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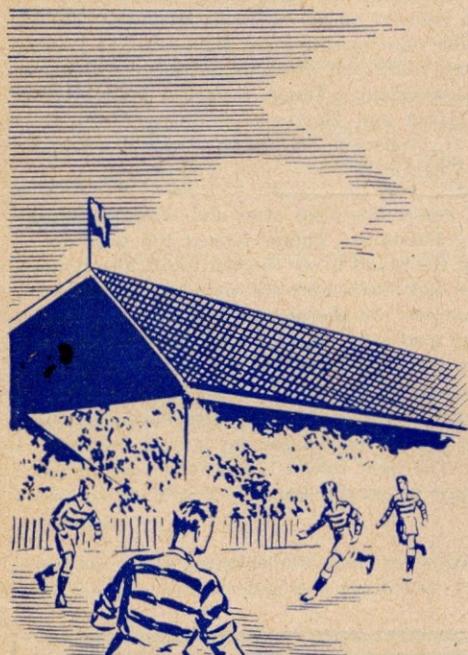
FOOTBALL CLUB

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1948.

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

v. LUTON TOWN

Div. II



LOFTUS ROAD GROUND, SHEPHERDS BUSH. W.12

NEXT HOME MATCH - CHRISTMAS MORNING

BIRMINGHAM—Football Combination

Official Programme. 3d

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THE MANAGER'S COMMENTS

"The Londoners were finding open spaces with sweeping carpet passes, and their terrier-like forwards were fast enough to give the United defenders a harrassing time." So many times in these notes have I praised the players, often after they have been defeated, that there is a possibility that I shall be accused of being biased, but when a local reporter—Ronald Crowther of the "Yorkshire Evening News"—writes as quoted above, then it is praise beyond question.

It never rains but it pours, they say, well then I must have got wet through to the skin last weekend. The realisation that Welsh International, Ivor Powell, was adamant in his transfer request meant a change in the middle line. Johnny Hartburn was under treatment for a thigh injury which, whilst not serious, made him a doubtful for the League game. On Thursday morning Cyril Hatton reported having strained his back during training and a doctor's report advised against his playing on the Saturday. The last-minute possibility of a transfer on an exchange basis fell through too late for either our own player or a possible newcomer to make the overnight journey to Leeds. All this on top of the Coventry result the previous Saturday which was still heavily on my mind, made me quite despondent. Things seemed a little brighter at midday-sun time on Saturday, both Hatton and Hartburn reporting fit to play. Our line-up was as follows: Allen; Powell, G., Jefferson; Parkinson, Smith G., Farrow; Hartburn, Stewart, Gibbons, Hatton and Pattison.

During the first half our lads played really first-class stuff and were more than good value for their goal lead via Johnny Pattison. Things looked too good to be true when, at half-time, we came down from the Stand to see firemen frantically running around with hoses. It looked as though the bad fairies were still at work. Fortunately the fire was of a mild nature and soon quelled. In the second half we went further ahead when Johnny Gibbons scored a great goal after sterling work by Hartburn and Stewart. United put on the pressure after this second reverse and shortly afterwards reduced their arrears. Reg Allen had no earthly chance of saving a Burden drive. Some ten minutes from the end almost unaccountable darkness descended and, with my heart in my mouth and unable to see the players on the far side of the field, I had visions of the game being abandoned. The light restored, however, and the game went its full course. "It's always darkest just before the dawn." Yes, I am convinced about that, too, NOW.

In conclusion I wish to thank the players for their wholehearted efforts at Leeds and to congratulate them on a job of work well done.

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THE GAME HERE

The Combination side did well to gain a 4—2 victory over a strong Brighton team in a game of many incidents. The first half was distinctly poor and but for weak finishing by the Seasiders we would have been well behind. Our lads showed some improvement after the interval but it was not until they were two goals down that they really got going and in a storming finish Durrant, Ramsar, Millbanks and Hudson each scored.

The "A" team, in which seven youngsters were given a trial, lost 6—4 to the Bees Club, but a pleasing feature of this game was the fact that two of the boys show distinct promise and are worth persevering with.

THE HUDDERSFIELD CUP TIE

Our Third Round F.A. Cup Tie with Huddersfield on January 8 next will definitely NOT be an all-ticket match. Admission to the ground will be through the turnstiles on the day of the match. By arrangement with Huddersfield Town F.C. stand ticket prices are as follows:—

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Colours: Royal Blue & White Hoops

ALLEN Goal		JEFFERSON Left Back	
2 POWELL, G. Right Back	5 SMITH, G. Centre Half	6 FARROW Left Half	
4 PARKINSON Right Half	8 STEWART Inside Right	10 HATTON Inside Left	11 PATTISON Outside Left
7 HARTBURN Outside Right	9 GIBBONS Centre Forward	Linesmen: E. V. CROOK (Red Flag) C. H. WHITE (Blue Flag)	
Referee: R. J. BURGESS (Reading) Kick-off 2.30 p.m.			



