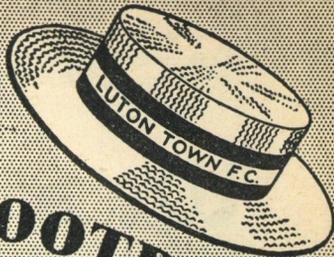


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CLUB NOTES

Robert Hendry Morton

WE make no excuse for having Bob Morton's photograph on our frontispiece for the second time this season, for today is a very special one for him in more than one sense and we thought the occasion justified our action. First and foremost Bob was married this morning at Dunstable Priory Church, and we are quite sure that it is the wish of everyone of us that he has taken the right course, that he will meet with fair weather throughout the journey, and that he will be very happy. Secondly this happens to be Bob's one hundredth consecutive appearance in the senior side—a wonderful achievement, particularly in these days of hard aggressive football. Thirdly Bob has been recognised by the Football Association this week for he was chosen to play for an F.A. XI versus Oxford University on Wednesday last, but unfortunately due to a kick he received on an ankle at Derby last Saturday, he was prevented from accepting. However we are sure he will receive further recognition in the not too distant future. Well done, Bob, and we all wish you the very best of luck, for you richly deserve it.

We enjoyed our second away success of the season at the expense of Derby County last Saturday, a success most richly deserved on the run of play. Derby had one or two chances of scoring and indeed hit a post, but practically all the football came from our lads, and considering we had three perfectly good goals disallowed and another over which we are prepared to give the referee the benefit of the doubt but which appeared to us to be another good goal, we think you will agree that the bonus was paid to the right side. Certainly if we played here at Kenilworth Road as poorly as this Derby side we should be very worried indeed, for it was apparent we had not met the County on just one of those off days; they lacked sparkle, confidence, the ability to work the ball. Last time we met them they had such outstanding inside forwards as Raich Carter and Peter Doherty to control the middle of the field and to work positions for easy scoring chances. For the moment at least, those days are now just dreams and some hard thinking will have to be done soon at the Baseball Ground if further relegation is to be avoided.

Today we welcome another visit from Blackburn Rovers, a team playing with much more confidence than they were when they twice visited us last season. The first time was exactly 12 months ago when we popped in six goals against them, and the second occasion was when we were drawn against them in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup, last January, when we again caused Reg Elvy to pick the ball half-a-dozen times out of the back of the net. On the latter occasion, as most of you doubtless remember, Arthur Taylor was playing for the first time in the senior side and before we had really settled down Arthur, with his very first kick of

the ball, scored with a lovely shot. Ten minutes later he repeated the dose, to cause great consternation in the Blackburn camp, and no wonder. Jesse Pye played a most devastating game that day, the Rovers defence just did not know what to do with him. He actually scored a hat-trick. Blackburn tried the experiment that day of playing Bill Kelly at centre half. It must be said in all fairness however to both he and Jesse Pye that he did not play at all a bad game. Certainly it was not due to any particular weakness in that position which caused such an overwhelming defeat.

The teams that day were:—

Luton: Baynham; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Moore, Pye, Watkins, Taylor, A.

Blackburn: Elvy; Suart, Eckersley; Clayton, Kelly, Bell; Campbell, Crossan, Briggs, Quigley, McLucklie.

It will be noticed that the Rovers today are not so much changed from that side. The outstanding change of course is at outside left where they have Bobby Langton playing, and who has made a big difference to their forward line. It is surprising how much better they are playing with practically the same team than they were twelve months ago. They will certainly give our lads a good run for their money today and a most interesting and skilful game should be the outcome.

The lads from Vienna gave us a most entertaining exhibition of football on the now accepted Continental lines here on Thursday evening last. Some of their moves and ball control was football at its best and they richly deserved the ovation they received as they left the field at the end of the match. Considering they had had a match at Plymouth only the previous evening, with a reception after the match and then had to leave on the 8.30 a.m. train in order to be here for our match, we think these lads put up a remarkably good show. We can offer them no better compliment than to say that we hope to see them in a return match in the not too distant future. They are our guests today, watching this match from the touch-line. We sincerely hope they enjoy the match and that they have also enjoyed their very first visit to our very industrious town.

Finally we wish to thank the Luton Band for again forfeiting their collection last Saturday, for a very good cause. We had been approached by the Dean of Westminster to make a collection towards the Abbey Restoration Fund. Upon putting the matter to the Band they immediately agreed to accept and thought the Amateur International Match would be a very good occasion. Unfortunately all the collectors could not be present but the sum of £17-3-6 was collected and sent to the Dean, who has gratefully acknowledged it, at the same time showing his appreciation of the Luton Band's ready co-operation.

