

Monday,
20th August, 1951



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EDITORIAL.

WE are at the dawn of another season and with the usual high hopes. Last season we did not play the leading part in the promotion race we had hoped, due largely to an indifferent start and injuries. In view of his splendid work in the previous season we had anticipated big things from Fred Smith, our centre-forward. He has now recovered completely after his operation for cartilage trouble and we trust he may recapture his previous form.

Ringstead and Hawksworth are anxious to hit the high-lights and Hagan is available again to supply the master moves.

NEW COMERS.

Newcomers to Bramall Lane are Fred Smith, an inside-forward, from Hull City. This member of the big Smith family (we now have three at the Lane) joined Hull from Aberdeen in October 1949. He's not tall, but his credentials are good and he is a grafter.

Then we have William Toner, a centre half-back or back, from Glasgow Celtic. He is only 21, stands 5 ft. 11 ins. and weighs 12 stones. There has been no flourish of trumpets about Toner's signing, but folk across the Border have great faith in his abilities. If he is as good as some people say he is, we shall have made a good capture.

There is also another Scot in Charles Stuart Young, a goalkeeper who was born at Falkirk, and has been living at Manchester. He is 21 and has had experience at Stalybridge Celtic. In addition there are several youngsters of good promise.

We don't know what our luck will be, but we certainly hope to get off to a good start. There will be more "Derby" matches with the promotion of Rotherham United and the return to the Second Division of our neighbours, Wednesday.

IMPROVED STAND.

It would be thrilling if United and Wednesday could have a promotion race similar to that of the season before last and also in 1938-39.

Good progress has been made with the extension of the stand. We wish that we could have had a licence to replace the whole of the portion destroyed in the 1940 blitz. However, we have had to be content with a licence for a part. This, at any rate, has enabled us to provide over 700 new seats and, in some measure, overcome the difficulties of the last five years.

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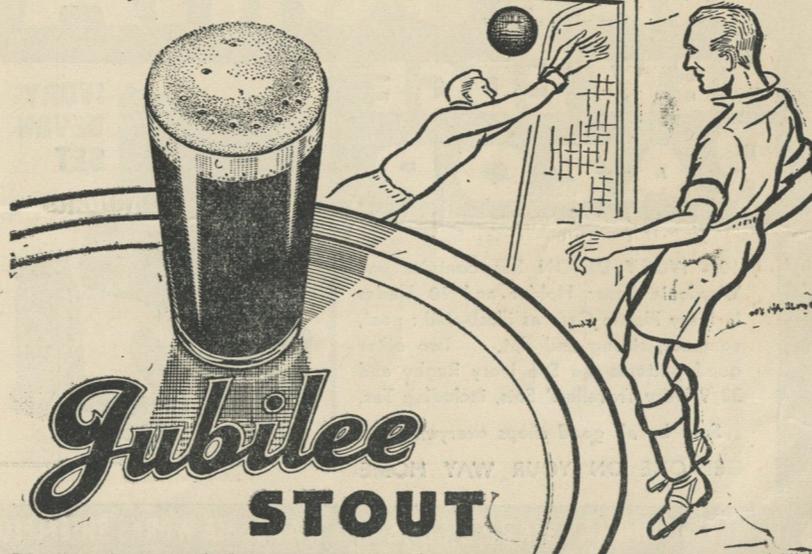
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OUR VISITORS.

LUTON TOWN, who help us to raise the curtain at Bramall Lane this afternoon, will be as anxious as ourselves to get off to a good start because last season they had a difficult campaign. Indeed almost to the last day of the season it was touch and go whether or not they would escape relegation to the Third Division. They did so by a couple of points.

That, however, was too fine a margin for their comfort and they must hope that in 1951-52 they will not have a repetition of the worry. Their manager, Dally Duncan, knows as well as the next man how football fortunes vary and it is quite likely that the "Hatters" will be a much improved side; even formidable if they have that bit of luck which means so much.

When they were at the Lane last January we won 2-1. That was one of the matches in which we experimented with Bottom at centre-forward. He scored our two goals, but he did not solve the centre-forward problem.

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Luton have made changes during the close season, but they have retained some good players such as Bernard Streten, their international goalkeeper. They think a lot about Streten at Luton, and not surprisingly.

Although they had Welsh international goalkeeper, Hughes in the League side at the time, they would not listen to transfer overtures last season when one club was prepared to pay a £9,000 transfer fee.

A familiar figure will be Sid. Owen, tall upstanding centre half-back, who usually plays a good game against United. When Luton let Gager go to Nottingham Forest there was a lifting of eye-brows. Those people who were surprised at the move did not know what a good man Luton had available to step into Gager's Shoes.

A well-known forward of the Town is George Stobbart, one-time Middlesbrough centre-forward, who shot a lot of goals on Teeside. He is an experienced centre-forward, though he may not be quite as fast as he used to be.

A new man last season was Davie, a young Scottish inside-left, from St. Mirren. He and the South African winger, Havenga, were quite a useful wing; the pair may be expected to be more outstanding this season. Watkins is a good wing half-back.

PIONEERS.

Last season Luton scored only 23 goals in away matches and conceded double that number. All told they only won two away matches and drew five. They cannot afford to lose 14 away matches this time if they are to avoid trouble in the relegation zone.

