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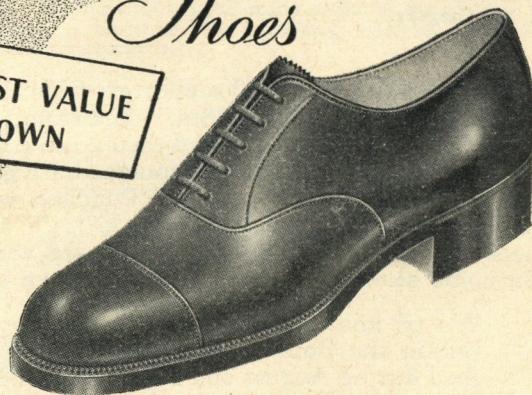
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Today we have about 30 supporters from the village of High-Wych, Hertfordshire, and with them are the "Rising Sun" dart team. After seeing the match they will have tea in the Bobbers Stand Club and then go to the Alma where seats have been booked to see "The Gay Dog." We have arranged dart games during the later part of the evening, and we are assured by Mr. Sid Puncher, who is in charge of the party, that they can throw a good dart. This I must agree with, as I have seen some of them in action. Also the domino fans will find that they are very useful at this game. So any of you that can come along, do so and you will have an enjoyable evening.

We all know that in the villages they can do a spot of poaching. But in the Bobbers they will be able to take a "Poacher" And during August and September, they cut and gather the barley for their master. But from that barley in the Bobbers they can taste the real "Brewmaster" Tom, the "Rising Sun" Landlord, the two barrelled gun he just loves. And now you all must try a "Dragon's Blood"

Well, you Hertfordshire folks, we give you a great welcome and trust by the time you have to leave us you have seen a good game and a win, enjoyed the Alma etc. and that you will soon be giving us a further visit. If any party would like to make similar arrangements after a first team game I should be pleased to hear from them.

J. COLLIER, Hon. Treasurer.

CLUB NOTES

OUR first ever visit to Stoke last Saturday, brought us a very hard-earned point, for which we must give thanks to our magnificent defence. Had our forwards accepted their chances in the first half, when with any luck at all we could have been three up by half time, a vastly different tale would have been told, for our lads were playing some very intelligent and effective football, but just could not get that elusive second goal which would have put our side well on the way to their first away win of the season. The Stoke goal was just what they had been wanting to give them some confidence and it was after this that our defence really did come into the picture, with some particularly fine saves from Ron Baynham who has regained all his old confidence of last season. Our forwards came into the picture at times but only in spasms, although a seemingly harsh decision against Jesse Pye when he was adjudged to have handled the ball when bringing it under control with his chest when well inside the penalty box with a straight run for goal, spoilt us, we have reason to think, of coming away with maximum points. However to obtain one was a very good performance and offset to a certain extent the disappointment we suffered here the previous Saturday, when we dropped a valuable point to Leicester City.

Talking of Leicester reminds us of the well-deserved goal scored by the ever popular Les Hall, his first we think from the centre half position. Les has several times almost done it before, and indeed in the first half only a desperate tackle by the Leicester left back when Les had worked his way through to the inside left position and was just shaping to shoot, almost certainly prevented him from registering it a bit sooner. It was a very thrilling match, and our lads put up a very good show against a side of which nine of them could boast first team experience.

We have as our visitors today, our old friends from Craven Cottage who, like us, have suffered a most unexpectedly disappointing start to the season. We both were mentioned before the season began as possible contenders in the promotion race but so far we can only boast three wins between us with over a quarter of the season gone. Fulham enjoyed their first win only last Saturday, when, after giving their supporters until after half time every excuse for finding fault with them individually, collectively and every other way, suddenly found themselves in the lead by two great goals by centre forward Jezzard, and when Robson scored a third the crowds delight knew no bounds. With this win behind them no doubt they are hoping to start off today where they left off last Saturday, and so it should be a most interesting match. We shall be seeing Gordon Brice in action again here at Kenilworth Road after two or three seasons each with Wolves

and Reading before joining Fulham. We remember the stirring games he has played for us here at Kenilworth Road and it will be interesting to see how he has matured since leaving us in 1947.

