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LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division II

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1948

Kick-off 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Div. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Bromwich A....	14	7	5	2	23	9	19
Tottenham Hotspur	14	7	5	2	25	11	19
Southampton	14	7	3	4	29	15	17
Barnsley	14	5	6	3	24	17	16
Bury	13	7	2	4	24	18	16
Bradford	14	6	4	4	25	19	16
Sheffield Wednesday	14	6	4	4	28	23	16
Fulham	14	6	3	5	22	18	15
Queens Park Rangers	14	6	3	5	17	23	15
Cardiff City	13	5	4	4	16	16	14
West Ham United	14	4	6	4	15	15	14
Leeds United	14	4	6	4	22	23	14
Brentford	14	4	6	4	12	14	14
Leicester City	14	4	5	5	24	30	13
Chesterfield	14	3	7	4	15	19	13
Blackburn Rovers ...	14	5	3	6	19	25	13
Grimsby Town	14	4	4	6	24	25	12
Luton Town	14	3	6	5	16	22	12
Coventry City	14	4	2	8	21	30	10
Nottingham Forest ...	14	4	2	8	11	19	10
Plymouth Argyle ...	14	3	3	8	13	21	9
Lincoln City	14	2	5	7	15	28	9

Tables up to, and including, October 29

COMBINATION — Section A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	16	11	3	2	36	11	25
Luton Town	15	10	2	3	39	20	22
Birmingham City ...	15	8	4	3	28	13	20
Norwich City	15	9	1	5	26	18	19
Swansea Town	15	8	2	5	36	30	18
Brighton & Hove ...	15	8	1	6	27	26	17
Plymouth Argyle ...	16	6	4	6	21	17	16
Reading	15	7	2	6	33	29	16
Queens Park Rangers	16	6	4	6	27	27	16
Ipswich Town	17	7	2	8	30	31	16
Leyton Orient	16	5	2	9	21	36	12
West Ham United ...	16	4	3	9	22	34	11
Northampton Town ...	16	4	3	9	18	33	11
Brentford	15	4	2	9	17	27	10
Watford	15	4	2	9	12	25	10
Swindon Town	15	4	1	10	20	36	9

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	16	11	3	2	36	11	25
Southend United ...	16	11	2	3	30	14	24
Southampton	15	8	5	2	26	11	21
Arsenal	14	9	3	2	27	14	21

LEADING POSITIONS

NOTES

WELCOME, ALL

The visit of the Hatters is usually the occasion for a keen struggle between two old rivals. Our respective grounds are well-known to supporters of both clubs, for the short journey involved usually ensures a good following for the visiting club whether at Kenilworth Road or Upton Park. Today should be no exception, and we welcome all the Luton folks, including Dally Duncan and his XI.

In our meetings last season we shared the points, there being no goals scored in either game.

It is also our pleasure today to welcome a new arrival on the playing-staff at Upton Park. You have no doubt read a great deal in the press regarding George Dick, the former Blackpool inside-forward, so we shall simply say "Good luck, George," and wish him every success in his new colours.

LAST WEEK-END

We met Queens Park Rangers twice last week-end. Both matches ended with the score at 2-1, and in each case the losers might easily have been the victors.

Dealing with events in the order in which they took place, we will commence by surveying Saturday's match. Doubtlessly many of you saw the first-ever League meeting of the Rangers and the Hammers, and have already formed your opinion, but we do believe that the majority vote gave us sympathy for losing a game in which we earned at least one point. After taking about ten minutes to settle down to the small pitch and the light ball our XI gave a fine display of football and occasioned no surprise when they went ahead before the interval. The second-half looked like being a repetition of the opening 45 minutes, but two somewhat haphazard goals gave the Rangers the spoils, for in each case a goal-mouth melée was the prelude to the ball crossing our line, the second incident being particularly unfortunate, as Ernie Gregory slipped to the ground when advancing to clear.

In Monday's L.F.A Cup match, however, it was the Rangers' turn to have success snatched from their grasp. In this encounter it was mainly our Reserve XI's that met, the Hammers' team being: Taylor; Cater, Devlin; Parker, Walker, O'Farrell; McGowan, D., Wood, Jackman, Wade and Bainbridge. After gaining the lead the homesters looked like qualifying for the Semi-Final until Dick Walker converted a penalty with about a quarter-of-an-hour to go. Then, three minutes from time, Don Wade beat four or five men in a 40-yard run to score an outstanding winning goal.

This success followed a 1-0 victory over Norwich City Reserves on the Saturday, Derrick Jackman being the scorer, and we trust that this welcome return to winning form will be maintained.

THE 'A' TEAM

Although the opposition being encountered by our 'A' team in the Eastern Counties League has tested them to the full, there has already been a noticeable general improvement in the third-string's form. John Carroll's goal at King's Lynn last Saturday brought a welcome point, but more than anything it is the experience gained by our younger players that is giving the greatest cause for pleasure in that direction.

