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The supporters that have booked at the Bobbers Stand Club or 6a, Cromwell Road, will be able to obtain their train and Stand Tickets after midday on Tuesday, 5th January. Any supporters that wish to go to Blackpool must apply for their train and Stand Tickets at either of the above places by Tuesday night. After that, tickets for the journey will only be available at the Railway Station.

J.C.

CLUB NOTES

WE WISH all our supporters the Compliments of the Season and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. After our very poor start to the season none of us in our wildest dreams expected us to be in such a favourable position at the turn of the year. But during the last seventeen matches, beginning with that memorable mid-week game here with Birmingham City, we have won ten of them and drawn four, making 24 points out of a possible 34. This is indeed splendid going and thoroughly justifies our present position in the League Table. Another point of satisfaction of our displays during that period is that in the three games we did lose they were only by the barest of margins, which speaks volumes for our defence. It is a very sad blow to have Jesse Pye out of action, especially at this most busy time and with the Cup Ties on top of us, for his experience alone is most valuable on the field, but it is a position we just have to face and make the best of it. Fortunately we have a strong Reserve team to call on in such circumstances which can always be relied upon to fill a gap in the senior side.

Our old friends from Plymouth are our visitors today and we welcome a return visit from them most heartily. When we visited them in August last we brought a point away with us, and curiously enough eight other teams have done the same out of the 13 matches Argyle have played at home so far this season. In addition they lost their home match with Rotherham, which leaves them with three home wins to their credit, one of which was against Everton whom they trounced by four clear goals. Although the Argyle have scored only nine goals on opponents' grounds to date they are not a team to treat lightly for they have returned from their visits to Swansea and Blackburn with maximum points. In an endeavour to remedy this shyness in front of goal they acquired Hugh McFarrow just before Christmas as most of you know. Although Hughie has not yet opened his scoring with them yet he has settled very quickly with his new team mates and we are told is a certainty at centre forward for today's match.

Next Saturday we shall be trying our strength with the Cup Holders on their own ground in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup, in the hope that we shall be making the long return journey with still an interest in this great Competition. Our lads know they have a great task in front of them for undoubtedly Blackpool are a very good team, even to the extent of showing the Arsenal at Highbury last Monday how it is done. Although they have won six of their twelve matches played at home so far this season they have scored only 19 goals, although they have conceded only 11. Of their away matches played, also 12 in number they have won three of them, scoring 23 goals but conceding 35. It would appear from these figures therefore that the Seasiders have a very strong defence at home but are not so good when not playing in front of their own supporters. This

fact will no doubt be uppermost in most of our minds if a replay is necessary here the following Wednesday. Blackpool entered the Football League season 1896/97, one season before we joined, playing in the Second Division. They were members of this Division apart from season 1899/1900 until 1929/30, when they were promoted to the First Division. In 1933/34 they were back in the Second Division until 1936/37 when they again gained promotion, and they have been in the senior Division ever since. Although they have won the F.A. Cup once and been Finalists on two other occasions they have never won the League Championship, the nearest they have ever been to winning this honour being in season 1950/51 when they finished in third place. We are very much looking forward to our game with them and fully expect to see some grand football.

Should a replay be necessary tickets will be on sale to Season Ticket Holders ONLY after the match at the Office in Kenilworth Road. There will only be one ticket to each Season Ticket Holder on producing the right hand side ONLY of Ticket No. 34. Price of tickets for Centre Stand will be 10/-, and for Wing Stand 7/6. Entrance to other parts of the ground will be by payment through the turnstiles, when charges of admission will be, Enclosure 4/-, Bobbers Stand 3/-, Terraces 2/-. An announcement will be made over the loudspeakers at the conclusion of the match with Norwich City Reserves regarding other arrangements, also in the 'Green Un' on Saturday night.

The Luton Schoolboys have been drawn to receive West Bromwich Schoolboys in the First Round of the English Schools' Trophy Competition Proper. This will be a most attractive match, which will be played on this ground on Saturday, January 16th, kick-off 11 a.m. A further item of interest in this direction is that eight of the Luton Schoolboys have been chosen to play for their County against Northamptonshire Boys in the "Cobbin Cup," to be played at Duston on Monday next, honours which, in our opinion, are very well earned.

The Official Opening of the Luton Hospital Football Commentaries Scheme will take place on Saturday, January 23rd when Rotherham will be our visitors. Naturally such a scheme is costing quite a bit of money and we hope all of you have responded to the appeal made by the Collectors you saw as you were entering the Ground. If any of you who have not so responded have second thoughts on the matter the Collectors will again be on duty outside as you leave. A lot of work behind the scenes by members of the Toc H and Luton Round Tablers has been gladly given in an effort to get this scheme working as quickly as possible, and a good response today from you all will make these members feel that their efforts on behalf of the patients at the Hospital, including the women patients, has your support and appreciation.

