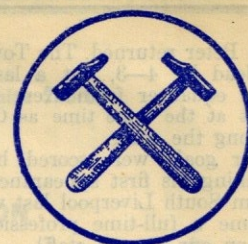




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## LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division II

THURSDAY, 24th AUGUST, 1950

Kick-off at 6.30 p.m.

### CLUB NOTES

#### The Opening Game

The opening of the 1950-51 season at Upton Park was truly sensational—the first goal of the campaign being netted inside one minute; that it was an “own goal” effort by Viggo Jensen, the Danish International half-back of the visiting team, made it even more out-of-the-ordinary.

Whilst it is our opinion that one of our players would most likely have put the finishing touches to the good move had not Jensen “obliged,” it was nevertheless a heartening start, and we were even more pleased when Bill Robinson added to the tally before the interval to give point to our first-half superiority. But Hull City proved their ability after the break with a change of tactics, and their three goals brought natural jubilation to their supporters. However, the Hammers likewise showed that they could fight back, and Gerry Gazzard’s equaliser left both teams struggling for the winner amid much excitement for the remainder of the game.

The 3—3 draw was a good reflection of the play and a fair result, for although in the early stages the defences were superior to the forwards, the game gradually took a turn in the reverse direction, and altogether there could be no complaints about the quality of entertainment.

The absence of Tommy Moroney from our advertised line-up last Saturday was due to a pulled thigh-muscle, which he sustained during training.

#### Our Visitors

We again have attractive opponents for our second League fixture of the season, for our somewhat “local” rivals from Luton have made a good start by defeating Brentford with two goals in the last ten minutes on Saturday last.

The influx of some new players to the Hatters’ side appears to have strengthened them, and in particular Whent (the former Brighton and Hove Albion skipper) had a very promising start. One or two of the visiting team that drew here 0—0 last December are missing today, but there is no reason why today’s XI’s should not produce an even better game than on the previous occasion when both sides played some excellent football despite gusty weather and a heavy ball.

#### A Creditable Performance

The following XI represented our A Team at Deal last Saturday in a friendly fixture: Chiswick; Bond, Kearns; Malcolm, Howe, Noakes; Southren, Petchey, Johns, Wade, K. Burks.

Against this strong Kent League club our youngsters showed up really well, and the home followers were full of praise for their efforts, especially when the Hammers were 3—0 up at half-time. Unfortunately for us Peter Chiswick sustained a shoulder injury that kept him off the field for nearly half-an-hour and although Freddy Kearns made a gallant deputy, the homesters’ made it

3-2 before Peter returned. The Town then went further ahead to lead by 4-3, but a last rally by our lads brought an equaliser from Ken Burks who had also been absent at the same time as Chiswick and returned to limp along the wing.

Our other goals were scored by Don Wade, Stan Johns (making his first appearance for us since transferring from South Liverpool last week) and Alf Noakes (who became a full-time professional last week after two years on our ground staff).

We hope that a reproduction of this form in Saturday's first Eastern Counties League match at Gorleston will bring further success.

### The Reserves

As the match had not been played at the time of going to press, we cannot comment on yesterday evening's Football Combination fixture against Charlton Athletic Reserves at The Valley, for which our selected team was:

Taylor; Kearns, Forde; Corbett, Niblett, Cater; Southren, Parsons, Johns, Barrett, Tucker.

Continuing their Combination programme, our Reserves will entertain Southampton Reserves here on Saturday next (3 p.m.) and will meet Portsmouth Reserves on the following Thursday (August 31st) at 6.30 p.m.

### Essex Professional Cup

There will undoubtedly be many present today who saw the first Final of the Essex Professional Cup, which was played on this ground last season.

We did not enter for the competition in its inaugural year, but it has been decided that the Hammers shall "have a go" this season, and we hope that success will come our way at the initial attempt.

As a matter of interest, we publish the draw for this season's competition, and it is interesting to note that we are to entertain Colchester United, newcomers to Division III (South) of the Football League this season.

#### FIRST ROUND

Clacton Town v. Chingford Town  
Chelmsford City v. Southend United  
West Ham United v. Colchester United

#### SEMI-FINAL

Leyton Orient

v.

West Ham United or Colchester United  
Chelmsford City or Southend United

v.