Our Opening Floodlight Match will be played on Wednesday evening next, October 7th, when we are having as our opponents the Turkish League Champions of Season 1952/53, Fener Bahce. They are on a short tour of this country and we thought it would be a nice gesture to invite them to play us here under the floodlights. From what we saw of the practice game we had between our own players last Monday evening under these conditions and knowing the style of play of this Turkish team, who keep the ball on the ground on the move the whole time, we shall without a doubt witness a very fine game of football. Football under floodlighting has proved most popular wherever it has been tried by other clubs and we see no reason why it should not prove equally successful here. Messrs Williams and Richardson have done a very fine job of work installing the equipment entirely to their own designs and we have no doubt you will also agree with us when you have seen it in action yourselves. Season Ticket Holders are being given until 6 o'clock tonight in which to make application for a ticket for their own seat. Anybody can purchase those tickets not taken up as from Monday morning next, either by writing or calling personally at the office. Tickets are 5/- each for a reserved seat in the Centre Stand. We are not reserving any other part, but seats will be available in the Wings at 3/6 each, Enclosure also is at 3/6, Bobbers Stand 2/-, Terraces 1/9. The Luton Band will be playing before the match and at the interval, so the right atmosphere will be set for a very enjoyable evening.

We have the honour of having been invited to provide the opposition at Watford on their Opening Floodlight Match on Tuesday, October 13th. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. We trust to have the support of quite a few of you on that occasion.

We have a few tickets available for the England v. Rest of the World International Match to be played at Wembley on Wednesday, October 21st kick-off 2.30 p.m. Tickets are at 50/-, 25/-, 15/- and 10/6 (reserved seats), standing 3/6 each. Application can be made either at the office or by post, but if by post a stamped addressed envelope must be included.

NOTICE TO SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Luton Town v. Fener Bahce (Turkey)

Season Ticket Holders must purchase their Centre Stand Tickets by 6 o'clock this evening, if they wish to claim their usual seats, as these tickets will be on sale to the general public on Monday.

THE COVERMAN

James Pemberton

JIM PEMBERTON joined us from Stroudbridge, on 27th November, 1947 and has already enjoyed receiving a Benefit from Luton. Last season was a very successful one for him, in which he made thirteen appearances in our First Team, taking over Bud Aherne's position at Left Back

when Bud was injured at the end of February last and was playing so well that he played in all the remaining First Team matches. Was undoubtedly the outstanding player during the recent close season tour to Turkey and Greece, playing in all three departments with equal success. Has proved a most useful utility man to us, for he has played in every position at one time or other except Goalkeeper and Outside Right.

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Bayham
Goal5 Morton
Centre Half9 Pye
Centre
10 Cummins
Inside Left11 Mitchell
Outside Left
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Red Flag: Mr. J. E. PRICE
(Solihull, Warks.)Orange Flag: Mr. R. REDDAWAY
(Kettering)
8 Robson
Inside Right7 Stevens
Outside Right
4 Smith
Right Half2 Chenhall
Right Back

