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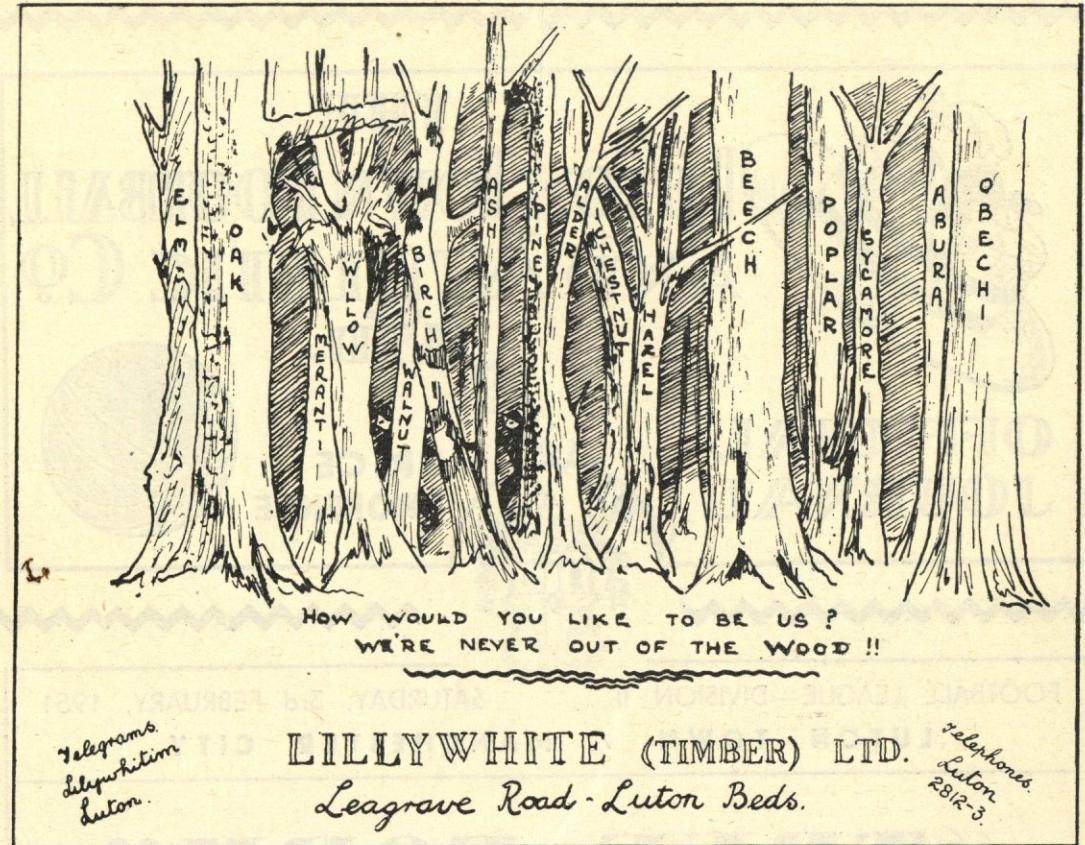
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A copy of the letter of thanks received by Mr. J. Collier, Hon. Treasurer, acknowledging the receipt of the Bobbers Stand Club's gift to Luton Town Football Club.

6th January, 1951.

Dear Mr. Collier,

I have pleasure in informing you that at our Board Meeting held on Tuesday last it was unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to the Members of the Bobbers Club thanking them very sincerely for their very fine gift of £6,000 (six thousand pounds) which was presented to this Club on Tuesday, 26th December, 1950.

My Directors are fully aware of the very hard work which has been done in a voluntary capacity by the various members of your Club in order to collect this magnificent sum of money and I can assure you it is very much appreciated by all connected with this Club.

As my Vice-Chairman said when the cheque was presented to him, "Our Supporters Club stands second to none in the country for the valuable help they have given and are giving their Parent Club, and the various sums they have already donated to us, culminating in this latest splendid gift, certainly bears me out." The rest of the Board heartily support this statement.

Once more thanking you all for your very fine efforts.

Yours very sincerely,

P. COLEY, Secretary.

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CLUB NOTES

WHAT a disappointment our lads were here last week before the best crowd we have had for a very long time. After all the nice things that had been said about the team when they met and so decisively beat Portsmouth in the previous round, we were all hoping our lads would just carry on where they left off three weeks previously. But unfortunately it was not to be and a great opportunity was lost of regaining a lot of lost support. We were admittedly beaten by a better side on the day's display, for the Rovers were faster on the ball, never allowed an opponent to part with the ball without being challenged, and once they had obtained the lead were very determined not to lose it, although they were lucky when towards the end their left back headed off the goal-line with the goalkeeper well beaten. Of course in these Cup Tie matches the psychological aspect plays a big part. Against Portsmouth our lads went all out to show a First Division side that a Second Division side was just as good, and any stranger watching that match would without any hesitation have said that we were the Club of the higher sphere. Last Saturday Bristol Rovers came here to show that they were just as good as Luton and went all out to prove it. This does not mean to say that our lads went on to the field without the determination to win, but the underlying driving force of three weeks ago was reversed and, we think, that is the answer. As things turned out we would again have been drawn to play at home, and what a match that would have been!