11 WAUGH Outside Left	10 WATKINS Inside Left	9 ARNISON Centre Forward	8 KIERNAN Inside Right	7 BRENNAN Outside Right
6 GARDINER Left Half	5 HALL Centre Half	Right Half MORTON		
2 COOKE Left Back	Goal STRETEN		Right Back WILSON	
LUTON TOWN Colours: Black & White				

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M	Arsenal v. Huddersfield	

OUR VISITORS

Today we welcome back to Loftus Road the Hatters of Luton. In the 1936-37 season Luton Town gained promotion to the Second Division and Q.P.R. were one of the few sides to take maximum points from our games with them. If League position is anything to judge by, the game this afternoon should be a very close affair.

Here is a brief history of Luton Town:—

The club was formed in 1885.

Record attendance: 26,362 v. Tottenham Hotspur (League) November 16, 1946.

Best in F.A. Cup: Reached sixth round in 1932-33.

Best Football League victory: 12—0 v. Bristol Rovers, April 13, 1936.

Heaviest defeat: 0—9 v. Small Heath, November 12, 1898.

Most Football League goals: 150 by A. Rennie from 1925-26 to 1934-35 inclusive.

Record individual total of Football League goals for one season: 55 by J. Payne in 1936-37.

Best individual scoring feat for one Football League match: 10 goals by J. Payne v. Bristol Rovers, April 13, 1936.

Best individual scoring feats against for one Football League match: 4 goals by Hunt (Woolwich Arsenal) December 31, 1898; H. J. Fleming (Swindon Town) August 28, 1920; E. T. Watkins (Brentford) January 28, 1928; J. W. Holliday (Brentford) February 1, 1933; W. H. Lake (Coventry City) February 19, 1938.

Total players (while with club) supplied for International Championship matches: 4 (2 English, 2 Irish).

OUR ACTION PHOTO—GEORGE STEWART

Born in Renfrewshire, it was natural that George should commence his professional career with a Scottish club, Hamilton Academicals, with whom he played two seasons before being transferred to Brentford. In March this year he came to Loftus Road and after two games in the Combination side gained his place in the League team and played in the remaining 14 League games. A broken leg whilst playing in Turkey during the close season delayed his playing this season but happily he has made a complete recovery and is now back in top form. Incidentally, George played quite a number of games with Bill McEwan and Ivor Powell in India.

LEAGUE, DIVISION II.

Up to Saturday, Dec. 11th, inclusive.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
West Brom. Albion	21	12	5	4	37	18	29
Tottenham Hotspur	20	10	7	3	40	18	27
Southampton	21	11	5	5	38	20	27
Bury	20	10	4	6	34	27	24
Sheffield Wednes.	21	9	5	7	40	32	23
Fulham	20	9	5	6	28	32	23
Bradford	21	9	4	8	43	37	22
Blackburn Rovers	20	9	4	7	31	29	22
Brentford	20	7	7	6	18	18	21
West Ham United	20	7	7	6	23	24	21
Cardiff City	20	7	7	6	25	26	21
Luton Town	21	7	7	7	26	31	21
Chesterfield	21	6	8	7	26	30	20
Q.P. RANGERS	21	8	4	9	22	33	20
Barnsley	21	6	7	8	35	34	19
Plymouth Argyle	21	6	7	8	23	30	19
Leeds United	20	5	8	7	32	33	18
Leicester City	21	5	8	8	32	40	18
Nottingham F.	20	6	4	10	30	27	16
Grimsby Town	20	5	5	10	33	42	15
Coventry City	21	6	2	12	28	37	15
Lincoln City	21	2	7	12	25	51	11

FOOTBALL COMBINATION "A"

Up to Saturday, Dec. 11th, inclusive.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	21	15	3	3	51	15	33
Luton Town	21	14	2	5	48	28	30
Swansea Town	22	12	3	7	53	39	27
Birmingham City	21	11	4	6	39	23	26
Norwich City	21	11	3	7	21	23	25
Reading	21	11	3	7	44	36	25
Q.P. RANGERS	22	9	5	8	40	38	23
Brighton & Hove	21	9	4	8	38	39	22
Plymouth Argyle	22	8	5	9	21	28	22
Ipswich Town	21	8	3	10	32	37	19
West Ham United	22	7	4	11	32	43	18
Leyton Orient	23	8	2	13	29	53	18
Watford	21	6	4	11	23	34	16
Brentford	21	6	2	13	22	33	14
Swindon Town	22	6	2	14	29	49	14
Northampton	22	4	5	13	20	44	13

FIXTURES, 1948-49.

