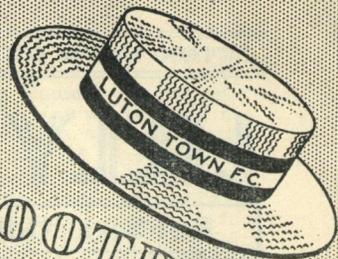


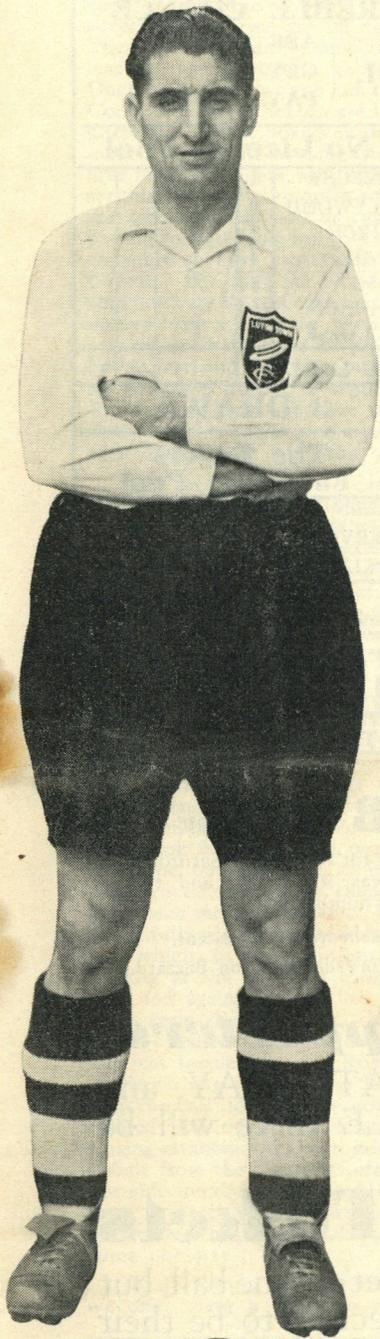
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CLUB NOTES

THE injuries bogey has hit us with a bang this season, and with so many necessary alterations each match due to this misfortune it is not surprising that we are off to rather a poor start. These last two Sunday mornings there have been at least a dozen players each time requiring the Doctor's attention, and on top of this both Billy Cooke and David Sexton are lying on their backs in hospital. Billy Cooke's injury is a very nasty one indeed and it will be some little time before we see him in action again, while David Sexton's, though serious, will not take quite so long as Bill's. Both are getting on as well as can be expected and are hoping to leave hospital this week, when they will continue to have treatment at the Rehabilitation Centre. The long lay-off of these two players at this juncture on top of the day to day injuries has indeed been a sad blow, particularly as the one had just regained the form he was showing the season before last, and the other making such rapid strides as to secure himself a regular place in the First Team. We trust we have now reached the point in the injuries position to enable us to look forward to a long respite from this worry.

On Saturday last we came away from Craven Cottage pointless, but it need not have been, for one or two good chances went begging and on top of that the two goals scored by Fulham should have been prevented. Our forwards however did not strike that happy combination they showed here against Rotherham or against Birmingham last Wednesday, although their mid-field play at times was a treat to watch. It was of course most unfortunate that Sid Owen should receive such a nasty head injury so early in the game and to what extent this affected the chances of fighting back against an early goal is very hard to say but of course it did not improve our position, well though Bob Morton played in the Centre Half position. The defence played very well and apart from the two chances given to the Fulham forwards, of which they took full advantage, our rear-guard seemed to have the position well in hand. Against a less experienced goalkeeper than Ian Black we might have been more fortunate. Jesse Pye first from a beautifully placed free kick just outside the penalty box which, in our opinion, should have been a penalty as the handling took place well inside the box, and again a lovely low shot from him going away from the keeper all the time which he just managed to touch to prevent the ball entering the net just inside a post. Roy Davies did beat the goalie on one occasion but Lawlor just managed to stop the ball right on the goal line and again Roy headed just over from a good position. In the closing minutes Sid Owen might have reduced the deficit from the Outside Left position but just was not able to connect properly. It was a very good game to watch for there was plenty of football, from both sides, but the breaks unfortunately did not come our way.

The "Swans" are our visitors this evening and we offer them a welcome return to Kenilworth

The Coverman—Jim Pemberton

First started playing senior football for Round Oak Steel Works, Stourbridge, at the age of 16. After a few months with them signed Amateur forms for West Bromwich Albion, playing for them two seasons 1943-44 and 1944-45, making one appearance in their First Team. Joined Stourbridge F.C. at beginning of 1945-46 season in the Birmingham Combination League, transferred to Luton 27th November, 1947. In

Road. On their last visit here we were coasting along to a very nice two-goal victory, when in the last seven minutes Swansea scored twice through their inside right Scrine, and in fact we felt that if the game had lasted many more minutes defeat might have been our lot instead of a comfortable victory. Never was the saying "the game is not not won until the final whistle" more aptly applied than in this match. It was a game however which our lads took to heart, for they never made the same mistake again of easing up. Swansea also have their injury troubles early in the season, for in this match this evening they are without the services of two of their regular forwards in Scrine and Turnbull. It is pleasing to see, however, that their International player Ivor Allchurch is playing, for this young lad is one of the outstanding finds of post-war football, and Bob Morton will have to be on his toes the whole time to try and stave off any trouble from this quarter. So far the "Swans" have averaged a point a match, but they disappointed their fans last Saturday by dropping a point to Lincoln City, the newly promoted Third (North) Club. Lincoln however, are doing very well up to now and so perhaps it was quite a good performance to take a point from them after all. The dropping of this point will probably make the "Swans" fight all the harder this evening to try and even matters, so a hard fight can be expected.