We have another very fine attraction here this afternoon, for we have Manchester City as our guests, and it is a match we have been looking forward to for a long time. Right from the commencement of the season the City have been occupying either top place or well within striking distance of it. At the moment they are lying third place but have two games in hand of the two Clubs above them, and so occupy a very comfortable position. By losing at Bury last week by two clear goals the City's position slightly deteriorated, which makes us fear they will be coming here today determined to make up for that lost ground. We shall have to disappoint them as far as we can, at the same time making our own position stronger.

Saturday, February 10th, 1951

FRIENDLY

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

LUTON TOWN v. ASTON VILLA

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Every match from now on is going to be as keenly fought as a Cup Tie, for we must get away from our present invidious position.

With our position ever-present in our minds the Board has made strenuous efforts to find players who can get us away from the bottom of the Table. Willie Davie and Pat McAuley were the two recent new players who will undoubtedly play a big part in this forthcoming struggle, and now we have another player in Bernard Moore who is wearing Luton's colours for the first time today and who has the reputation of being a prolific goal scorer. His present record in Southern League football is very imposing and undoubtedly Bernard knows where the goal lies. We all sincerely hope he can continue that happy knack of finding the net frequently while with us, and we all wish him every success and a bright future. May he turn out to be a second Joe Payne or Hughie Billington!

Our youngsters have been doing extremely well lately in their Metropolitan League fixtures now that they have had time to settle down and got to know each other's play. Dougie Gardiner has undoubtedly had a lot to do with this success for he has spent a lot of time with these young lads and his patience is being rewarded. We are very pleased to be informed therefore that three of our "A" Team have been selected to play for the Metropolitan League against a side chosen from the Western League, to be played at Trowbridge, on Saturday, February 10th. They are Doug. Gardiner, (who will captain the side), Joe Thompson and Arthur Taylor, and we have been very pleased to release them in order to take part in this match.

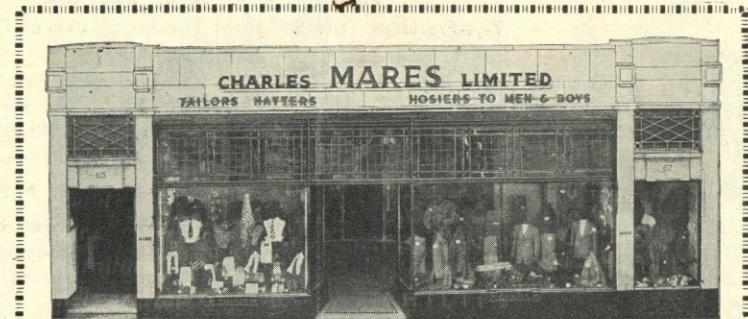
Next Saturday, February 10th, we have a blank date as far as League II fixtures are concerned and therefore feel fortunate in that Aston Villa have agreed to come here and play us in a Friendly Match. Since our late Manager, George Martin went to Villa Park a decided improvement has taken place in the team's play and results, and we feel that the visit here of this always attractive Club will be well worth watching. Like ourselves the Villa were knocked out of the F.A. Cup last Saturday, when they lost to the "Wolves" by three goals to one. Although apparently having as much of the game as their opponents and the chances, the Villa could not beat Williams more than once, not even with the aid of a penalty. We shall be very pleased to see Aston Villa at Kenilworth Road again and look forward to an enjoyable match.

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Streten
Goal

5 Owen
Centre Half
9 Moore
Centre

10 Davie
Inside Left
11 Havenga
Outside Left

Red Flag: Mr. N. W. COLLOP
(Coulston)
Orange Flag: Mr. W. J. H. GREGORY
(Hounslow)

8 Paul
Inside Right
7 Alison
Outside Right

4 Spurdle
Right Half
2 Branagan
Right Back

Trautmann
Goal

Football League—Division II

3 Aherne, T.
Left Back
6 Watkins
Left Half

10 Davie
Inside Left
11 Havenga
Outside Left

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RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination

