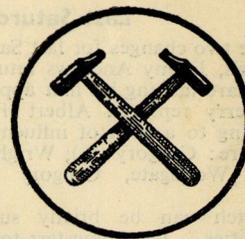


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WEST HAM UNITED v. LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division II

SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1953

Kick-off 2.45 p.m

CLUB NOTES

Close Rivals

The visit of Luton Town F.C. to Upton Park is usually the occasion for a close contest, and our relative League positions point to a recurrence this afternoon.

When we met at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season our XI was: Gregory (E.); Wright, Bond; Parker, Allison, O'Farrell; Woodgate, Barrett, Moroney, Gregory (J.), Tucker. This side had the upper hand during the opening half but failed to take its chances and could not gain a lead. After the interval some switches by Dally Duncan brought more zest to his forward line, but the homesters' efforts were in turn forestalled by our rearguard, and a goalless draw was the ultimate result.

Since that match the Hatters have shown very great improvement, and have steadily climbed the table after gaining only seven points from their first nine games. They are among the challengers for the leadership of Division II and are not complete "outsiders" in the F.A. Cup lists; in the Cup next Saturday they will visit Manchester City at Maine Road, after disposing of Blackburn Rovers in summary fashion in the Third Round by 6-1.

Much of the Hatters' progress can be credited to the management of Dally Duncan. Steady work by the former Scottish International at Luton has achieved most efficient progress in judicial team-building. Undoubtedly one of his finest strokes of business was to obtain the transfer of Jesse Pye, for the ex-Wolves forward has rapidly returned to the form that earned him fame earlier in his career and this has been backed by all-round solidarity from the rest of the XI.

Last season's meetings with Luton took place during the Christmas holidays. On Christmas Day we were two up at the interval and won by three clear goals—our biggest score in the meetings between the Hatters and Hammers. Making several changes in the side on Boxing Day our opponents rapidly ensured that we should not repeat the performance; 3-1 ahead at the interval they piled on pressure and goals in the second-half to earn a 6-1 margin, thus returning our "Christmas present!"

Half-Time Score-Board

A	BRENTFORD	NOTTINGHAM FOREST
B	DONCASTER ROVERS	BLACKBURN ROVERS
C	EVERTON	SOUTHAMPTON
D	FULHAM	LEEDS UNITED
E	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	LINCOLN CITY
F	LEICESTER CITY	BIRMINGHAM CITY
G	NOTTS COUNTY	BURY
H	ROTHERHAM UNITED	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
I	SHEFFIELD UNITED	BARNSELY
J	SWANSEA TOWN	HULL CITY
K	ASTON VILLA	CHELSEA
L	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	ARSENAL
M	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
N	BRISTOL ROVERS	MILLWALL
O	COLCHESTER UNITED	QUEENS PARK RANGERS
P	CRYSTAL PALACE	BRISTOL CITY
Q	WATFORD	LEYTON ORIENT
R	BIRMINGHAM CITY RES.	WEST HAM UTD. RES.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Div II

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R'slt
Aug 23	Southampton ...	H	1-0
25	Hull City ...	A	0-1
30	Bury ...	A	1-1
Sept. 1	Hull City ...	H	0-0
6	Birmingham City ...	H	1-2
8	Leicester City ...	A	0-0
13	Luton Town ...	A	0-0
15	Leicester City ...	H	4-1
20	Leeds United ...	H	2-2
27	Plymouth Argyle ...	A	1-1
Oct. 4	Rotherham United ...	H	2-4
11	Blackburn Rovers ...	A	0-3
18	Nottingham Forest ...	H	3-2
25	Everton ...	A	1-2
Nov. 1	Brentford ...	H	3-1
8	Doncaster Rovers ...	A	1-1
15	Swansea Town ...	H	3-0
22	Huddersfield Town ...	A	1-0
29	Sheffield United ...	H	1-1
Dec. 6	Barnsley ...	A	0-2
13	Lincoln City ...	H	5-1
20	Southampton ...	A	2-1
25	Notts County ...	H	2-2
27	Notts County ...	A	1-1
Jan. 3	Bury ...	H	3-2
17	Birmingham City ...	A	0-2
24	Luton Town ...	H	...
Feb. 7	Leeds United ...	A	...
14	Plymouth Argyle ...	H	...
21	Rotherham United ...	A	...
28	Blackburn Rovers ...	H	...
Mar. 7	Nottingham Forest ...	A	...
14	Everton ...	H	...
21	Brentford ...	A	...
28	Doncaster Rovers ...	H	...
Apr. 3	Fulham ...	A	...
6	Swansea Town ...	A	...
11	Huddersfield Town ...	H	...
18	Sheffield United ...	A	...
25	Barnsley ...	A	...
May 2	Lincoln City ...	A	...