Luton, founded in 1885, were pioneers of professionalism in the south, though this distinction is often given to Arsenal. Actually Luton, in 1891, paid their players half-a-crown for a home match and three shillings for an away game.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Well Supporters, once again the 1951-52 Football Season is with us. I sincerely hope that when you read these notes, I can say, "well this is the first 'Win' keep it up lads." No doubt you will be wondering what is to be in store for us this season, well let us all sincerely hope that we have a much better season than last year and that we finish at the top of Division II Table, so then we can say that we are at last in our proper place for next season, Division I. To the Sheffield United Directors and Officials we wish a very prosperous season. To all our old players we wish the very best of Luck throughout the season and may they have a much better time, especially in regard to injuries and sickness. A few wins to start off with would be a very great Tonic for them and all of us. To our new players we extend a very Hearty Welcome. Be sure and get your Programme next Saturday for it will contain Official News of the Supporters Club New Headquarters, also its activities, etc. Very best wishes, J. S. Ashborn, Gen. Sec.

SCOREBOARD

	RED INDICATOR CLUBS	Half Time	Final	WHITE INDICATOR CLUBS	Half Time	Final
A	Stoke City			A	.....
	West Bromwich Albion ..				.....
B	Tottenham Hotspur			B	.....
	Fulham .....				.....
C	Cardiff City			C	.....
	Rotherham United .....				.....
D	Coventry City			D	.....
	Swansea Town .....				.....
E	Queen's Park Rangers			E	.....
	Hull City .....				.....
F	Hartlepoons United			F	.....
	Crewe Alexandra .....				.....
G	York City			G	.....
	Tranmere Rovers .....				.....
H	Blackburn Rovers Res.			H	.....
	Barnsley Res. ....				.....
I	Blackpool Res.			I	.....
	Burnley Res. ....				.....
J	Chesterfield Res.			J	.....
	Preston N.E. Res. ....				.....
K	Liverpool Res.			K	.....
	United Res.	
L	Sheffield Wednesday Res.			L	
	Everton Res.	
M			M	
	
N	Leicester City			N	
	WEDNESDAY	

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

CENTRAL LEAGUE

DATE 1951	G'D	OPPONENTS	F A	DATE 1951	G'D	OPPONENTS	F A
Aug. 18	S	Blackburn Rovers	a	Aug. 18	S	BLACKBURN ROVERS.	h
20	M	LUTON TOWN	h	20	M	Liverpool	a
25	S	HULL CITY	h	25	S	Blackpool	a
29	W	Luton Town	a	27	M	LIVERPOOL	h
Sept. 1	S	Barnsley	a	Sept. 1	S	BARNLSLEY	h
8	S	SHEFF. WEDNESDAY	h	5	W	Derby County	a
10	M	BURY	h	8	S	Sheffield Wednesday.....	a
15	S	WEST HAM UNITED	h	15	S	Huddersfield Town	a
17	M	Cardiff City	a	17	M	DERBY COUNTY	h
22	S	Coventry City	a	22	S	WOLVERHAMPTON	h
29	S	SWANSEA TOWN	h	29	S	Bury	a
Oct. 6	S	Leeds United	a	Oct. 6	S	CHESTERFIELD	h
13	S	ROTHERHAM UTD.	h	13	S	Burnley.....	a
20	S	.....	.....	20	S	PRESTON N.E.	h
27	S	BIRMINGHAM CITY	h	27	S	Everton	a
Nov. 3	S	Leicester City	a	Nov. 3	S	MANCHESTER UTD. ...	h
10	S	NOTTS. FOREST	h	10	S	Stoke City	a
17	S	Brentford	a	17	S	WEST BROM. ALB.	h
24	S	DONCASTER ROVERS.	h	24	S	Newcastle United	a
Dec. 1	S	Everton	a	Dec. 1	S	BOLTON WAND.	h
8	S	SOUTHAMPTON	h	8	S	Leeds United	a
15	S	BLACKBURN ROVERS.	h	15	S	Blackburn Rovers	a
22	S	Hull City	a	22	S	BLACKPOOL	h
25	Tu	Notts. County	a	25	Tu	Manchester City	a
26	W	NOTTS. COUNTY	h	26	W	.....	.....
29	S	BARNLSLEY	h	29	S	Barnsley	a
1952				1952			
Jan. 1	Tu	Bury	a	Jan. 1	Tu	ASTON VILLA.....	h
5	S	Sheffield Wednesday.....	a	5	S	SHEFF. WEDNESDAY ..	h
12	S	F.A. Cup (3rd Round) .....	.....	12	S	.....	.....
19	S	West Ham United	a	19	S	HUDDERSFIELD T.	h
26	S	COVENTRY CITY	h	26	S	Wolverhampton W.	a
Feb. 2	S	F.A. Cup (4th Round) .....	.....	Feb. 2	S	.....	.....
9	S	Swansea Town	a	9	S	BURY	h
16	S	LEEDS UNITED	h	16	S	Chesterfield	a
23	S	F.A. Cup (5th Round) .....	.....	23	S	MANCHESTER CITY ...	h
Mar. 1	S	Rotherham United	a	Mar. 1	S	BURNLEY	h
8	S	CARDIFF CITY.....	h	8	S	Preston North End	a
8	S	F.A. Cup (6th Round) .....	.....	15	S	EVERTON	h
15	S	Birmingham City	a	22	S	Manchester United	a
22	S	LEICESTER CITY	h	29	S	STOKE CITY	h
29	S	Nottingham Forest	a	April 5	S	West Bromwich Albion ...	a
April 5	S	BRENTFORD	h	12	S	NEWCASTLE UNITED ..	h
12	S	Doncaster Rovers	a	14	M	Aston Villa	a
14	M	Queen's Park Rangers	a	19	S	Bolton Wanderers	a
19	S	EVERTON	h	26	S	LEEDS UNITED	h
26	S	Southampton	a	May 3	S
May 3	S	QUEEN'S PK. RGS.	h				

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