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3 Pemberton
Left Back6 Watkins
Left Half11 Cummings
Inside Left10 Mitchell
Outside Left
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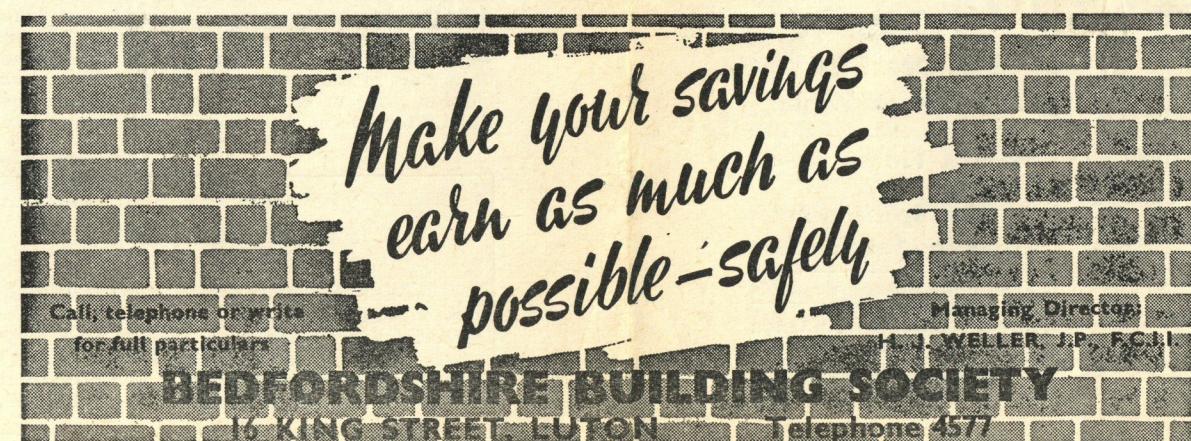
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			1952/53	F. A.
Wed., Aug.	19	Oldham Athletic	...	H 4 4
Sat.,	22	Everton	4 2	H 1 1
Wed.,	26	Nottingham Forest	3 0	H 0 1
Sat.,	29	Plymouth Argyle	1 2	A 2 2
Wed., Sept.	2	Nottingham Forest	3 4	A 1 2
Sat.,	5	Swansea Town	3 1	H 2 0
Wed.,	9	Birmingham City	2 2	A 1 5
Sat.,	12	Rotherham United	3 1	A 1 2
Wed.,	16	Birmingham City	0 1	H 2 0
Sat.,	19	Leicester City	2 0	H 2 2
Sat.,	26	Stoke City	...	A 1 1
Sat., Oct.	3	Fulham	2 0	H
Sat.,	10	Hull City	3 2	A
Sat.,	17	Notts. County	2 1	A
Sat.,	24	Lincoln City	4 0	A
Sat.,	31	Bristol Rovers	...	A
Sat., Nov.	7	Brentford	0 1	H
Sat.,	14	Derby County	...	A
Sat.,	21	Blackburn Rovers	6 0	A
Sat.,	28	Doncaster Rovers	0 1	A
Sat., Dec.	5	Bury	4 1	H
Sat.,	12	Oldham Athletic	...	A
Sat.,	19	Everton	1 1	A
Fri.,	25	West Ham United	1 0	A
Sat.,	26	West Ham United	0 0	H
Sat., Jan.	2	Plymouth Argyle	1 0	H
Sat.,	9	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	
Sat.,	16	Swansea Town	2 4	A
Sat.,	23	Rotherham United	2 1	H
Sat.,	30	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	
Sat., Feb.	6	Leicester City	1 1	A
Sat.,	13	Stoke City	...	H
Sat.,	20	Fulham (5)	0 2	A
Sat.,	27	Hull City	2 0	A
Sat., March	6	Notts. County	5 1	H
Sat.,	13	Lincoln City (6)	2 1	A
Sat.,	20	Bristol Rovers	...	H
Sat.,	27	Blackburn Rovers	1 1	A
Sat., April	3	Doncaster Rovers	1 2	H
Sat.,	10	Brentford	1 1	A
Sat.,	16	Leeds United	2 0	H
Sat.,	17	Derby County	...	H
Mon.,	19	Leeds United	2 2	A
Sat.,	24	Bury	0 1	A