Clacton Town or Chingford Town

### Question Corner

P.H.—Our goalscorers in our Division II matches last season were as follows:

W. Robinson	23	D. McGowan	2
E. Parsons	7	D. Parker	2
K. Bainbridge	5	Own Goal	1
T. Woodgate	5		
G. Gazzard	4		53
D. Wade	4		

Woodgate (2), Gazzard, McGowan (D), Robinson and Wade were the scorers in our two F.A. Cup-Ties.

**Saturday, 26th August at 3 p.m.**

**SOUTHAMPTON Res. Football Combination**

**Thursday, 31st August at 6.30 p.m.**

**PORTSMOUTH Res. Football Combination**

### HANDOUTS ON THE HAMMERS



Ernest Gregory

Ernie Gregory is an outstanding example of "local boy making good" in big-time soccer, for he was born at Stratford and attended St. Paul's School.

He first became known in soccer as a member of the West Ham Boys team that drew in the Final of the English Schools Shield with Preston Boys, the two Associations sharing the trophy for the ensuing twelve months. He was also selected in that season for England v. The Rest.

On leaving school, Ernie became a member of our ground staff, and played for the Grafton club in the local youth league, later moving to the famous Leytonstone F.C. Whilst with the Stones he gained a league championship medal and also appeared in the Amateur Cup Semi-Final.

Ernie became a professional for the Hammers at the end of the 1939 season, but as a member of the Territorial Army joined H.M. Forces soon after the commencement of the war and served for nearly seven years, mostly in anti-aircraft units, ending up in Germany. He did, however, play quite an amount of soccer during his years in khaki, and upon resuming with us in 1946 was soon selected for the London Combination versus Diable Rouges, the famous Belgian team.

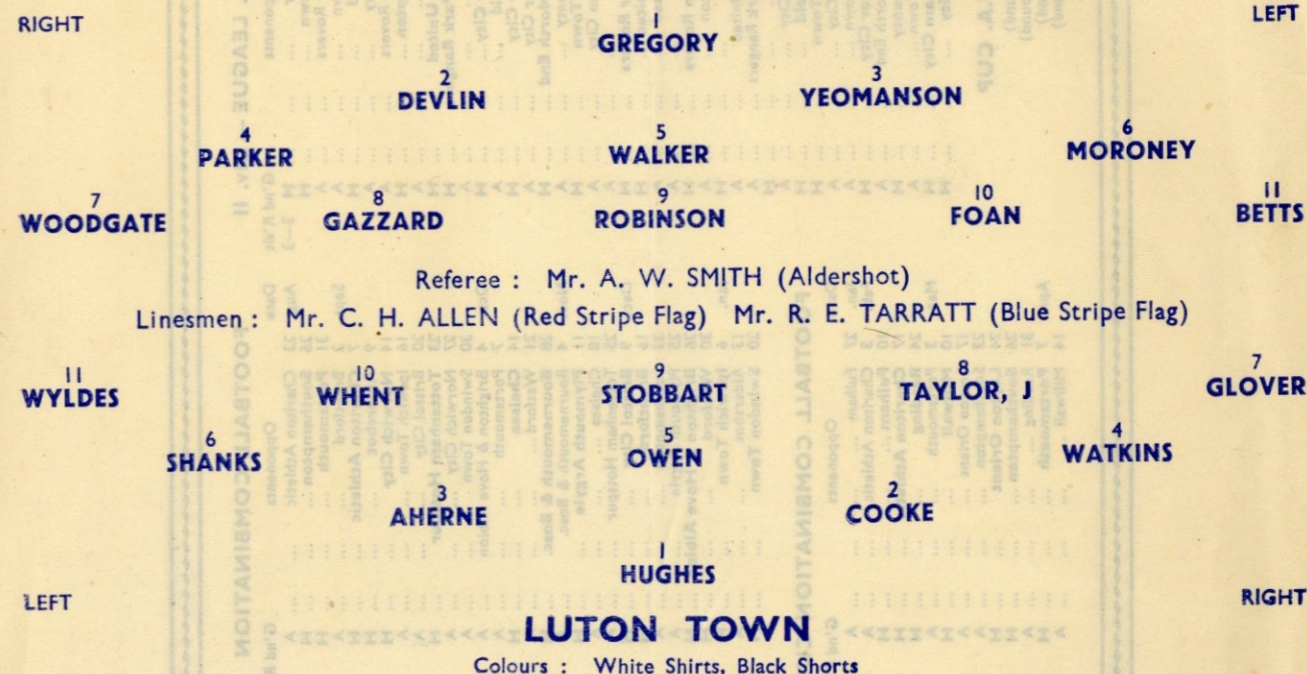
It is interesting to note that Ernie has a trio of honours against this representative side, for he had previously appeared as an amateur against them for the London F.A., and was again capped for the Combination in 1949.

