horace Gager's old club, from whom we also got Sid Ottewell, have not lost a home game yet, but have only gained three points from five away matches.

At the moment Luton Town are four points better off than Forest, and promise to give us another hard struggle.

Managed by "Dally" Duncan, of Derby County and Scotland fame, Luton, it will be remembered, were concerned in last season's relegation fight, after a run of seven home games without a win, but they finished the campaign in storming style, and with eleven points from their last eight games were able to finish 13th in the table.

Forest supporters will be most interested in their new season capture, centre-forward, Billy Arnison, a South African, in whom the Reds were very interested before the start of the season when he was with Glasgow Rangers.

There will be a big change in the composition of the Luton side compared with that which beat us 2-1 on the City Ground in December last, for in addition to Gager and Ottewell Luton have since parted with Billington and Frank Soo. The old Leicester City man is now at Chelmsford, the club once managed by our own manager.

Still keeping a good goal for Luton is Bernard Streten, nowadays, of course, a professional, who used to play some great games for Notts. County when he was in the R.A.F. during the war. A bit of an all-rounder, Streton also turned out at centre-half, and on one occasion at the City Ground became a centre-forward in a Notts. Amateur League match between the two Colts teams.

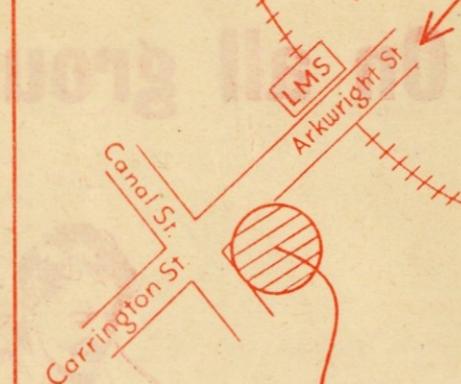
Recently it was rumoured that Luton's Irish inside-forward, Bob Brennan, was leaving Kenilworth Road, but the player has now no intention of leaving them, and was fully expected to be in the side to-day.

The young centre-half, Hall, who has taken Gager's place, gave some very promising displays before Horace was persuaded to come to Nottingham, and no doubt our supporters will be making a comparison between the Forest pivot and his successor in the visitors' ranks.

By the way, "Dally" Duncan has found a new centre-forward from the North-East, who was getting a lot of goals, and was given a run in a Luton practice match and then tried in the Reserves. The name? Lawton!

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