F. A.

			1949/50	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 19	Brentford	...	1 0 H 2 0	
Thurs., ..	West Ham United	...	0 0 A 1 2	
Sat., ..	Blackburn Rovers	...	0 0 A 0 1	
Wed., ..	West Ham United	...	2 2 H 1 1	
Sat., Sept. 2	Southampton	...	1 1 H 0 1	
Wed., ..	Hull City	...	0 3 H 1 2	
Sat., ..	Barnsley	...	0 1 A 1 6	
..	Sheffield United	...	1 3 H 0 0	
..	Manchester City	...	.. A 1 1	
..	Leeds United	...	1 2 A 1 2	
Sat., Oct. 7	Preston North End	...	1 1 H 1 2	
..	Notts. County	...	.. A 2 2	
..	Queens Park Rangers	...	1 2 H 2 0	
..	Bury	...	2 5 A 1 4	
Sat., Nov. 4	Leicester City	...	1 0 H 0 2	
..	Chesterfield	...	1 0 A 1 1	
..	Grimsby Town	...	0 0 H 4 0	
..	Birmingham City	...	.. A 0 3	
Sat., Dec. 2	Cardiff City	...	0 0 H 1 1	
..	Coventry City	...	0 1 A 1 4	
..	Brentford	...	1 1 A 0 1	
Mon., ..	Blackburn Rovers	...	5 2 H 1 1	
Tues., ..	Swansea Town	...	0 0 A 2 1	
Sat., ..	Southampton	...	1 2 A 1 1	
Sat., Jan. 6	Portsmouth (F.A. Cup—3)	...	H 2 0	
..	Barnsley	...	3 1 H 1 1	
..	Sheffield United	...	2 2 A 1 2	
..	Bristol Rov. (F.A. Cup—4)	...	H 1 2	
Sat., Feb. 3	Manchester City	...	H	
..	10 F.A. Cup—Round 5	...		
..	Leeds United	...	1 0 H	
..	Preston North End (6)	...	1 0 A	
Sat., Mar. 3	Notts. County	...	H	
..	Queens Park Rangers	...	0 3 H	
..	Bury	...	2 1 H	
Fri., ..	Doncaster Rovers	...	.. A	
Sat., ..	Leicester City	...	2 3 A	
Mon., ..	Doncaster Rovers	...	.. H	
Sat., ..	Chesterfield	...	1 1 H	
Sat., Apr. 7	Grimsby Town	...	1 6 A	
..	Birmingham City	...	.. H	
..	Cardiff City	...	0 0 A	
..	Coventry City	...	2 0 H	
Sat., May 5	Hull City	...	1 1 A	

		1949/50	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 19	Cardiff City	0 2	A 0 1
Wed., ..	Northampton Town	1 0	H 1 0
Sat., ..	Arsenal	2 0	H 1 2
Sat., Sept. 2	Birmingham City	2 4	A 0 2
Mon., ..	Swansea Town	2 2	H 1 0
Sat., ..	Millwall	0 0	H 2 0
..	Swansea Town	1 1	A 2 2
Sat., ..	Crystal Palace	0 1	A 1 1
..	Queens Park Rangers	3 2	H 3 7
Sat., ..	Fulham	3 1	A 5 1
Tues., ..	Southend United	1 0	A 1 0
Sat., ..	Southend United	0 0	H 2 1
Thurs. Oct. 5	Northampton Town	3 3	A 3 3
Sat., ..	Leyton Orient	2 3	A 4 1
..	Coventry City	4 1	H 1 3
..	Leyton Orient	2 1	H 2 1
Sat., Nov. 4	Reading	0 0	A 1 2
..	Cardiff City	0 0	H 1 2
..	Millwall	1 3	A 3 4
..	Leicester City	0 3	H 2 1
Sat., Dec. 2	Arsenal	4 0	A 1 1
..	Bristol Rovers	0 2	H 2 1
..	Coventry City	1 1	A 2 1
Tues., ..	Fulham	2 3	A 1 1
Sat., ..	Crystal Palace	1 2	H 1 1
Sat., Jan. 6	Queens Park Rangers	1 0	H 1 3
..	Combination Cup		
Sat., Jan. 27	Birmingham City	2 5	A
Sat., Feb. 3	Northampton Town	0 0	A
..	Norwich City	1 3	A
..	Birmingham City	3 2	H
Sat., Mar. 3	Ipswich Town	2 3	A
..	Leicester City	0 2	H
..	Coventry City	1 5	A
Sat., ..	Northampton Town	0 3	H
..	Watford	5 0	H
Sat., Apr. 7	Coventry City	2 0	H
..	Leicester City	1 1	A
..	Ipswich Town	0 0	H
Sat., May 5			

LEAGUE DIVISION II

LEAGUE TABLES, 1950-51

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Preston North End	28	16	4	8	56	32	36
Coventry City	28	15	4	9	57	35	34
MANCHESTER CITY	26	13	7	6	55	40	33
Blackburn Rovers	27	14	5	8	46	40	33
Cardiff City	27	11	10	6	38	30	32
Southampton	27	12	7	6	57	43	31
Doncaster Rovers	27	11	9	7	41	41	31
Birmingham City	28	12	6	10	44	40	30
Sheffield United	26	11	7	8	48	38	29
Leeds United	26	11	6	9	43	38	28
West Ham United	27	11	6	10	44	46	28
Barnsley	28	10	7	11	54	39	27
Hull City	27	9	9	9	47	42	27
Notts. County	27	10	7	10	47	42	27
Leicester City	27	9	8	10	40	37	26
Brentford	28	9	6	13	37	54	24
Queens Park Rangers	27	9	5	13	44	58	23
Bury	27	8	5	14	38	51	21
Chesterfield	28	5	10	13	27	42	20
Swansea Town	27	9	2	16	34	55	20
LUTON TOWN	27	5	9	13	30	42	19
Grimsby Town	27	4	9	14	41	65	17

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