Ernie accomplished a notable performance by appearing in every game for our First XI last season, and his displays there showed that he is still improving as more and more experience is gained, and we are hopeful that further honours will come his way before long.

Cricket and swimming are his other sports.

### WEST HAM UNITED

Colours : Claret Shirts with Light Blue Sleeves and Collars, White Shorts



### FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Div. II

FINAL POSITIONS, 1949-50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotsp	42	27	7	8	81	35	61
Sheffield Wednes	42	18	16	8	67	48	52
Sheffield United	42	19	14	9	68	49	52
Southampton	42	19	14	9	64	48	52
Leeds United	42	17	13	12	54	45	47
Preston Nth End	42	18	9	15	60	49	45
Hull City	42	17	11	14	64	72	45
Swansea Town...	42	17	9	16	53	49	43
Brentford	42	15	13	14	44	49	43
Cardiff City	42	16	10	16	41	44	42
Grimby Town...	42	16	8	18	74	73	40
Coventry City	42	13	13	16	55	55	39
Barnsley...	42	13	13	16	64	67	39
Chesterfield	42	15	9	18	43	47	39
Leicester City	42	12	17	15	55	65	39
Blackburn Rovers	42	14	10	18	55	60	38
Luton Town	42	10	18	14	41	51	38
Bury	42	14	9	19	60	65	37
West Ham Utd	42	12	12	18	53	61	36
Queens Park Rgs	42	11	12	19	40	67	34
Plymouth Argyle	42	8	16	18	44	65	32
Bradford	42	10	11	21	51	77	31

### EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

FINAL POSITIONS, 1949-50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tott'ham Hot. A	32	22	6	4	93	42	50
Kings Lynn	32	20	6	6	97	41	46
Gillingham Res...	32	22	2	8	85	42	46
Lowestoft Town	32	17	6	9	74	65	40
Gt. Yarmouth Tn	32	16	5	11	62	46	37
Arsenal A	32	15	5	12	52	50	35
Bury Town	32	12	8	12	51	54	32
Chelsea A	32	12	7	13	57	56	31
Chelmsford C Res	32	12	5	14	59	70	31
Colchester U Res	32	12	6	14	68	58	30
Clacton Town	32	10	7	15	60	57	27
Harwich & Park'n	32	10	5	17	54	72	25
Norwich City A	32	9	4	19	48	72	22
West Ham Utd A	32	7	7	18	51	75	21
Gorleston	32	9	3	20	40	85	21
Ipswich Town A	32	9	2	21	42	95	20
Newmarket Tn	32	9	2	21	42	95	20

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Div. I

FINAL POSITIONS, 1949-50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	42	22	9	11	74	38	53
W'hampton W...	42	20	13	9	76	49	53
Sunderland	42	21	10	11	83	62	51
Manchester Utd.	42	18	14	10	69	44	50
Newcastle Utd.	42	19	12	11	69	44	50
Arsenal	42	19	11	12	79	55	49
Blackpool	42	17	15	10	46	35	49
Liverpool	42	17	14	11	64	54	48
Middlesbrough	42	20	7	15	59	48	47
Burnley	42	16	13	13	40	40	45
Derby County	42	17	10	15	69	61	44
Aston Villa	42	15	12	15	61	61	42
Chelsea	42	12	16	14	58	65	40
W.B.A.	42	14	12	16	47	53	40
Huddersfield T'n	42	14	9	19	52	73	37
Bolton Wanderers	42	10	14	18	45	59	34
Fulham	42	10	14	18	41	54	34
Everton	42	10	14	18	42	66	34
Stoke City	42	11	12	19	45	75	34
Charlton Athletic	42	13	6	23	53	65	32
Manchester City	42	8	13	21	36	64	29
Birmingham City	42	7	14	21	31	67	28

### LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

FINAL POSITIONS, 1949-50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queens Park Rgs	26	16	5	5	66	29	37
Brentford	26	15	5	6	44	36	35
Crystal Palace	26	16	1	9	66	42	33
Reading	26	11	7	8	55	43	29
Portsmouth	26	11	6	9	41	38	28
Arsenal	26	10	7	9	32	34	27
Millwall	26	9	8	9	41	47	26
Brighton & Hove	26	11	4	11	44	52	26
Charlton Athletic	26	9	7	10	39	33	25
Leyton Orient	26	10	4	12	50	53	24
Southend United	26	6	11	9	42	53	23
Luton Town	26	8	6	12	39	47	22
Watford	26	3	4	16	28	47	16
Fulham	26	5	3	18	32	65	13