LEAGUE, DIVISION II.				FOOTBALL COMBINATION							
Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result For Ag't	Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result For Ag't				
1948											
Aug. 21	Luton Town	..	Away	0	0	Aug. 21	LUTON TOWN	..	HOME	1	2
" 26	LEICESTER CITY	..	HOME	4	1	" 25	Norwich City	..	Away	0	2
" 28	BRADFORD	..	HOME	1	0	" 28	Swansea Town	..	Away	1	4
" 30	Leicester City	..	Away	3	2	Sept. 2	Leyton Orient	..	Away	2	3
Sept. 4	Southampton	..	Away	0	3	" 4	WEST HAM UNITED	..	HOME	3	1
" 9	CARDIFF CITY	..	HOME	0	0	" 8	Swindon Town	..	Away	2	1
" 11	BARNSELY	..	HOME	2	2	" 11	Northampton	..	Away	1	1
" 13	Cardiff City	..	Away	0	3	" 16	LEYTON ORIENT	..	HOME	2	2
" 18	Grimsby Town	..	Away	1	4	" 18	NORWICH CITY	..	HOME	2	1
" 25	NOTTINGHAM FOR.	..	HOME	2	1	" 23	SWINDON TOWN	..	HOME	5	2
Oct. 2	Fulham	..	Away	0	5	" 25	Plymouth Argyle	..	Away	0	1
" 9	BRENTFORD	..	HOME	2	0	" 30	NORTHAMPTON	..	HOME	1	0
" 16	Tottenham Hotspur	..	Away	0	1	Oct. 2	BRENTFORD	..	HOME	2	1
" 23	WEST HAM UNITED	..	HOME	2	1	" 7	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	..	HOME	2	2
" 30	Bury	..	Away	0	0	" 16	IPSWICH TOWN	..	HOME	2	2
Nov. 6	WEST BROMWICH A.	..	HOME	0	2	" 23	Chelsea	..	Away	1	2
" 13	Chesterfield	..	Away	1	2	" 30	SWANSEA TOWN	..	HOME	2	1
" 20	LINCOLN CITY	..	HOME	2	0	Nov. 6	West Ham United	..	Away	2	3
" 27	(1) Sheffield Wednesday	..	Away	0	2	" 13	WATFORD	..	HOME	4	4
Dec. 4	COVENTRY CITY	..	HOME	0	3	" 20	Ipswich	..	Away	0	1
" 11	(2) Leeds United	..	Away	2	1	" 27	Watford	..	Away	Postponed	
" 18	LUTON TOWN	..	HOME			Dec. 4	Brentford	..	Away	1	0
" 25	Blackburn Rovers	..	Away			" 11	BRIGHTON & HOVE	..	HOME	4	2
" 27	BLACKBURN ROVERS	..	HOME			" 18	Luton Town	..	Away		
1949											
Jan. 1	Bradford	..	Away			" 25	BIRMINGHAM	..	HOME		
" 8	(3) HUDDERSFIELD	..	HOME			" 27	Birmingham	..	Away		
" 15	SOUTHAMPTON	..	HOME			1949					
" 22	Barnsley	..	Away			April 15	Reading	..	Away		
" 29	(4)	..	Away			" 16	Brighton & Hove	..	Away		
Feb. 5	GRIMSBY TOWN	..	HOME			" 18	READING	..	HOME		
" 12	(5)	..	Away			" 23		..	Away		
" 19	Nottingham Forest	..	Away			" 30	CHELSEA	..	HOME		
" 26	(6) FULHAM	..	HOME			1949 FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP.					
Mar. 5	Brentford	..	Away			Jan. 1	CHELSEA	..	HOME		
" 12	TOTTENHAM HOT.	..	HOME			" 8		..	Away		
" 19	West Ham United	..	Away			" 15	Brighton & Hove	..	Away		
" 26	(S.F.) BURY	..	HOME			" 22	BRIGHTON & HOVE	..	HOME		
April 2	West Bromwich Albion	..	Away			" 29	LEYTON ORIENT	..	HOME		
" 9	CHESTERFIELD	..	HOME			Feb. 5	Fulham	..	Away		
" 15	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	..	HOME			" 12	Leyton Orient	..	Away		
" 16	Lincoln City	..	Away			" 19	FULHAM	..	HOME		
" 18	Plymouth Argyle	..	Away			" 26	BRENTFORD	..	Away		
" 23	SHEFFIELD WED.	..	HOME			Mar. 5	TOTTENHAM HOT.	..	HOME		
" 30	(F.) Coventry City	..	Away			" 12	Reading	..	Away		
May 7	LEEDS UNITED	..	HOME			" 19	BRENTFORD	..	HOME		

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One or two further losses have been incurred but these are practically balanced by our successes and to date we have more than £1,000 in the bank.

We still have a quantity of blue and white club ties and scarves for sale, obtainable from the club room. Scarves are 15/- (1 coupon) and ties 7/6 (no coupons).

We close these notes with a cordial welcome to Luton Town Supporters' Club and on behalf of our own Supporters' Club we wish them continued success and we take this opportunity of thanking their officials for the hospitable way we were received on our visit there earlier in the season.

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