THE COVERMAN

Charles Watkins

CHARLIE WATKINS was born in Glasgow, starting his football career at his School when quite young. Continued with several Amateur local Clubs upon leaving when he attracted the attention of Glasgow Rangers, for whom he signed as a professional, playing as a regular First Team member either as wing half or inside forward for the last two years of the seven and a half he was with them. At the time Billy Arnison came to Luton we were looking for an experienced wing half and he

recommended Charlie, who came to us as a result on 21st September, 1948. The recommendation has been well justified and we had much pleasure in paying a Full Benefit recently on the completion of five year's splendid service. Is a qualified Physiotherapist which has come in most useful at times when our Trainers have required some assistance. Is a part-time Coach to Hitchin Town, now in his third season with them, and has contributed in no small measure to the recent successes enjoyed by this well-known local Club.

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Centre10 Cummins
Inside Left11 Mitchell
Outside Left

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Red Flag Mr. C. W. JILLINGS
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Right Half2 Ratcliffe
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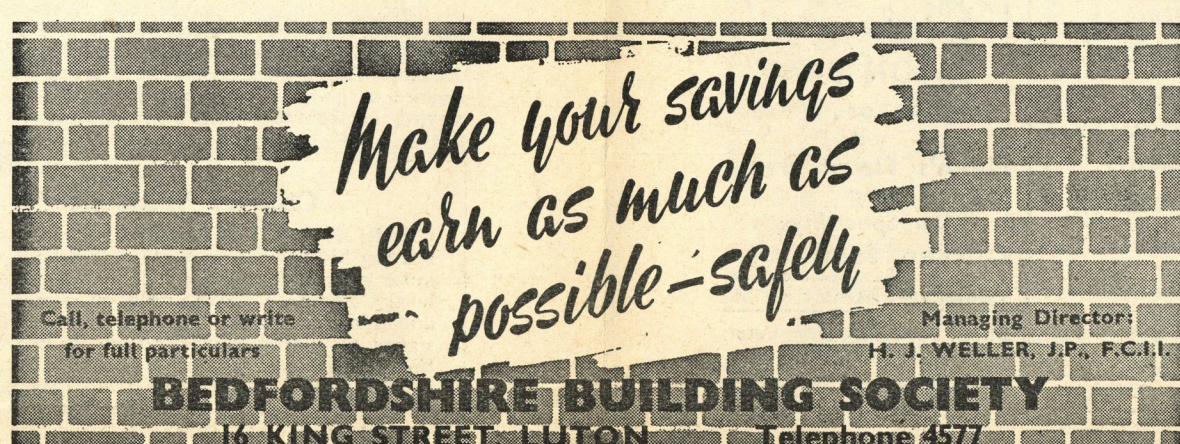
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FIRST LIST

A LIVERPOOL BOLTON W
B MANCH. CITY SUNDERLAND
C WEDNESDAY BURNLEY
D CARDIFF C. WOLVES
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F WEST BROM. PRESTON
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FIXTURES, 1953-54