Tangible proof of this is the selection of Jimmy Barrett as outside-right in the Essex (under-19) XI for the F.A County Youth Championship match v Hertfordshire at Letchworth on November 6th. We trust this is but a step to further and greater honours.

INJURIES

After an absence of some weeks, Johnny McGowan returned to our Reserve team last Saturday. Unfortunately his leg did not stand up to the test, and he spent most of the match on the wing, so regretfully he must have a further rest.

Norman Corbett's run of eighty successive First XI games ended last week when a boil on the leg kept him out of our side for the match v Q.P.R. He is expected to be fit for today's game.

Apart from Bill Stephens and Dick Dunn who are both progressing favourably, our injury list is reasonably light, though there are the usual number of minor knocks to be attended to.

NEXT WEEK-END

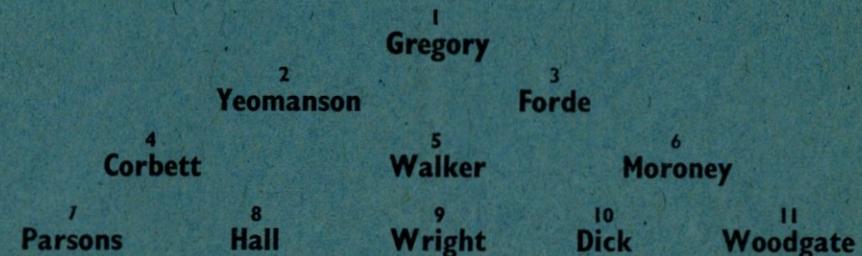
Next Saturday morning you can take your choice of two schoolboy matches, both in the Corinthian Shield: West Ham Boys are opposed by Hammersmith Boys at the Spotted Dog Ground while East Ham Boys entertain Islington Boys on this ground. Both kick-off times are 10.45.

On Saturday afternoon, kick-off 2.45, our Reserves again meet Queens Park Rangers, this time in the Football Combination.

On the following Monday (Nov. 8th) our Reserves are at home to Dulwich Hamlet in the L.F.A Cup Semi-Final, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

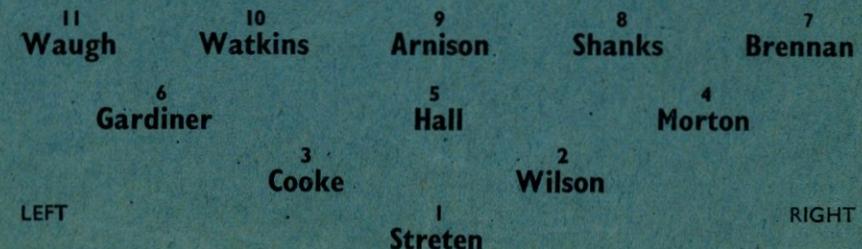
WEST HAM UNITED

Colours: Claret and Light Blue



Referee: Mr. R. E. TARRATT (Horsham, Sussex)

Linesmen: Mr. L. S. BRUNSDON (Red) and Mr. C. W. EASTBROOK (Blue)



LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — II

Date	Opponents	G'nd R'slt
Aug. 21	Lincoln City	H 2-2
23	Sheffield Wednesday	A 0-3
28	Chesterfield	A 0-0
30	Sheffield Wednesday	H 2-2
Sept. 4	West Bromwich Alb.	H 1-0
6	Coventry City	A 0-1
11	Bury	A 0-2
13	Coventry City	H 2-2
18	Plymouth Argyle	H 3-0
25	Tottenham Hotspur	H 1-0
Oct. 2	Brentford	A 0-0
9	Blackburn Rovers	A 0-0
16	Cardiff City	H 3-1
23	Queens Park Rangers	A 1-2
30	Luton Town	A H
Nov. 6	Bradford	A H
13	Southampton	A H
20	Barnsley	A H
27	Grimsby Town	A H
Dec. 4	Nottingham Forest	A H
11	Fulham	A H
18	Lincoln City	A H
25	Leeds United	A H
27	Leeds United	A H
Jan. 1	Chesterfield	A H
15	West Bromwich Alb.	A H
22	Bury	A H
Feb. 5	Plymouth Argyle	A A
19	Tottenham Hotspur	A A
26	Brentford	A H
Mar. 5	Blackburn Rovers	A H
12	Cardiff City	A H
19	Queens Park Rangers	A H
26	Luton Town	A H
April 2	Bradford	A H
9	Southampton	A A
15	Leicester City	A H
16	Barnsley	A H
18	Leicester City	A A
23	Grimsby Town	A H
30	Nottingham Forest	A H
May 7	Fulham	A A

F.A. CUP

Jan. 8	(Third Round)
29	(Fourth Round)
Feb. 12	(Fifth Round)
26	(Sixth Round)
Mar. 26	(Semi-Final)
April 30	(Final)

