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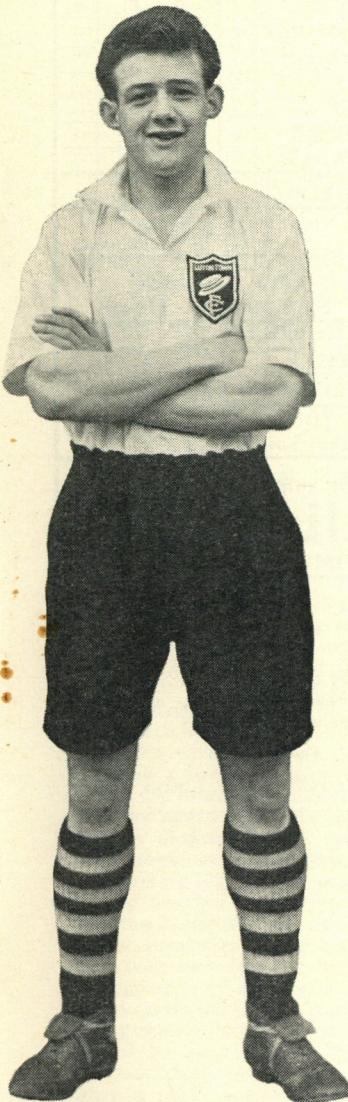


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J.C.

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## CLUB NOTES

TODAY we see the final match in Luton for this season, as far as Division 2 football is concerned. It has been a most exciting season for us, a lot of good football has been seen, and the lads, on the whole, have put up a wonderfully good show. We are afraid it is too much to hope that Huddersfield will lose their two remaining matches while we collect maximum points from our two, although nothing would please us more at this juncture if that were to be so, but whatever the final positions next Saturday, we want to thank our lads for the tremendous interest the football world has taken this season in Luton Town due to their successes, and for their enthusiasm both on and off the field. There is not a happier set of fellows anywhere and though it is more than likely they have missed the boat, nevertheless we appreciate their efforts knowing it is not for the want of trying that they have not succeeded in taking us into Division 1. Well played, lads, better luck next season.

We brought a point away with us from Griffin Park last Wednesday evening, which is a very good performance, but unfortunately we badly needed both points and the dropping of one may make all the difference to us. The game fell a lot below expectations, but the conditions must take a lot of the blame for this, for the ground was bone hard, quite a lot of dust at times rising as the players moved about. There were two fairly good chances in the first five minutes of drawing first blood, but these were not taken advantage of, and the very first time the "Bees" had a shot at our goal it was successful. This put an altogether different complexion on the whole game, for whereas up till then we had been playing some very nice football, finding each other with some very nice passes, this goal put Brentford right on their toes, and they fought for every ball after that. Once more the injuries trouble arose, for both our wingers were very much handicapped all through the second half. One very nice movement ended with Roy Davies being in a lovely position with no one on him, but due to his injury he could not collect the ball and it rolled harmlessly for a goal kick. One very good shot by Gordon Turner late in the first half was only prevented from entering the net through the ball striking the "Bees" goalie on the nose. It was one of Gordon's piledrivers, and probably Goalie Newton is still feeling the effects today. On the whole however, the goalscoring efforts on both sides were very few and far between, much to the disappointment especially of quite a few of our followers who made the journey. Before closing on this game we want to refer to the splendid game played by Jim Pemberton, who gave an almost faultless display—the only mistake he made was when a pass he attempted was intercepted, from which incident the "Bees" scored their goal, but otherwise full marks. Sid Owen was also

outstanding, also Ron Bayham for the way in which he dealt with all he had to do, especially with one very good shot late in the first half which he saved with consummate ease, but which most goalkeepers would have been only too thankful if they had been able to punch over the bar. It was the highlight of the game. The rest of the defence was fully adequate for the job, and of course the forwards were handicapped by the injuries as much as by the conditions. No forward line can hope to be really effective with only three sound forwards, and so it proved in this case.

And so we are drawing quickly to the close of yet another season, with high hopes that our efforts this season will be even surpassed next. It will be something to look forward to during the summer months, for we are fully hoping to begin where we are now leaving off.