FIXTURES, 1953-54

RESERVE FIXTURES Combination Cup

F. A.

Tues., Aug.	25	Watford	...	0 3	A 1 2
Sat.,	29	Northampton Town	...	1 1	A 3 1
Wed., Sept.	2	Birmingham City	...	3 0	H 4 0
Sat.,	5	Norwich City	...	1 4	A 0 0
Wed.,	9	Ipswich Town	...	5 1	H 1 2
Sat.,	12	Watford	...	1 2	H 2 1
Wed.,	16	Ipswich Town	...	1 4	A 4 1
Sat.,	19	...	...
Wed.,	23	Northampton Town	...	3 3	H 1 2
Sat.,	26	Leicester City	...	4 1	H 3 4
Sat.,	30	Coventry City	...	3 3	A 2 0
Sat., Oct.	3	Leicester City	...	3 2	A
Mon.,	5	Coventry City	...	1 1	A
Sat.,	10	...	...
Wed.,	14	Norwich City	...	3 1	H
Wed.,	21	Birmingham City	...	2 3	A

Football Combination

Sat., Oct.	17	Ipswich Town	...	3 2	H	
Sat.,	24	Bournemouth & Boscombe	...	3 3	A	
Sat.,	31	Portsmouth	...	...	H
Sat.,	Nov.	7	Cardiff City	...	A	
Sat.,	14	Millwall Athletic	...	...	H
Sat.,	21	Arsenal	...	...	A
Sat.,	28	Chelsea	...	...	H
Sat.,	Dec.	5	Reading	...	A	
Sat.,	12	West Ham United	...	...	A
Sat.,	19	Leicester City	...	0 0	H	
Sat.,	25	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	A
Sat.,	26	...	...	
Sat.,	Jan.	2	Leicester City	...	2 1	A
Sat.,	9	Norwich City	...	...	H
Sat.,	16	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	H
Sat.,	23	Fulham	...	...	A
Sat.,	30	Fulham	...	...	H
Sat.,	Feb.	6	Charlton Athletic	...	A	
Sat.,	13	Charlton Athletic	...	...	A
Sat.,	20	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	H
Sat.,	27	Norwich City	...	...	A
Sat.,	March	6	Ipswich Town	...	2 0	A
Sat.,	13	Bournemouth & Boscombe	...	1 2	H	
Sat.,	20	Portsmouth	...	...	A
Sat.,	27	Cardiff City	...	...	H
Sat.,	April	3	Millwall Athletic	...	A	
Sat.,	10	Arsenal	...	...	H
Sat.,	16	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	A
Sat.,	17	Chelsea	...	...	A
Sat.,	24	Reading	...	...	H
Wed.,	28	West Ham United	...	...	H

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

Up to and including
1st October, 1953

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Everton	...	11	7	4	0	26	18
Doncaster Rovers	...	11	8	1	2	23	10
West Ham United	...	11	6	3	2	26	15
Leicester City	...	11	5	5	1	26	16
Rotherham Utd.	...	12	7	1	4	25	23
Notts. Forest	...	11	6	1	4	22	18
Lincoln City	...	11	5	3	3	18	12
Birmingham City	...	11	5	2	4	25	14
Derby County	...	10	4	4	2	18	14
Blackburn Rovers	...	10	4	4	2	17	16
Stoke City	...	12	2	8	2	19	22
Bristol Rovers	...	11	4	3	4	21	11
Leeds United	...	11	4	3	4	23	21
Bury	...	11	2	6	3	13	10
LUTON TOWN	...	11	2	5	4	17	9
Oldham Athletic	...	11	2	4	5	10	8
Plymouth Argyle	...	11	1	6	4	11	20
Hull City	...	11	3	1	7	10	17
Swansea Town	...	11	3	1	7	13	25
FULHAM	...	11	1	4	6	19	6
Notts. County	...	11	2	2	7	12	28
Brentford	...	11	1	3	7	9	25

COMBINATION CUP—Section III

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	...	9	7	1	1	26	11
Norwich City	...	10	5	2	3	14	12
LUTON TOWN	...	10	5	1	4	21	13
Northampton Town	10	5	1	4	14	13	11
Watford	...	11	5	1	5	17	11
Coventry City	...	11	4	2	5	21	21
Birmingham City	...	11	3	1	7	15	25
Ipswich Town	...	10	2	1	7	12	5

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