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10 Inside Left S. P. Ruce (Canadian)	11 Outside Left T. R. Ellis	
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the game and for 3d. purchase the ball from Mr. C. W. Gregory.

The ticket number for the ball on Saturday, 6th March, 1954, was 17757.

YES, once again we have missed our chance of getting into Division 1. So we will have to be content on seeing the same old Clubs at Kenilworth Road next season, and who knows, the road may be much harder than it has been this last two seasons. We read and also say that this and that and the other should be done. Well the final answer is put the ball in the net, and then the right thing is done. So fans take up your usual positions and give the boys all the encouragement you can so we finish the remaining games with good results.

What a grand report the Club and players had in the "Empire News" last

Sunday, also the Bobbers Stand Club. Now those of you who read about it and are not members just send along and join.

We understand that the "Empire News" will be reporting on our matches for the next four weeks. It will be interesting to see what they have to say about our chances for the future, so make sure to get your copy.

And may I now point out to our members that have not yet renewed their membership that it is now due, so please send your 1/2 along and we will send you a receipt and membership card to you.

J.C.

CLUB NOTES

BRISTOL ROVERS are our visitors this afternoon, and we give them a most hearty welcome on their first visit here in a Second Division fixture. They gained promotion last season to leave the Third Division for the first time since they joined it with us in season 1920/21. Most of us here today remember very vividly the Rover's previous visit to Kenilworth Road, on 27th January, 1951 in the 4th Round of the F.A. Cup when they beat us by two goals to one, George Petherbridge scoring both their goals. Their defence for today is exactly as it was that day except that Herbert Hoyle in goal has been replaced by Bill Radford. Hoyle, as no doubt some of you remember, was injured in a car accident on his way home to Dawlish after their match with Bristol City a year last February. It came at a most unfortunate time for the Rovers, for they were going strong for promotion. They obtained Bill Radford from a South Wales Club, and so well has he been playing that the Welsh Selectors have had him under review for some little time. The injury to Hoyle, a fractured skull, proved so serious that he has not played football since. He is now mine host at a nice little place at Coxton, just outside Dawlish.

We picked up a very welcome point at Lincoln last Saturday, but for once we must admit we did not deserve it. Lincoln were undoubtedly the better team and gave our defence a gruelling time. Our forwards never seemed to get together, but it was a very nice bit of quick thinking on Leslie Jones' part when the City's right back had come right up the field with the ball only to be dispossessed. Jones hit the ball right to the feet of Roy Davies lying uncovered as a result of this impetuosity of the City back. Roy took it on, passed to Gordon Turner who beat the centre half very cleverly and then from an acute angle on the left of the goal shot a brilliant goal with his left foot. It was the only chance we had during the whole of the second half, and it was very well taken. This point compensated to some extent a few we have lost at home to a team which has been over-run but finished the match with some reward. We were more in the game with Fulham when they beat us to the tune of five goals to one than we were in this match at Lincoln. However that is football all the way through—it is the unexpectedness which helps to make the game so interesting.

Our Reserve team rather disappointed us last Saturday here at home when they allowed Bournemouth to take a point away with them. It was a game which never rose to any great heights, certainly nothing like the match we had here last Wednesday evening under the Floodlights when we beat Fulham Reserves to the tune of seven goals to one. Some pleasure was taken away from this performance however for after only seven minutes play Reg Lowe, their left back, broke a leg in a desperate tackle to prevent Peter McEwan from scoring when almost right through. This accident undoubtedly affected the Fulham lads both mentally

and of course on the field numerically, but they never gave up trying, and the excellent goal scored by their outside left, Roy Dwight from the centre forward position was some compensation for their gallant efforts. Arrangements were being made for Reg Lowe to be transferred to St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, and if all went well he will be there now. On Thursday he was as comfortable as could be expected under the circumstances, and he was very pleased and grateful for all that had been done for him at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. His wife only two days previously to this match had left Hospital with their first-born, a son. We do in all sincerity wish all three excellent progress and that we shall see father fit and well and ready again when next season commences.

Next Wednesday evening we are due to play Watford in the return leg of our Friendly Matches under Floodlight. The Watford Directors are very kindly presenting a Cup to be won annually by the team which has the best aggregate on the two matches. When we played at Watford in the first leg last October, when the score was one goal each, there was an attendance of 12,294. It was the occasion of the Official Opening of Watford's Floodlighting Installation, but it would be nice to see this figure even beaten. Both our First Teams will be in action, so that a very good game should be witnessed, for you see from the Third Division Table that Watford are lying third place, and it is still not too late for them to finish as leaders. If they had not experienced that disastrous start to the present season they would now be in a very comfortable position at the head of the League Table.