In the Luton, South Beds. and District Youth League fixture between Limbury Old Boys and our Youth XI held here on Monday evening last a very good match was seen, full of thrills and excitement, especially towards the end. Considering all players were well under 18 years of age, the skill and determination on both sides was pleasing to see. There were 232 spectators, and anyone outside the ground must have thought there was a first team match being played, so loud was the encouragement. A draw of three goals each was a fitting result to a very interesting game.

Our "Stiffs" have begun very well this season, despite injuries and calls made on them for first team duty. Defeat has been avoided so far in the five matches played and as you see are second only to Leicester who hold top position. We feel the football this young team is providing deserves better support than that given them so far this season. Many people do not attend our Combination fixtures simply because it is the Reserve side which is playing, but there is some very good football played at times, which is well worth seeing. We are quite sure more of you would become regular supporters of the Reserves if you came along a few times to see how they are shaping.

Those of you who have been attending the reserve matches this season will be pleased to see Ron Baynham's promotion to the First Team this evening. Ron has been putting in some magnificent displays, and we trust his debut tonight will be the fore-runner of many such appearances. Bernard Streten is still playing well but the manager thought that as Baynham has been playing so confidently that it is only fair to give him a chance to show his capabilities in the higher grade.

season 1950-51 made six First Team appearances as well as playing against Ayr United and Schiedam in the Festival of Britain Matches. The goal he scored against Gil Merrick here will always be remembered by those who saw it. Season 1951-52, made two First Team appearances but suffered from cartilage trouble which necessitated an operation. Just regaining his confidence. Has scored 3 goals in the Combination side so far this season. Is a very useful utility man and has played in every position except goalkeeper and outside right while with us.

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3 Beech (G.)
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Goal

5 Owen
Centre Half



9 Medwin
Centre
5 Kiley
Centre Half

King
Goal

Football League—Division II

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6 Watkins
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10 Shanks
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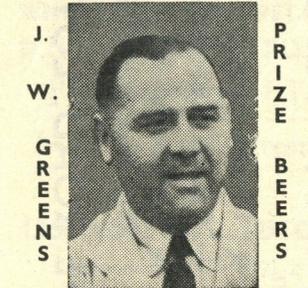
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FIRST XI Division II

			1951/52	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 23	Plymouth Argyle	A 1 2
Wed., .. 27	Birmingham City	...	2 4	H 0 1
Sat., .. 30	Rotherham United	...	1 1	H 2 1
Wed., Sept. 3	Birmingham City	...	1 3	A 2 2
Sat., .. 6	Fulham	...	...	A 0 2
Wed., .. 10	Swansea Town	...	2 2	H ..
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	...	6 1	H ..
Thurs., .. 18	Swansea Town	...	3 0	A ..
Sat., .. 20	Leicester City	...	3 3	A ..
Sat., .. 27	Notts County	...	6 0	H ..
Sat., Oct. 4	Southampton	...	3 2	A ..
Sat., .. 11	Huddersfield	...	...	A ..
Sat., .. 18	Sheffield United	...	2 1	H ..
Sat., .. 25	Barnsley	...	2 1	A ..
Sat., Nov. 1	Lincoln City	...	...	H ..
Sat., .. 8	Hull City	...	2 1	A ..
Sat., .. 15	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1	H ..
Sat., .. 22	Nottingham Forest	...	0 2	A ..
Sat., .. 29	Everton	...	1 1	H ..
Sat., Dec. 6	Brentford	...	3 3	A ..
Sat., .. 13	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 4	H ..
Sat., .. 20	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	H ..
Fri., .. 26	Leeds United	...	2 1	H ..
Sat., .. 27	Leeds United	...	1 1	A ..
Sat., Jan. 3	Rotherham United	...	1 0	A ..
Sat., .. 10	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...	...
Sat., .. 17	Fulham	...	...	H ..
Sat., .. 24	West Ham United	...	0 3	A ..
Sat., .. 31	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	...
Sat., Feb. 7	Leicester City	...	1 2	H ..
Sat., .. 14	Notts. County (5)	...	4 5	A ..
Sat., .. 21	Southampton	...	2 1	H ..
Sat., .. 28	Huddersfield (6)	...	...	H ..
Sat., Mar. 7	Sheffield United	...	0 3	A ..
Sat., .. 14	Barnsley	...	4 2	H ..
Sat., .. 21	Lincoln City	...	...	A ..
Sat., .. 28	Hull City	...	1 1	H ..
Fri., April 3	Bury	...	1 0	A ..
Sat., .. 4	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 2	A ..
Mon., .. 6	Bury	...	2 1	H ..
Sat., .. 11	Nottingham Forest	...	3 3	H ..
Sat., .. 18	Everton	...	3 1	A ..
Sat., .. 25	Brentford	...	0 2	H ..
Sat., May 2	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 1	A ..