F.A. CUP

Jan. 10	West Bromwich Albion	H	1-4
	(Third Round)		

L.F.A. CUP

Oct. 6	Leyton Orient	A	1-1
	(First Round)		
13	Leyton Orient	H	3-2
	(First Round Replay)		
20	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-1
	(Second Round)		
Nov. 3	Chelsea	H	5-1
	(Semi-Final)		
Dec. 8	Brentford	A	2-1
	(Final) (at Stamford Bridge)		

ESSEX PROFESSIONAL CUP

Nov. 13	Colchester United	A	3-2
	(First Round)		
	Leyton Orient	H	
	(Semi-Final)		

COMBINATION—Division I

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R'slt
Aug. 25	Tottenham Hotspur ...	H	2-2
30	Charlton Athletic ...	H	2-0
Sept. 3	Chelsea ...	A	0-4
6	Southampton ...	A	1-2
8	Cardiff City ...	H	0-3
13	Reading ...	H	2-1
20	Northampton Town ...	A	1-2
22	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A	0-3
27	Plymouth Argyle ...	H	2-1
Oct. 1	Norwich City ...	A	0-0
4	Millwall ...	A	1-1
11	Birmingham City ...	H	2-1
25	Northampton Town ...	H	2-0
Nov. 1	Arsenal ...	A	3-2
8	Portsmouth ...	H	1-0
15	Reading ...	A	0-2
19	Plymouth Argyle ...	A	0-2
22	Coventry City ...	H	9-0
24	Fulham ...	H	1-0
29	Charlton Athletic ...	A	2-3
Dec. 1	Millwall ...	H	4-2
10	Fulham ...	A	1-0
20	Arsenal ...	H	0-1
25	Coventry City ...	A	0-2
26	Norwich City ...	H	3-1
Jan. 3	Cardiff City ...	A	1-1
17	Southampton ...	H	3-2
24	Birmingham City ...	A	...
28	Portsmouth ...	A	...
To be arranged	Chelsea ...	H	...

COMBINATION CUP

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R'slt
Jan. 10	Aldershot ...	A	3-0
31	Millwall ...	H	...
Feb. 7	Fulham ...	H	...
21	Aldershot ...	H	...
28	Reading ...	A	...
Mar. 7	Portsmouth ...	H	...
14	Charlton Athletic ...	A	...
21	Leyton Orient ...	H	...
28	Portsmouth ...	A	...
April 4	Fulham ...	A	...
6	Millwall ...	A	...
11	Leyton Orient ...	A	...
18	Charlton Athletic ...	H	...

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R'slt
Aug. 23	Stowmarket Town ...	A	3-1
Sept. 10	Arsenal "A" ...	A	0-3
13	Harwich & Parkeston ...	A	0-2
17	Chelmsford City Reserves ...	A	2-1
20	Cambridge United ...	A	0-3
Oct. 4	Gillingham Reserves ...	A	0-4
11	Harwich & Parkeston ...	A	5-1
18	Clacton Town ...	A	3-1
25	Lowestoft Town ...	A	3-2
Nov. 1	Kings Lynn ...	A	0-7
8	Clacton Town ...	A	0-3
15	Eynesbury Rovers ...	A	0-3
17	Tottenham Hotspur "A" ...	H	1-1
22	Colchester United Reserves ...	A	2-1
29	Cambridge United ...	A	0-1
Dec. 6	Chelmsford City Reserves ...	A	1-1
13	Kings Lynn ...	A	2-1
15	Chelsea "A" ...	H	2-1
20	Crittall Athletic ...	A	2-1
27	Lowestoft Town ...	A	5-2
Jan. 3	Bury Town ...	A	0-1
10	Chelsea "A" ...	A	2-1
17	Eynesbury Rovers ...	A	4-3
24	Gorleston ...	A	...
31	Yarmouth Town ...	A	...
Feb. 7	Stowmarket Town ...	A	...
Mar. 21	Crittall Athletic ...	A	...
28	Yarmouth Town ...	A	...
Apr. 6	Arsenal "A" ...	H	...
18	Gillingham Reserves ...	A	...
25	Gorleston ...	A	...

To be arranged

Bury Town ...	A	...
Colchester United Reserves ...	A	...
Norwich City "A" ...	H	...
Norwich City "A" ...	H	...
Tottenham Hotspur "A" ...	A	...

EASTERN COUNTIES LG. CUP

Sept. 6	Crittall Ath. (2nd Rd.)	A	2-3
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LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R'slt
Oct. 27	Watford ...	H	5-0
Nov. 5	Portsmouth ...	A	2-1
10	Fulham ...	H	0-1
26	Arsenal ...	A	1-2
Dec. 10	Charlton Athletic ...	A	0-2
Jan. 22	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A	...
29	Southend United ...	A	...
Feb. 4	Crystal Palace ...	A	...
11	Watford ...	A	...
19	Fulham ...	A	...
Mar. 2	Arsenal ...	H	...
9	Crystal Palace ...	H	...
16	Queens Park Rangers ...	H	...
23	Charlton Athletic ...	H	...
30	Portsmouth ...	H	...
April 15	Queens Park Rangers ...	A	...
20	Tottenham Hotspur ...	H	...
27	Southend United ...	H	...