We have thanked the players for their efforts, but should before closing, like to thank all those people who, in their various ways, take some part in the smooth running of the Club. We refer to the Gatemen, Stewards, Police, Refreshment Bar Attendants, Programme Boys, Announcers, Penny-on-the-Ball Collectors etc., etc., not forgetting of course the Trainers, who have had a most trying time this season through the many injuries with which they have had to deal, Luton Band for entertaining us, the Groundsmen, who have done their job extremely well despite a very difficult winter, Mr. Bob Readhead in charge of the "A" Team and to Mr. Reg. Game in charge of the Youth XI, who, incidentally have done very well in finishing as runners-up in their Division, and to all others not specifically mentioned.

We congratulate Sid Owen upon being chosen to play for the Football League against Denmark in an International League Match at Copenhagen, on Tuesday, 5th May next. We are very pleased indeed that he has been chosen, an honour we feel long overdue, and trust it will be the means of further honours.

The remaining matches to be played at Kenilworth Road this season are as follows:—

Mon., Apl. 27	Luton Schoolboys v. Slough Schoolboys, Seaward Trophy	6 p.m.
Tues., .. 28	Annual Referees' Match, Luton v. Bedford	6.30 p.m.
Wed., .. 29	Luton Wednesday League, Cup Final R.A.F. Cardington v. R.A.F. Chicksands	6.30 p.m.
Thurs., .. 30	Coventry Reserves, Combination Cup	6.15 p.m.
Fri., May 1	Luton, South Beds. and District Youth League, The Champions v. The Rest	6.30 p.m.
Sat., .. 2	Luton T. "A" v. Hastings United Metropolitan and District League	3 p.m.

## THE COVERMAN

### Alan Thompson

Alan Thompson was born at Goole, Yorkshire on September 2nd, 1931. Came to Luton when 8 years old. Played for Beech Hill School when they won the Schools' League. Was captain for 2 years. On leaving school joined West Park in the 14-18 Youth League when they were successful in winning the League and the Youth Cup.

Was invited to join the Town as an Amateur, in 1949. Showing great promise was offered a

professional contract after only two months as an Amateur.

Was called for National Service in January, 1950. Had plenty of football in the Forces and Captained his Regimental Team. Demobbed in 1952 and continued as a part time professional with the Town in order to complete his apprenticeship as a Chemical Plumber. When apprenticeship completed became full time player with the Town.

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Ledgeron  
Outside Left10  
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Left Back5  
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Centre HalfNewton  
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Pemberton  
Left Back5  
Owen  
Centre Half9  
Moore  
Centre10  
Pye  
Inside Left11  
Mitchell  
Outside Left8  
Godwin  
Inside Right7  
Bloomfield  
Outside Right4  
Harper  
Right Half2  
Monk  
Right Back

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

Shanks  
Left Half10  
Pye  
Inside Left11  
Mitchell  
Outside LeftLinesmen—  
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Godwin  
Inside Right7  
Bloomfield  
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Harper  
Right Half2  
Monk  
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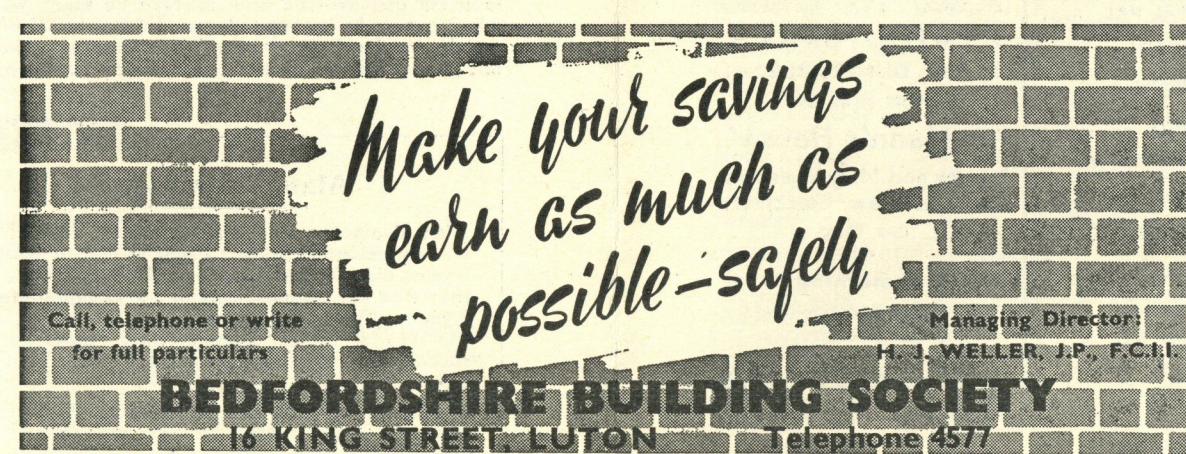
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