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

			1951/52	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 23	Bristol Rovers	...	2 7	H 5 1
Thurs., .. 28	Queens Park Rangers	...	...	A 1 0
Sat., .. 30	Watford	...	1 1	A 1 1
Wed., Sept. 3	Brighton & Hove A.	...	2 3	H 4 4
Sat., .. 6	Southend United	...	...	H 4 1
Thurs., .. 11	Leyton Orient	...	...	A ..
Sat., .. 13	Bournemouth & B.	...	0 4	A ..
Wed., .. 17	Leyton Orient	...	...	H ..
Sat., .. 20	Aldershot	...	...	A ..
Sat., .. 27	Leicester City	...	...	H ..
Wed., Oct. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	...	4 4	A ..
Sat., .. 4	Bristol City	...	5 2	H ..
Wed., .. 8	Swindon Town	...	1 1	A ..
Sat., .. 11	Swansea Town	...	...	H ..
Wed., .. 15	Swindon Town	...	3 3	H ..
Sat., .. 18	Ipswich Town	...	1 1	A ..
Sat., .. 25	Crystal Palace	...	...	H ..
Sat., Nov. 1	Brentford	...	...	A ..
Sat., .. 8	Brentford	...	...	H ..
Sat., .. 15	Southend United	...	...	A ..
Sat., .. 22	Queens Park Rangers	...	...	H ..
Sat., .. 29	Bristol City	...	0 1	A ..
Sat., Dec. 6	Bournemouth & B.	...	2 1	H ..
Sat., .. 13	Crystal Palace	...	...	A ..
Sat., .. 20	Bristol Rovers	...	3 2	A ..
Thurs., .. 25	Aldershot	A ..
Sat., .. 27	Ipswich Town	...	1 2	H ..
Sat., Jan. 3	Watford	...	2 1	A ..
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Sat., .. 17	Swansea Town	A ..
Sat., .. 24	Leicester City	H ..
Sat., Jan. 31	Watford	...	0 2	H ..
Sat., Feb. 7	Coventry City	...	1 1	A ..
Sat., .. 14	Coventry City	...	2 2	H ..
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Sat., Mar. 7	Northampton Town	...	5 3	H ..
Sat., .. 14	Ipswich Town	...	1 3	A ..
Sat., .. 21	Norwich City	...	1 1	A ..
Sat., .. 28	Watford	...	1 2	A ..
Fri., April 3	Norwich City	...	6 2	H ..
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League Tables, 1952-53

Up to and including Monday, 8th September, 1952

LEAGUE DIVISION II									
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.		
Huddersfield	5	4	1	0	12	1	9		
Plymouth Argyle	5	4	1	0	14	7	9		
Leicester City	6	4	1	1	20	12	9		
Lincoln City	5	3	1	1	9	3	7		
Sheffield United	6	3	1	2	8	10	7		
Fulham	5	3	0	2	13	13	6		
Hull City	6	2	2	2	6	7	6		
Brentford	6	2	2	2	9	10	6		
Blackburn Rovers	6	3	0	3	10	11	6		
Notts County	5	3	0	2	9	10	6		
Birmingham City	5	2	2	1	7	8	6		
SWANSEA T.	5	2	1	2	8	9	5		
West Ham United	6	1	3	2	3	4	5		
Notts Forest	5	2	0	3	8	7	4		
Southampton	5	2	0	3	10	10	4		
Leeds United	5	1	2	2	6	7	4		
Rotherham Utd.	5	1	1	3	8	9	3		
Doncaster Rovers	5	1	1	3	7	9	3		
Everton	5	1	1	3	4	6	3		
LUTON TOWN	5	1	1	3	5	8	3		
Barnsley	5	1	1	3	4	13	3		
Bury	5	0	2	3	5	10	2		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division II									
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.		
Leicester City	5	5	0	0	13	4	10		
LUTON TOWN	5	3	2	0	15	7	8		
Aldershot	6	3	1	2	12	9	7		
Ipswich Town	5	3	1	1	7	5	7		
Brentford	5	3	0	2	8	5	6		
Queens Park Rangers	5	2	2	1	6	4	6		
Bournemouth	4	2	1	1	5	2	5		
Bristol Rovers	5	1	3	1	8	8	5		
Crystal Palace	5	2	1	2	10	12	5		
Leyton Orient	5	1	2	2	9	9	4		
Swansea Town	5	1	2	2	8	8	4		
Southend United	5	2	0	3	7	12	4		
Swindon Town	5	1	1	3	7	10	3		
Brighton & Hove A.	5	0	2	3	9	14	2		
Watford	5	0	2	3	4	12	2		
Bristol City	5	0	2	3	2	9	2		

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