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5 Owen Centre Half

9 Pye Centre



9 Briggs Centre

5 Kelly Centre Half

Elvey Goal

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3 Aherne Left Back

6 Watkins Left Half

10 Cummins Inside Left

11 Mitchell Outside Left

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FIRST LIST

F.A. CUP—ROUND 1

A BRIGHTON	COVENTRY
B CAMBRIDGE U.	NEWPORT
C COLCHESTER	MILLWALL A.
D DARLINGTON	.....	PORT VALE	.....
E GRIMSBY T.	.....	ROCHDALE	.....
F HITCHIN T.	.....	PETERBORO'	.....
G IPSWICH T.	.....	READING	.....
H NUNEATON B.	.....	WATFORD	.....
K QUEEN'S P.R.	.....	SHREWSBURY	.....
L SOUTHAMPTON	.....	BOURNEM'UTH	.....
M SOUTHPORT	.....	CARLISLE UN.	.....
N TORQUAY	.....	BRISTOL CITY	.....

SECOND LIST

A WEYMOUTH	.....	BEDFORD T.	.....
B YEovil	.....	NORWICH C.	.....
LEAGUE MATCHES			
C BOLTON W	.....	CHELSEA	.....
D BURNLEY	.....	ASTON VILLA	.....
E CHARLTON	.....	WOLVES	.....
F LIVERPOOL	.....	ARSENAL	.....
G MANCH. UN.	.....	BLACKPOOL	.....
H MIDDLESBRO'	.....	MANCH. CITY	.....
K NEWCASTLE	.....	PORTSMOUTH	.....
L PRESTON	.....	SHEFFIELD UN.	.....
M WEDNESDAY	.....	SUNDERLAND	.....
N TOTTENHAM	.....	HUDDERSFIELD	.....

THIRD LIST

A WEST BROM.	CARDIFF C.
B BIRMINGHAM	BURY
C FULHAM	HULL CITY
D LEEDS UNITED	OLDHAM A.
E LEICESTER C.	LINCOLN C.
F NOTTS. FOR.	DONCASTER
G PLYMOUTH	DERBY CO'
H ROTHERHAM	BRISTOL ROV.
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FIXTURES, 1953-54

FIRST XI Division	Attendance	1952/53	F. A.
Wed., Aug. 19 Oldham Athletic	22,822	4 2	H 4 4
Sat., " 22 Everton	20,247	3 0	H 0 1
Wed., " 26 Notts. Forest	17,522	1 2	A 2 2
Sat., " 29 Plymouth Argyle	22,574	3 4	A 1 2
Wed., Sept. 2 Nottingham Forest	17,172	3 1	H 2 0
Sat., " 5 Swansea Town	17,479	2 2	A 1 5
Wed., " 9 Birmingham City	18,881	3 1	A 1 2
Sat., " 12 Rotherham United	15,726	0 1	H 2 0
Wed., " 16 Birmingham City	12,231	2 0	H 2 2
Sat., " 19 Leicester City	19,138	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 26 Stoke City	24,083	2 0	H 1 2
Sat., Oct. 3 Fulham	18,619	3 2	H 3 1
Sat., " 10 Hull City	14,754	2 1	A 2 1
Sat., " 17 Notts. County	12,208	4 0	H 1 0
Sat., " 24 Lincoln City	15,578	...	A 3 3
Sat., " 31 Bristol Rovers	20,021	0 1	H 1 1
Sat., Nov. 7 Brentford	15,167	0 1	A 2 1
Sat., " 14 Derby County	15,934	6 0	H 4 2
Sat., " 21 Blackburn Rovers	...	0 1	A 1 1
Sat., " 28 Doncaster Rovers	...	4 1	H 1 1
Sat., Dec. 5 Bury	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 12 Oldham Athletic	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 19 Everton	...	...	A 1 1
Fri., " 25 West Ham United	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 26 West Ham United	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., Jan. 2 Plymouth Argyle	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 9 F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 16 Swansea Town	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 23 Rotherham United	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 30 F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., Feb. 6 Leicester City	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 13 Stoke City	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 20 Fulham (5)	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 27 Hull City	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., March 6 Notts. County	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 13 Lincoln City (6)	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 20 Bristol Rovers	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 27 Blackburn Rovers	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., April 3 Doncaster Rovers	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 10 Brentford	...	...	A 1 1
Fri., " 16 Leeds United	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 17 Derby County	...	...	A 1 1
Mon., " 19 Leeds United	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., " 24 Bury	...	...	A 1 1