### COMBINATION — Section A

FINAL POSITIONS, 1949-50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	30	17	4	9	47	39	38
Millwall	30	13	10	7	48	31	36
Arsenal	30	15	4	11	59	33	34
Crystal Palace	30	14	6	10	41	38	34
Swansea Town	30	12	8	10	52	52	32
Birmingham City	30	12	7	11	58	48	31
Reading	30	12	7	11	50	51	31
Leicester City	30	10	10	10	42	37	30
Luton Town	30	11	8	11	44	44	30
Cardiff City	30	11	7	12	48	53	29
Northampton Tn	30	11	6	13	49	51	28
Southend United	30	12	4	14	37	42	28
Coventry City	30	10	8	12	48	55	28
Bristol Rovers	30	11	6	13	46	61	28
Queen's Park Rgs	30	8	6	16	42	52	22
Leyton Orient	30	7	7	16	45	69	21

### COMBINATION — Section B

FINAL POSITIONS, 1949-50

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Charlton Athletic	30	18	8	4	65	31	44
Norwich City	30	20	3	7	84	33	43
Chelsea	30	18	5	7	61	31	41
Plymouth Argyle	30	18	5	7	64	42	41
West Ham United	30	14	8	8	64	45	36
Tottenham Hot'r	30	12	9	9	54	45	33
Southampton	30	12	8	10	54	55	32
Brighton & Hove	30	13	5	12	56	50	31
Swindon Town...	30	12	7	11	46	50	31
Bournemouth & B	30	12	5	13	59	52	29
Bristol City	30	7	11	12	35	49	25
Ipswich Town	30	9	7	14	38	57	25
Portsmouth	30	8	8	14	32	49	24
Brentford	30	6	6	18	36	54	18
Aldershot	30	5	7	18	44	90	17
Watford	30	5	0	25	24	82	10

In the play-off for the Combination League Championship, Charlton Athletic defeated Fulham by 5-1 at Charlton.

In the Final of the Combination Cup, Swansea Tn. defeated Southend Utd by 3-1 at Southend.

# FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIV. II

Date	Opponents	Gnd R'sit
Aug. 19	Hull City ...	H 3-3
24	Luton Town ...	H
26	Doncaster Rovers ...	A
30	Leeds United ...	A
Sept. 4	Cardiff City ...	A
9	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
16	Southampton ...	A
23	Barnsley ...	A
30	Sheffield United ...	A
Oct. 14	Queens Park Rangers ...	H
17	Bury ...	A
28	Leicester City ...	A
Nov. 11	Coventry City ...	A
18	Manchester City ...	A
25	Preston North End ...	A
Dec. 2	Nottingham Forest ...	A
9	Grimsby Town ...	A
16	Birmingham City ...	A
23	Doncaster Rovers ...	A
30	Leeds United ...	A
Jan. 6	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
13	Southampton ...	A
20	Sheffield United ...	A
Feb. 3	Barnsley ...	A
17	Sheffield United ...	A
24	Queens Park Rangers ...	A
Mar. 3	Bury ...	A
10	Leicester City ...	A
17	Coventry City ...	A
24	Swansea Town ...	A
31	Swansea Town ...	A
April 7	Manchester City ...	A
14	Preston North End ...	A
21	Nottingham Forest ...	A
28	Grimsby Town ...	A
May 5	Birmingham City ...	A
12	Cardiff City ...	H

## F.A. CUP

Jan. 6	(Third Round)
27	(Fourth Round)
Feb. 10	(Fifth Round)
24	(Sixth Round)

# FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Gnd R'sit
Aug. 23	Charlton Athletic ...	A
26	Southampton ...	H
31	Portsmouth ...	H
Sept. 7	Charlton Athletic ...	A
14	Aldershot ...	A
16	Northwich City ...	H
20	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
23	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A
27	Northwich City ...	A
30	Swindon Town ...	A
Oct. 7	Brighton & Hove Albion ...	A
14	Portsmouth ...	A
21	Watford ...	A
28	Bournemouth & Boscombe ...	A
Nov. 4	Plymouth Argyle ...	A
11	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
18	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
25	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A
Dec. 2	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
9	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
16	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
23	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
30	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
Jan. 6	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
13	Blackburn Rovers ...	A
20	Blackburn Rovers ...	A