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Div. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Sheffield United...	28	17	6	5	69	38	40
Huddersfield Town...	26	15	7	4	49	20	37
Leicester City ...	26	14	5	7	65	50	33
Luton Town ...	25	14	4	7	56	33	32
Birmingham City ...	26	12	7	7	44	39	31
Nottingham For. ...	26	13	3	10	57	44	29
Leeds United ...	26	9	10	7	44	33	28
West Ham Utd. ...	26	9	10	7	37	33	28
Rotherham Utd. ...	27	13	2	12	51	47	28
Plymouth Argyle ...	26	11	6	9	37	39	28
Fulham ...	26	11	5	10	49	45	27
Blackburn Rovers ...	27	11	3	13	38	46	25
Notts County ...	25	9	6	11	40	51	24
Everton ...	26	8	7	10	42	39	23
Doncaster Rovers ...	25	6	10	9	33	43	22
Lincoln City ...	25	5	12	8	34	45	22
Hull City ...	26	8	5	13	37	46	21
Brentford ...	25	8	5	12	35	46	21
Swansea Town ...	26	6	9	11	44	61	21
Bury ...	26	7	6	13	33	52	20
Southampton ...	27	5	8	14	45	59	18
Barnsley ...	26	5	4	17	34	64	14

COMBINATION — Div. I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham Hot'r. ...	28	15	9	4	71	30	39
Charlton Athletic ...	28	15	5	8	53	46	35
Portsmouth ...	27	15	4	8	57	30	34
Plymouth Argyle ...	28	16	2	10	59	46	34
Cardiff City ...	28	14	5	9	52	39	33
West Ham Utd. ...	27	13	4	10	43	38	30
Norwich City ...	29	11	8	10	41	52	30
Millwall ...	27	13	3	11	41	39	29
Arsenal ...	28	12	4	12	45	42	28
Northampton Tn. ...	29	12	2	15	44	47	26
Chelsea ...	28	9	6	13	38	48	24
Birmingham City ...	28	9	6	13	34	44	24
Reading ...	28	10	3	15	30	39	23
Fulham ...	27	9	4	14	41	59	22
Coventry City ...	29	9	4	16	31	54	22
Southampton ...	29	5	5	19	32	59	15

DIV. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Luton Town ...	26	19	6	1	85	31	44
Leicester City ...	26	19	3	4	77	32	41
Swansea Town ...	29	12	8	9	49	34	32
Ipswich Town ...	26	12	8	6	42	29	32
Bournemouth & B. ...	29	10	10	9	43	31	30
Bright. & Hove A. ...	30	10	9	11	72	65	29
Aldershot ...	28	11	7	10	37	44	29
Bristol Rovers ...	28	8	12	8	45	51	28
Queens Pk. R'grs ...	27	11	5	11	26	33	27
Watford ...	29	9	8	12	38	40	26
Crystal Palace ...	29	10	6	13	36	48	26
Leyton Orient ...	28	9	6	13	34	45	24
Brentford ...	27	8	4	15	30	54	20
Swindon Town ...	27	8	4	15	26	61	20
Southend United ...	21	8	3	17	40	62	19
Bristol City ...	27	6	5	16	30	50	17

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Cambridge United ...	21	13	3	5	51	29	29
Kings Lynn ...	19	14	0	5	58	25	28
Gillingham Res. ...	22	11	5	6	47	35	27
Yarmouth Town ...	20	11	4	5	37	18	26
West Ham Utd. A ...	23	12	2	9	37	45	26
Gorleston ...	19	11	3	5	54	28	25
Arsenal "A" ...	20	11	3	6	37	23	25
Colchester U. Res. ...	21	11	2	8	34	31	24
Harwich & Park'n ...	20	8	7	5	48	36	23
Tott'ham Hot. A ...	20	8	6	6	35	25	22
Eynesbury Rovers ...	20	10	2	8	55	50	22
Norwich City A ...	20	9	4	7	43	40	22
Bury Town ...	19	9	2	8	36	36	20
Stowmarket Town ...	20	6	2	12	31	53	20
Clacton Town ...	20	4	4	12	24	50	12
Lowestoft Town ...	18	6	0	12	20	45	12
Chelmsford C. Res. ...	21	3	4	14	26	47	10
Crittall Athletic ...	17	3	3	11	23	42	9
Chelsea A ...	22	2	2	18	20	58	6

LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Arsenal ...	9	8	0	1	26	9	16
Fulham ...	11	6	2	3	27	19	14
Portsmouth ...	9	4	3	2	27	18	11
Tott'ham Hotspur ...	8	3	3	2	19	15	9
Charlton Athletic ...	7	3	1	3	16	13	7
Crystal Palace ...	7	2	2	3	11	24	6
West Ham Utd. ...	5	2	0	3	8	6	4
Queens Pk. R'grs ...	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
Watford ...	6	1	1	4	6	17	3
Southend United ...	6	0	0	6	3	18	0

Tables include matches played Jan. 21.