## FIRST LIST

A BURNLEY ..... CHARLTON .....  
B CARDIFF C. ..... ASTON VILLA .....  
C LIVERPOOL ..... CHELSEA .....  
D MANCH. CITY ..... BLACKPOOL .....  
E MIDDLESBRO' ..... MANCH. UN. .....  
F NEWCASTLE ..... BOLTON W .....  
G PRESTON ..... ARSENAL .....  
H WEDNESDAY ..... SUNDERLAND .....  
K STOKE CITY ..... DERBY CO' .....  
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B FULHAM ..... SHEFFIELD UN. .....  
C LEEDS UNITED ..... DONCASTER .....  
D LEICESTER C. ..... LINCOLN C. .....  
E NOTTS. CO'TY ..... HULL CITY .....  
F PLYMOUTH ..... SWANSEA T. .....  
G ROTHERHAM ..... HUDDERSFIELD .....  
H SOUTHAMPTON ..... BLACKBURN .....  
K WEST HAM ..... BARNESLEY .....  
L ALDERSHOT ..... LEYTON O. .....  
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N COLCHESTER ..... NORTHANTS .....

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A COVENTRY ..... BRISTOL CITY .....  
B EXETER CITY ..... CRYSTAL PAL. .....  
C GILLINGHAM ..... WATFORD .....  
D MILLWALL A. ..... BRIGHTON .....  
E QUEEN'S P.R. ..... READING .....  
F SHREWSBURY ..... BOURNEM'UTH .....  
G SWINDON T. ..... IPSWICH T. .....  
H WALSALL ..... SOUTHEND .....  
K NORWICH C. ..... TORQUAY .....  
L BARROW ..... PORT VALE .....  
M OLDHAM A. ..... STOCKPORT .....  
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N ABERDEEN ..... RANGERS .....

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## FIXTURES, 1952-53

## FIRST XI Division II

F. A.

1951/52

Sat., Aug. 23	Plymouth Argyle	...	A	1	2
Wed., .. 27	Birmingham City	...	H	0	1
Sat., .. 30	Rotherham United	...	H	2	1
Wed., Sept. 3	Birmingham City	...	A	2	2
Sat., .. 6	Fulham	...	H	0	2
Wed., .. 10	Swansea Town	...	H	3	1
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	...	H	0	3
Thurs., .. 18	Swansea Town	...	A	2	4
Sat., .. 20	Leicester City	...	H	3	1
Sat., .. 27	Notts County	...	H	5	1
Sat., Oct. 4	Southampton	...	A	3	1
Sat., .. 11	Huddersfield	...	H	0	3
Sat., .. 18	Sheffield United	...	H	4	1
Sat., .. 25	Barnsley	...	A	3	2
Sat., Nov. 1	Lincoln City	...	H	4	0
Sat., .. 8	Hull City	...	H	2	1
Sat., .. 15	Blackburn Rovers	...	H	6	0
Sat., .. 22	Nottingham Forest	...	A	2	3
Sat., .. 29	Everton	...	H	4	2
Sat., Dec. 13	Doncaster Rovers	...	H	1	2
Sat., .. 20	Plymouth Argyle	...	H	1	0
Fri., .. 26	Leeds United	...	H	2	0
Sat., .. 27	Leeds United	...	A	2	2
Sat., Jan. 3	Rotherham United	...	A	3	1
Sat., .. 10	Blackburn (F.A. Cup—3)	...	H	2	0
Sat., .. 17	Fulham	...	H	2	0
Sat., .. 24	West Ham United	...	A	1	1
Sat., .. 31	Manchester C. (F.A. Cup—4)	...	A	1	1
Wed., Feb. 4	Man. C. (F.A. Cup—4 Replay)	...	H	5	1
Sat., .. 7	Leicester City	...	H	2	0
Sat., .. 14	Bolton W. (F.A. Cup—5)	...	H	0	1
Thurs., .. 19	Notts. County	...	A	2	1
Sat., .. 21	Southampton	...	H	1	2
Sat., .. 28	Huddersfield (6)	...	H	0	2
Sat., Mar. 7	Sheffield United	...	A	1	1
Sat., .. 14	Barnsley	...	H	6	0
Sat., .. 21	Lincoln City	...	A	2	1
Sat., .. 28	Hull City	...	H	3	2
Fri., April 3	Bury	...	A	0	1
Sat., .. 4	Blackburn Rovers	...	H	2	1
Mon., .. 6	Bury	...	H	4	1
Sat., .. 11	Nottingham Forest	...	A	3	0
Sat., .. 18	Everton	...	A	1	1
Wed., .. 22	Brentford	...	H	3	1
Sat., .. 25	Brentford	...	H	2	0
Thurs., .. 30	Doncaster Rovers	...	A	1	1

## RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

1951/52

Sat., Aug. 23	Bristol Rovers	...	H	5	1
Thurs., .. 28	Queens Park Rangers	...	A	1	0
Sat., .. 30	Watford	...	H	1	1
Wed., Sept. 3	Brighton & Hove A.	...	H	4	4
Sat., .. 6	Southend United	...	H	2	1
Thurs., .. 11	Leyton Orient	...	A	4	1
Sat., .. 13	Bournemouth & B.	...	A	3	3
Wed., .. 17	Leyton Orient	...	H	7	2
Sat., .. 20	Aldershot	...	H	2	0
Sat., .. 27	Leicester City	...	H	2	1
Wed., Oct. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	...	A	6	3
Sat., .. 4	Bristol City	...	H	4	0
Wed., .. 8	Swindon Town	...	H	1	1
Sat., .. 11	Swindon Town	...	H	5	1
Wed., .. 15	Ipswich Town	...	A	2	0
Sat., .. 25	Crystal Palace	...	H	1	0
Sat., Nov. 1	Brentford	...	H	7	1
Sat., .. 8	Brentford	...	H	4	1
Sat., .. 22	Queens Park Rangers	...	A	3	0
Sat., .. 29	Bristol City	...	A	1	1
Sat., Dec. 13	Crystal Palace	...	A	2	3
Sat., .. 20	Bristol Rovers	...	H	5	3
Thurs., .. 25	Aldershot	...	A	4	0
Sat., Jan. 3	Watford	...	H	3	0
Sat., .. 10	Swansea Town	...	A	1	1
Sat., .. 17	Leicester City	...	H	0	0
Wed., Feb. 11	Southend United	...	A	5	4
Wed., Mar. 11	Ipswich Town	...	H	3	2
Wed., .. 25	Bournemouth & B.	...	H	1	2
Combination Cup					
Sat., Jan. 31	Watford	...	H	1	2
Sat., Feb. 7	Coventry City	...	A	1	1
Sat., .. 21	Leicester City	...	A	3	2
Sat., .. 28					
Sat., Mar. 7	Northampton Town	...	H	3	3
Sat., .. 14	Ipswich Town	...	A	1	4
Sat., .. 21	Norwich City	...	A	1	1
Sat., .. 28	Watford	...	A	0	3
Sat., Mar. 7	Norwich City	...	H	2	1
Sat., .. 14	Ipswich Town	...	A	0	0
Sat., .. 21	Northampton Town	...	A	1	1
Sat., .. 28	Leicester City	...	H	3	0
Fri., April 3	Birmingham City	...	H	3	0
Sat., .. 4	Ipswich Town	...	A	0	0
Sat., .. 11	Northampton Town	...	A	1	1
Wed., .. 15	Leicester City	...	H	1	1
Sat., .. 18	Birmingham City	...	A	3	0
Sat., .. 25	Birmingham City	...	H	3	0
Mon., .. 27	Coventry City	...	A	2	2
Thurs., .. 30	Coventry City	...	H	2	2

## COMBINATION CUP—Section III

Pld. Won Drn. Lost For Agst. P.

Norwich City	13	7	4	2	29	14	18
Northampton Town	13	5	4	4	30	25	14
Leicester City	13	5	4	4	26	23	14
Ipswich Town	13	4	5	4	18	19	13
Watford	13	6	1	6	16	19	13
LUTON TOWN	12	5	3	4	26	23	13
Coventry City	11	1	7	3	13	21	9
Birmingham City	12	3	0	9	9	24	6

## LEAGUE TABLES, 1952-53

## NEXT MATCHES

Monday, 27th April, 1953

SEAWARD TROPHY

## Luton Schoolboys

v.

## Slough Schoolboys

Kick-Off 6 p.m.

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