COMBINATION — Sec. A

Date	Opponents	G'nd R'slt
Aug. 21	Watford	A 1-0
23	Ipswich Town	H 4-1
28	Swindon Town	H 4-0
Sept. 1	Ipswich Town	A 2-5
4	Queens Park Rangers	A 1-3
6	Swansea Town	H 1-4
11	Birmingham City	H 1-1
13	Chelsea	A 0-2
18	Leyton Orient	A 1-4
20	Reading	H 1-1
25	Norwich City	A 0-2
27	Chelsea	H 1-3
Oct. 2	Northampton Town	H 2-2
9	Luton Town	H 2-3
16	Brighton & Hove	A 0-3
23	Norwich City	A 1-0
30	Northampton Town	A A
Nov. 6	Queens Park Rangers	A H
13	Luton Town	A H
20	Brighton & Hove	A H
27	Swansea Town	A A
Dec. 4	Leyton Orient	A H
11	Reading	A H
18	Watford	A H
25	Plymouth Argyle	A H
27	Plymouth Argyle	A H
April 15	Brentford	A H
18	Swindon Town	A A
23	Birmingham City	A A

HALF-TIME SCORE-BOARD

A Brentford	...	G Lincoln City	...	N Portsmouth	...
B Southampton	...	H Plymouth Argyle	...	O Bolton Wanderers	...
C Bury	...	J Sheffield Wednesday	...	P Crystal Palace	...
D Q. P. Rangers	...	K Fulham	...	Q Swindon Town	...
E Chesterfield	...	L Tottenham Hotspur	...	R Ipswich Town	...
F Blackburn Rovers	...	M Bradford	...	S Millwall	...
G Coventry City	...	N West Brom. Albion	...		
H Notts Forest	...	O Cardiff City	...		
I Leeds United	...	P Charlton Athletic	...		
J Crimsby Town	...	Q Sunderland	...		
K Leicester City	...	R Chelsea	...		
L Barnsley	...	S Arsenal	...		

EASTERN COUNTIES LG.

Date	Opponents	G'nd R'slt
Aug. 21	Harwich & Parkestone	A 2-3
25	Arsenal	A 0-2
Sept. 2	Chelsea	A 0-3
9	Norwich City	A 1-0
16	Ipswich Town	H 6-2
23	Norwich City	H 4-0
25	Yarmouth	A 0-4
Oct. 9	Lowestoft Town	A 3-4
16	Bury Town	A 1-3
23	King's Lynn	A 1-1
Nov. 6	Bury Town	A A
Dec. 4	Colchester United	A A
18	Chelmsford City	A A
Jan. 8	Chelsea	A A
15	Tottenham Hotspur	A A
22	Clacton Town	A A
Feb. 12	Gorleston	A A
19	Lowestoft Town	A A
26	Clacton Town	A A
Mar. 5	King's Lynn	A A
19	Harwich & Parkestone	A A
April 2	Newmarket Town	A A
6	Arsenal	H
9	Yarmouth	A
16	Gorleston	A
18	Colchester United	A
20	Ipswich Town	A
May 4	Tottenham Hotspur	H
7	Chelmsford City	A
	Newmarket Town	A

COMBINATION CUP

Date	Opponents	G'nd R'slt
Jan. 1	Charlton Athletic	A 2-3
8	Charlton Athletic	A H
15	Portsmouth	A H
22	Portsmouth	A H
Feb. 5	Arsenal	A H
12	Southend United	A H
19	Crystal Palace	A H
26	Crystal Palace	A A
Mar. 5	Southampton	A A
12	Millwall	A H
19	Arsenal	A A
26	Southampton	A A
April 2	Millwall	A H
9	Southend United	A H

L.F.A CUP

Oct. 11	Kingstonian	...	H 2-1
	(First Round)		
25	Queens Park Rangers	...	A 2-1
	(Second Round)		
Nov. 8	Dulwich Hamlet	...	H
	(Semi-Final)		

OTHER MATCHES

"A" TEAM			
Aug. 28	Harwich & Parkestone	A	1-10
	(E.G.L. Cup)		
Sept. 11	Bishops Stortford	...	A 2-4
	(East Anglian Cup)		
Oct. 2	Edgware Town	...	A 1-1

EAST'N COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	12	8	0	4	32	19	16
Chelmsford City	7	7	0	0	34	10	14
Chelsea	9	5	1	3	25	10	11
Bury Town	9	5	1	3	13	11	11
Clacton Town	5	5	0	1	14	2	10
Colchester United	6	5	0	1	18	7	10
Yarmouth	6	4	1	1	13	8	9
King's Lynn	7	3	1	3	18	17	7
West Ham United	10	3	1	6	18	22	7
Ipswich Town	13	3	1	9	18	42	7
Norwich City	10	2	2	6	15	31	6
Arsenal	11	2	2	7	8	17	6
Gorleston	7	2	0	5	19	26	4
Lowestoft Town	5	2	0	3	9	18	4
Harwich & Parkestone	4	1	0	3	5	9	2
Newmarket Town	3	0	0	3	6	16	0