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To all Supporters of the "Bobbers" and the Football Club

Please note that a **SPECIAL TRAIN** will run to Wolverhampton, on Monday, 25th January, for the **third replay** Cup Tie with Blackpool. We thank all of you that went to Villa Park and all those making the journey on Monday.

Good luck to those supporters from **Eaton Socon** who first have to make a journey to Bedford before catching the train. This loyal party has booked up again for the match on Monday.

TIMES of TRAINS

Approx. fares: from Luton 15/-, from Bedford 13/-			
Depart ST. ALBANS	8.01 a.m.	Depart WOLVERHAMPTON	5.00 p.m.
Depart HARPENDEN	8.12 a.m.	Arrive BEDFORD	7.38 p.m.
Arrive LUTON	8.27 a.m.	Arrive FLITWICK	8.09 p.m.
Arrive LEAGRAVE	8.34 a.m.	Arrive LEAGRAVE	8.23 p.m.
Arrive FLITWICK	8.45 a.m.	Arrive LUTON	8.29 p.m.
Arrive BEDFORD	9.05 a.m.	Arrive HARPENDEN	8.40 p.m.
Arrive WOLVERHAMPTON	11.50 a.m.	Arrive ST. ALBANS	8.51 p.m.

I hope this time that you will see the Boys pull off a win.

J.C.

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CLUB NOTES

WHAT a predicament we are getting ourselves into in our fights with the Cup Holders to see who is to go forward to meet West Ham at Upton Park in the Fourth Round. We are playing in the Third Replay on Monday next at Wolverhampton, and if at the end of extra time there is still no definite result the 4th Replay will take place at Aston Villa on Wednesday, January 27th, kick-off 2 p.m. There will not be any tickets printed for this match in view of the very short time between the two matches, but there will be plenty of room for everybody should such a match have to be played. We are of course hoping that there will be no need for such an arrangement, but it is certainly a possibility, so strong have been the defences of both sides in the three matches already played. The possibility of even a fifth replay has caused the Football Association to go carefully into the matter to such an extent that we have received a directive from them informing us that should this be necessary it will take place on Saturday, 30th January, kick-off 2 p.m., extra time to be played if necessary, ground yet to be agreed upon. In this event the winner's Fourth Round tie with West Ham United scheduled for 30th January will be postponed until a date to be decided. We are all fervently hoping such a position will not arise for to say the least it would be very hard lines on West Ham, but the facts must be faced, and we ourselves see no other way out of it should such a predicament arise. We hope all our trouble in making such arrangements prove so much waste effort.

On top of all this the Yugo-slav team Hajduk is engaged to play the losers between Blackpool and ourselves in a Friendly Match on Saturday, January 30th. It is very difficult for a foreign team making accommodation arrangements not knowing where they are playing, especially when the two grounds are so far apart. And then of course Fulham at this late stage do not know whether their Reserve team is coming to Luton or not in a Football Combination match fixed for next Saturday. We shall just have to wait and see how it all sorts itself out.

We have the Rotherham boys as our visitors this afternoon and welcome them once again to Kenilworth Road. They are playing very well just now, and have indeed obtained maximum points from six of their thirteen away matches, so that they are not a team anyone can take lightly. Last Saturday they beat Notts. Forest at Millmoor Ground to the extent of three clear goals, a very satisfactory performance. A win for them today will take them above us in the Table, and with only fourteen more matches to play to complete

our League programme such a result would be quite serious from our point of view. Although our lads have had a gruelling time lately there seems no reason why their recent form should not be maintained.

After months of scheming and preparation by local members of Toc H and Round Table a direct commentary of our matches to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital is being put into operation today. Mr. Cliff Michelmore of the B.B.C. has very kindly agreed to come down today to officially open the Scheme, and we are delighted to have him. We sincerely hope the patients at the Hospital will enjoy the commentaries, in which case the many volunteers who have taken part in putting the scheme into operation will feel well rewarded. The scheme has cost just on £100, so we trust there has been a good response to the Collectors outside the ground. They will again be at their posts after the match so those of you who would like to make some contribution to this effort can do so on leaving the ground.

Space is short, but we must find room to offer our congratulations to the Luton Schoolboys on their success last Saturday morning when they beat West Bromwich Boys by two goals to one in a most entertaining and thrilling match. They have a hard nut to crack in the next Round, when they have to meet Swansea the present holders of the Shield, but even this obstacle should not prove too big for our lads if they only produce the form they have shown in getting them to their present position. Good Luck, Boys, and good shooting.

Assuming we get through to the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, our share of the Tickets will be on sale to personal applicants only at 9 a.m. on the day following our defeat of Blackpool. It is regretted special consideration cannot be given to Season Ticket Holders, but as our share is not sufficient to give each Holder one ticket we have no alternative but to sell them on a first-come first-served basis.