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Date	Opponents	Gnd R'sit
Jan. 27	Fulham ...	A
3	Charlton Athletic ...	A
10	Fulham ...	A
17	Charlton Athletic ...	A
24	Reading ...	A
Mar. 3	Portsmouth ...	A
10	Millwall ...	A
17	Leyton Orient ...	A
24	Southampton ...	A
31	Leyton Orient ...	A
Apr. 7	Reading ...	A
14	Portsmouth ...	A
21	Millwall ...	A

# EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Gnd R'sit
Aug. 26	Gorleston ...	A
Sept. 9	Gorleston ...	A
16	Gillingham ...	A
23	King's Lynn ...	A
Oct. 14	Walsingham ...	A
21	Gorleston ...	A
Nov. 4	King's Lynn ...	A
11	Clacton Town ...	A
18	Clacton Town ...	A
25	Clacton Town ...	A
Dec. 2	Clacton Town ...	A
9	Clacton Town ...	A
16	Clacton Town ...	A
23	Clacton Town ...	A
Jan. 30	Clacton Town ...	A
Feb. 6	Clacton Town ...	A
13	Clacton Town ...	A
20	Clacton Town ...	A
27	Clacton Town ...	A
Mar. 6	Clacton Town ...	A
13	Clacton Town ...	A
20	Clacton Town ...	A
27	Clacton Town ...	A
Apr. 3	Clacton Town ...	A
10	Clacton Town ...	A
17	Clacton Town ...	A
24	Clacton Town ...	A
May 1	Clacton Town ...	A

## E. COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP

Date	Opponents	Gnd R'sit
Sept. 30	Bury Town ...	A
Oct. 7	Bury Town ...	A
14	Bury Town ...	A
21	Bury Town ...	A
28	Bury Town ...	A
Nov. 4	Bury Town ...	A

## L.F.A. CUP

Oct. 9	(First Round)
23	(Second Round)
Nov. 6	(Semi-Final)

# LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Gnd R'sit
Oct. 4	Southend United ...	A
11	Southend United ...	A
18	Southend United ...	A
25	Southend United ...	A
Nov. 1	Southend United ...	A
8	Southend United ...	A
15	Southend United ...	A
22	Southend United ...	A
Dec. 5	Southend United ...	A
12	Southend United ...	A
19	Southend United ...	A
26	Southend United ...	A
Jan. 2	Southend United ...	A
9	Southend United ...	A
16	Southend United ...	A
23	Southend United ...	A
30	Southend United ...	A
Feb. 6	Southend United ...	A
13	Southend United ...	A
20	Southend United ...	A
27	Southend United ...	A
Mar. 6	Southend United ...	A
13	Southend United ...	A
20	Southend United ...	A
27	Southend United ...	A
Apr. 3	Southend United ...	A
10	Southend United ...	A
17	Southend United ...	A
24	Southend United ...	A
May 1	Southend United ...	A

## ESSEX PROFESSIONAL CUP

Date	Opponents	Gnd R'sit
Sept. 28	Colchester United ...	H
Oct. 5	Colchester United ...	H
12	Colchester United ...	H
19	Colchester United ...	H
26	Colchester United ...	H
Nov. 2	Colchester United ...	H
9	Colchester United ...	H
16	Colchester United ...	H
23	Colchester United ...	H
30	Colchester United ...	H
Dec. 7	Colchester United ...	H
14	Colchester United ...	H
21	Colchester United ...	H
28	Colchester United ...	H
Jan. 4	Colchester United ...	H
11	Colchester United ...	H
18	Colchester United ...	H
25	Colchester United ...	H
Feb. 1	Colchester United ...	H
8	Colchester United ...	H
15	Colchester United ...	H
22	Colchester United ...	H
Mar. 1	Colchester United ...	H
8	Colchester United ...	H
15	Colchester United ...	H
22	Colchester United ...	H
29	Colchester United ...	H
Apr. 5	Colchester United ...	H
12	Colchester United ...	H
19	Colchester United ...	H
26	Colchester United ...	H
May 3	Colchester United ...	H

## OTHER MATCHES

FIRST TEAM			
Sept. 18	Arsenal ...	... H	
	(C. W. Paynter Testimonial Match)		
	"A" TEAM		
Aug. 19	Deal Town ...	... A	4-4