FIRST XI		Division II	Attendance	1952/53	F. A.	RESERVE FIXTURES		Combination Cup	Attendance	1952/53	F. A.
Wed., Aug.	19	Oldham Athletic	22,822	... H 4 4		Tues., Aug.	25	Watford	... 1,972	0 3	A 1 2
Sat.,	22	Everton	20,247	4 2 H 1 1		Sat.,	29	Northampton Town	2,630	1 1	A 3 1
Wed.,	26	Notts. Forest	17,522	3 0 H 0 1		Wed., Sept.	2	Birmingham City	2,444	3 0	H 4 0
Sat.,	29	Plymouth Argyle	22,574	1 2 A 2 2		Sat.,	5	Norwich City	4,765	1 4	A 0 0
Wed., Sept.	2	Nottingham Forest	17,172	3 4 A 1 2		Sat.,	9	Ipswich Town	2,590	5 1	H 1 2
Sat.,	5	Swansea Town	17,479	3 1 H 2 0		Sat.,	12	Watford	2,840	1 2	H 2 1
Wed.,	9	Birmingham City	18,881	2 2 A 1 5		Sat.,	16	Ipswich Town	1,779	1 4	A 4 1
Sat.,	12	Rotherham United	15,726	3 1 A 1 2		Sat.,	19				
Wed.,	16	Birmingham City	12,231	0 1 H 2 0		Wed.,	23	Northampton T.	1,318	3 3	H 1 2
Sat.,	19	Leicester City	19,138	2 0 H 2 2		Sat.,	26	Leicester City	3,192	4 1	H 3 4
Sat.,	26	Stoke City	24,083	... A 1 1		Sat.,	30	Coventry City	808	3 3	H 2 0
Sat., Oct.	3	Fulham	18,619	2 0 H 1 2		Sat., Oct.	3	Leicester City	2,822	3 2	A 1 2
Sat.,	10	Hull City	14,754	3 2 H 3 1		Sat.,	5	Coventry City	628	1 1	A 1 4
Sat.,	17	Notts. County	12,208	2 1 A 2 1		Sat.,	10				
Sat.,	24	Lincoln City	15,578	4 0 H 1 0		Sat.,	14	Norwich City	2,861	3 1	H 2 0
Sat.,	31	Bristol Rovers	20,021	... A 3 3		Sat.,	21	Birmingham City	138	2 3	A 1 1
Sat., Nov.	7	Brentford	15,167	0 1 H 1 1		Sat., Oct.	17	Ipswich Town	2,489	3 2	H 2 1
Sat.,	14	Derby County	15,934	... A 2 1		Sat.,	24	Bournemouth	2,991	3 3	A 2 2
Sat.,	21	Blackburn Rovers	16,269	6 0 H 2 1		Sat.,	31	Portsmouth	2,774	... H 4 2	
Sat.,	28	Doncaster Rovers	18,273	0 1 A 3 1		Sat., Nov.	7	Cardiff City	992	... A 1 2	
Sat., Dec.	5	Bury	15,309	4 1 H 3 2		Sat.,	11	Millwall Athletic	2,369	... H 5 1	
Sat.,	12	Oldham Athletic	14,128	2 1 A 2 1		Sat.,	21	Arsenal	5,393	... A 3 2	
Sat.,	19	Everton	33,544	1 1 A 1 2		Sat.,	28	Chelsea	4,270	... H 2 2	
Sat.,	25	West Ham United	19,017	1 3 A 0 1		Sat.,	Dec.	5	Reading	1,940	... A 1 1
Sat.,	26	West Ham United	20,133	0 0 H 3 1		Sat.,	12	West Ham United	3,326	... A 0 1	
Sat., Jan.	2	Plymouth Argyle	1 0 H		Sat.,	19	Leicester City	2,814	0 0	H 5 2	
Sat.,	9	(F.A. Cup—3) Blackpool	... A		Sat.,	25	Plymouth Argyle	2,346	... A 0 3		
Sat.,	16	Swansea Town	2 4 A		Sat.,	26					
Sat.,	23	Rotherham United	2 1 H		Sat.,	Jan.	2	Leicester City	2 1	A	
Sat.,	30	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...		Sat.,	9	Norwich City	...		H	
Sat., Feb.	6	Leicester City	... 1 1 A		Sat.,	16	Plymouth Argyle	...		H	
Sat.,	13	Stoke City	... 0 2 A		Sat.,	23	Fulham	...		H	
Sat.,	20	Fulham (5)	0 2 A		Sat.,	30	Fulham	...		H	
Sat.,	27	Hull City	2 0 A		Sat.,	Feb.	6	Charlton Athletic	...		
Sat., March	6	Notts. County	5 1 H		Sat.,	13	Charlton Athletic	...		H	
Sat.,	13	Lincoln City (6)	2 1 A		Sat.,	20	Tottenham H.	...		A	
Sat.,	20	Bristol Rovers	1 1 H		Sat.,	27	Norwich City	...		A	
Sat.,	27	Blackburn Rovers	1 1 A		Sat., March	6	Ipswich Town	2 0	A	A	
Sat., April	3	Doncaster Rovers	1 2 H		Sat.,	13	Bournemouth	1 2	H	A	
Sat.,	10	Brentford	1 1 A		Sat.,	20	Portsmouth	...		A	
Sat.,	16	Leeds United	2 0 H		Sat.,	27	Cardiff City	...		A	
Sat.,	17	Derby County	... H		Sat.,	April	3	Millwall Athletic	...		A
Sat.,	19	Leeds United	2 2 A		Sat.,	10	Arsenal	...		H	
Sat.,	24	Bury	0 1 A		Sat.,	16	Tottenham Hotspur	...		A	
Sat.,	28	West Ham United	...		Sat.,	17	Chelsea	...		A	
Sat.,	29				Sat.,	24	Reading	...		H	
Sat.,	30				Sat.,	28	West Ham United	...		H	

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

Up to and including
28th December, 1953

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	25	13	8	4	61	34	West Ham Utd.	12	10	0	2	27	11
Everton	25	12	9	4	50	33	Tottenham H.	12	8	4	0	34	14
Doncaster Rov.	25	14	3	8	39	28	Bournemouth	12	6	4	2	18	10
Birmingham C.	25	12	6	7	55	33	Norwich City	11	6	3	2	25	17
Notts. Forest	25	12	6	7	55	37	LUTON TOWN	11	5	3	3	25	13
LUTON TOWN	25	11	7	4	46	38	Blackburn Rov.	24	11	6	7	44	28
							Rotherham U.	26	12	3	11	46	27
							Stoke City	26	7	12	7	43	26
							Fulham	25	9	7	9	54	48
							West Ham U.	25	10	4	11	43	24
							Leeds United	25	8	8	9	51	24
							Bristol Rovers	25	7	9	9	45	23
							Lincoln City	25	9	5	11	39	44
							Derby County	24	9	5	10	44	50
							Hull City	25	10	2	13	37	22
							Swansea Town	25	9	4	12	33	48
							Notts. County	25	8	6	11	28	47
							PLYMOUTH A.	25	5	11	9	32	44
							Bury	25	5	9	11	34	49
							Brentford	25	6	7	12	20	45
							Oldham Ath.	25	5	5	15	26	51

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