In the event of our possible match with West Ham resulting in a draw, the replay will be at Luton on the following Wednesday (assuming we play West Ham on Saturday, January 30th), when the same arrangements will apply as for the Luton v. Blackpool first Replay, which was that Season Ticket Holders **only** will be able to obtain one ticket for their own seat from the Office after the match on January 30th and on Monday. All tickets left would be on sale as from 9 a.m. Tuesday, February 2nd.

THE COVERMAN

Michael Cullen

MIKE CULLEN hails from Glasgow, where he was born in 1931. While at School played in the Intermediate Glasgow School Shield Final, and when only 16 was chosen to play for Scotland against England in a National

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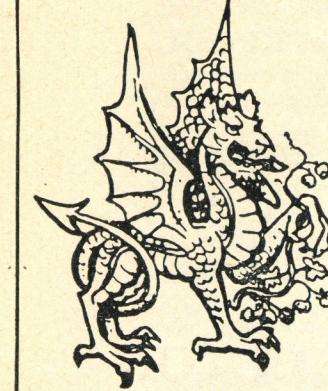
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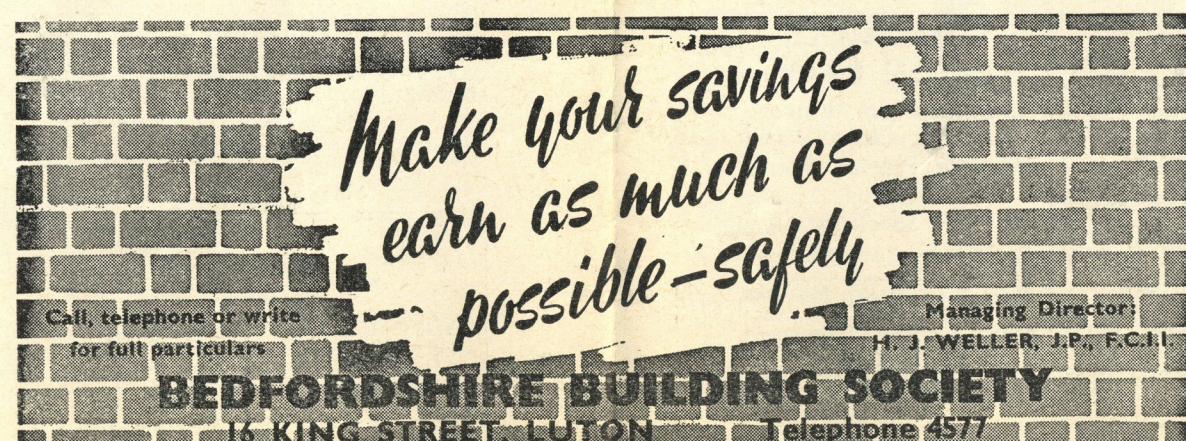
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FIXTURES, 1953-54