RESERVE FIXTURES	Combination Cup	Attendance	1952/53	F. A.
Tues., Aug. 25 Watford	...	1,972	0 3	A 1 2
Sat., " 29 Northampton Town	...	2,630	1 1	A 3 1
Wed., Sept. 2 Birmingham City	...	2,444	3 0	H 4 0
Sat., " 5 Norwich City	...	4,765	1 4	A 0 0
Wed., " 9 Ipswich Town	...	2,590	5 1	H 1 2
Sat., " 12 Watford	...	2,840	1 2	H 2 1
Wed., " 16 Ipswich Town	...	1,779	1 4	A 4 1
Sat., " 19
Wed., " 23 Northampton T.	...	1,318	3 3	H 1 2
Sat., " 26 Leicester City	...	3,192	4 1	H 3 4
Wed., " 30 Coventry City	...	808	3 3	H 2 0
Sat., Oct. 3 Leicester City	...	2,822	3 2	A 1 2
Mon., " 5 Coventry City	...	628	1 1	A 1 4
Sat., " 10
Wed., " 14 Norwich City	...	2,861	3 1	H 2 0
Wed., " 21 Birmingham City	...	138	2 3	A 1 1
Football Combination				
Sat., Oct. 17 Ipswich Town	...	2,489	3 2	H 2 1
Sat., " 24 Bournemouth	...	2,991	3 3	A 2 2
Sat., " 31 Portsmouth	...	2,774	...	H 4 2
Sat., Nov. 7 Cardiff City	...	992	...	A 1 2
Wed., " 11 Millwall Athletic	...	2,369	...	H 5 1
Sat., " 21 Arsenal	A 1 1
Sat., " 28 Chelsea	H 1 1
Sat., Dec. 5 Reading	A 1 1
Sat., " 12 West Ham United	A 1 1
Sat., " 19 Leicester City	A 1 1
Fri., " 25 Plymouth Argyle	A 1 1
Sat., " 26	A 1 1
Sat., Jan. 2 Leicester City	A 1 1
Sat., " 9 Norwich City	H 1 1
Sat., " 16 Plymouth Argyle	H 1 1
Sat., " 23 Fulham	A 1 1
Sat., " 30 Fulham	H 1 1
Sat., Feb. 6 Charlton Athletic	H 1 1
Sat., " 13 Charlton Athletic	A 1 1
Sat., " 20 Tottenham H.	H 1 1
Sat., " 27 Norwich City	A 1 1
Sat., March 6 Ipswich Town	A 1 1
Sat., " 13 Bournemouth	H 1 1
Sat., " 20 Portsmouth	A 1 1
Sat., " 27 Cardiff City	H 1 1
Sat., April 3 Millwall Athletic	A 1 1
Sat., " 10 Arsenal	H 1 1
Fri., " 16 Tottenham Hotspur	A 1 1
Sat., " 17 Chelsea	A 1 1
Sat., " 24 Reading	H 1 1
Wed., " 28 West Ham United	H 1 1

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

Up to and including 14th November, 1953

LEAGUE DIVISION II	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	18	9	7	2	38	23	25
Doncaster Rovers	18	12	1	5	33	19	25
Everton	18	9	6	3	37	27	24
Notts. Forest	18	10	3	5	41	26	23
BLACKBURN R.	17	8	6	3	32	25	22
Birmingham City	18	8	5	5	40	24	21
Rotherham Utd.	19	10	1	8	35	34	21
Lincoln City	18	8	4	6	31	23	20
West Ham United	18	8	3	7	35	28	19
Leeds United	18	6	7	5	42	37	19
LUTON TOWN	18	6	7	5	30	29	19
Stoke City	19	5	9	5	31	30	19
Bristol Rovers	18	5	7	6	36	30	17
Swansea Town	18	7	3	8	25	32	17
Derby County	17	6	4	7	31	44	16
Fulham	18	5	5	8	36	40	15
Brentford	18	5	5	8	17	33	15
Hull City	18	6	1	11	20	28	13
Plymouth Argyle	18	2	9	7	22	32	13
Oldham Athletic	18	4	4	10	18	32	12
Notts. County	18	4	4	10	21	42	12
Bury	18	2	7	9	22	42	11

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division I	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
West Ham United	5	5	0	0	9	3	10
Tottenham Hotspur	4	4	0	0	10	4	8
Norwich City	5	3	2	0	14	7	8
LUTON TOWN	5	3	1	1	14	8	7
Charlton Athletic	5	2	2	1	9	5	6
Arsenal	5	3	0	2	8	5	6
Plymouth Argyle	5	2	1	2	10	9	5
Cardiff City	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
Leicester City	4	2	1	1	5	6	5
Chelsea	5	1	1	3	10	12	3
Bournemouth & B.	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Reading	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
Portsmouth	5	1	1	3	7	11	3
Fulham	5	1	0	4	7	10	2
Ipswich Town	6	1	0	5	7	17	2
Millwall Athletic	5	0	2	3	4	12	2

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