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 0	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	Wed.,	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	B 2 1	
Wed.,	9	Birmingham City	18,881	1 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	Northampton T.	1,318	3 3	H 1 2	
Wed.,	16	Birmingham City	12,231	0 1	H 2 0	Sat.,	26	Leicester City	3,192	4 1	H 3 4	
Sat.,	19	Leicester City	19,138	2 0	H 2 2	Sat.,	30	Coventry City	808	3 3	H 2 0	
Wed.,	26	Stoke City	24,083	...	A 1 1	Sat., Oct.	3	Leicester City	2,822	3 2	A 1 2	
Sat., Oct.	3	Fulham	18,619	2 0	H 1 2	Mon.,	5	Coventry City	628	1 1	A 1 4	
Sat.,	10	Hull City	14,754	3 2	H 3 1	Wed.,	10	Norwich City	2,861	3 1	H 2 0	
Sat.,	17	Notts. County	12,208	2 1	A 2 1	Wed.,	21	Birmingham City	138	2 3	A 1 1	
Sat.,	24	Lincoln City	15,578	4 0	H 1 0	Sat.,	23	Northampton	...	...	...
Sat.,	31	Bristol Rovers	20,021	...	A 3 3	Sat.,	26	Leicester	...	...	...
Sat., Nov.	7	Brentford	15,167	0 1	H 1 1	Sat.,	28	Blackburn	...	...	...
Sat.,	14	Derby County	15,934	...	A 2 1	Sat.,	31	Portsmouth	...	...	...
Sat.,	21	Blackburn Rovers	16,269	6 0	H 2 1	Sat., Nov.	7	Cardiff City	992	...	A 1 2	
Sat.,	28	Doncaster Rovers	18,273	0 1	A 3 1	Wed.,	11	Millwall Athletic	2,369	...	H 5 1	
Sat., Dec.	5	Bury	15,309	4 1	H 3 2	Sat.,	21	Arsenal	5,393	...	A 3 2	
Sat.,	12	Oldham Athletic	14,128	...	A 2 1	Sat.,	28	Chelsea	4,270	...	H 2 2	
Sat.,	19	Everton	33,544	1 1	A 1 2	Sat.,	Dec.	5	Reading	1,940	...	A 1 1
Fri.,	25	West Ham United	19,017	1 0	A 0 1	Sat.,	12	West Ham United	3,326	...	A 0 1	
Sat.,	26	West Ham United	20,133	0 0	H 3 1	Sat.,	19	Leicester City	2,814	0 0	H 5 2	
Sat.,	30	Plymouth Argyle	9,686	1 0	H 2 1	Sat.,	25	Plymouth Argyle	2,346	...	A 0 3	
Sat.,	9	Blackpool (F.A. Cup -3)	25,242	...	A 0 0	Sat.,	26	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	...
Wed.,	13	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 1)	23,472	...	H 0 0	Sat.,	Feb.	6	Leicester City	2,010	2 1	A 4 3
Sat.,	16	Swansea Town	16,785	2 4	A 1 1	Sat.,	9	Norwich City	2,617	...	H 2 1	
Sat.,	23	Rotherham United	...	2 1	H	Sat.,	16	Plymouth Argyle	3,349	...	H 4 2	
Sat.,	25	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 3)	...	...	...	Sat.,	23	Fulham	...	...	...
Sat.,	30	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	...	Sat.,	30	Fulham	...	...	...
Sat.,	6	Leicester City	...	1 1	A	Sat.,	Feb.	6	Charlton Athletic
Sat.,	13	Stoke City	...	...	A	Sat.,	13	Charlton Athletic	...	...	...
Sat.,	20	Fulham (5)	...	0 2	A	Sat.,	20	Tottenham H.	...	...	...
Sat.,	27	Hull City	...	2 0	A	Sat.,	27	Norwich City	...	...	...
Sat.,	March 6	Notts. County	...	5 1	H	Sat.,	March 6	Ipswich Town	...	2 0	A	
Sat.,	13	Lincoln City (6)	...	2 1	A	Sat.,	13	Bournemouth	...	1 2	A	
Sat.,	20	Bristol Rovers	...	1 1	H	Sat.,	20	Portsmouth	...	...	...
Sat.,	27	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1	A	Sat.,	27	Cardiff City	...	...	...
Sat., April 3	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 2	H	Sat., April 3	Millwall Athletic	...	...	...	...	...
Sat.,	10	Brentford	...	1 1	A	Sat.,	10	Arsenal	...	...	...
Fri.,	16	Leeds United	...	2 0	A	Sat.,	16	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	...
Sat.,	17	Derby County	...	...	H	Sat.,	17	Chelsea	...	...	...
Mon.,	19	Leeds United	...	2 2	A	Sat.,	24	Reading	...	...	...
Sat.,	24	Bury	...	0 1	A	Wed.,	28	West Ham United	...	...	...

LEAGUE TABLE, 1953-54

Up to and including 16th January, 1954

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
34	Leicester City	...	27	13	8	65 44 34
35	Everton	...	26	12	10	4 50 38 34
34	Doncaster Rov.	...	27	15	3	9 44 33 33
34	Birmingham C.	...	27	13	6	8 61 39 32
34	Blackburn Rov.	...	27	13	6	8 55 37 32
34	Notts. Forest	...	27	13	6	8 57 41 32
33	LUTON TOWN	27	12	8	7 47 40 32	
32	ROOTHERHAM U.	28	14	3	11 52 51 31	
32	Stoke City	...	27	8	12	7 47 39 28
32	Fulham	...	27	10	7	10 61 53 27
31	Leeds United	...	27	9	8	10 58 56 26
31	Bristol Rovers	...	27	8	10	9 46 41 26
31	West Ham U.	...	26	11	4	11 46 42 26
31	Derby County	...	27	10	6	11 49 53 26
31	Hull City	...	26	11	2	13 40 38 24
31	Lincoln City	...	27	9	6	12 41 42 24
31	Plymouth A.	...	27	6	11	10 38 46 23
31	Swansea Town	...	27	9	5	13 35 51 23
31	Notts. County	...	27	8	6	13 30 56 22
31	Bury	...	26	5	10	11 34 49 20
31	Brentford	...	27	6	8	13 21 49 20
31	Oldham Ath.	...	26	5	5	16 26 56 15

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 30th January, 1954

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

If engaged in F.A. Cup - 4

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton T. Res. v. Fulham Res.

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