The Luton Schoolboys on Saturday morning next, will be playing their last match this season on this Ground when they entertain Oxford Schoolboys for the Seaward Trophy. In view of the splendid run our lads have had this season in the English Schools' Competition, we hope to see a good crowd to show appreciation of these efforts. Kick-off is at 11 a.m.

The "Empire News" gave a very nice write-up of Luton Town F.C. in last Sunday's edition. They intend following this up by writing special reports on our next four League matches. Today's match is being covered by David Jack, whom no doubt many of you have seen play during his long and successful career, and who now writes with this experience behind him. We hope today's match proves equal to his pen.

Saturday, 27th March, 1954 : Kick-off 11 a.m.

SEWARD TROPHY

LUTON BOYS v. OXFORD BOYS

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Stand or Enclosure : Adults 1/6 : Boys 1/
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THE COVERMAN

WALTER GEORGE SHANKS

"WALLY" SHANKS, one of the grandest fellows any club could wish to have on their books, came to us in January, 1947, on Joe Payne's recommendation. Joe saw him playing during a trial period with Chelsea, and when the London club decided they could not increase their playing staff, Wally came to us

also on trial. We are very glad indeed we decided to "sign him on" for although he is not a player of the classical style he is a very useful man to have in the side, if only for his wholehearted efforts. Was born in Veletta, Malta, of Scottish parents, who now live at Elgin.

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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 BOLTON W ASTON VILLA
B BURNLEY MANCH. CITY
C CHARLTON CARDIFF C.
D LIVERPOOL CHELSEA
E MANCH. UN. HUDDERSFIELD
F MIDDLESBRO' PORTSMOUTH
G NEWCASTLE SHEFFIELD UN.
H PRESTON WOLVES
K WEDNESDAY ARSENAL
L TOTTENHAM SUNDERLAND
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SECOND LIST

A FULHAM BURY
B LEEDS UNITED BLACKBURN
C LEICESTER C. EVERTON
D NOTTS. FOR. BRENTFORD
E PLYMOUTH LINCOLN C.
F ROTHERHAM HULL CITY
G STOKE CITY OLDHAM A.
H SWANSEA T. NOTTS. CO'TY
K WEST HAM DONCASTER
L ALDERSHOT WATFORD
M BRISTOL CITY BRIGHTON
N COLCHESTER READING

THIRD LIST

A CRYSTAL PAL. SOUTHERN
B EXETER CITY COVENTRY
C NEWPORT BOURNEMUTH
D NORWICH C. IPSWICH T.
E QUEEN'S P. R. MILLWALL A.
F SHREWSBURY GILLINGHAM
G SOUTHAMPTON LEYTON O.
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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.
				1953	1952					
Wed., Aug. 19	Oldham Athletic	22,822	...	H	4 4					
Sat., " 22	Everton	20,247	4 2	H	1 1					
Wed., " 26	Notts. Forest	17,522	3 0	H	0 1					
Sat., " 29	Plymouth Argyle	22,574	1 2	A	2 2					
Wed., Sept. 2	Nottingham Forest	17,172	3 4	A	1 2					
Sat., " 5	Swansea Town	17,479	3 1	H	2 0					
Sat., " 9	Birmingham City	18,881	1 2	A	1 5					
Sat., " 12	Rotherham United	15,726	3 1	A	1 2					
Wed., " 16	Birmingham City	12,231	0 1	H	2 0					
Sat., " 19	Leicester City	19,138	2 0	H	2 2					
Sat., " 26	Stoke City	24,083	...	A	1 1					
Sat., Oct. 3	Fulham	18,619	2 0	H	1 2					
Sat., " 10	Hull City	14,754	3 2	H	3 1					
Sat., " 17	Notts. County	12,208	2 1	A	2 1					
Sat., " 24	Lincoln City	15,578	4 0	H	1 0					
Sat., " 31	Bristol Rovers	20,021	...	A	3 3					
Sat., Nov. 7	Brentford	15,167	0 1	H	1 1					
Sat., " 14	Derby County	15,934	...	A	2 1					
Sat., " 21	Blackburn Rovers	16,269	6 0	H	2 1					
Sat., " 28	Doncaster Rovers	18,273	0 1	A	3 1					
Sat., Dec. 5	Bury	15,309	4 1	H	3 2					
Sat., " 12	Oldham Athletic	14,128	...	A	2 1					
Sat., " 19	Everton	33,544	1 1	A	1 2					
Fri., " 25	West Ham United	19,017	1 3	A	0 1					
Sat., " 26	West Ham United	20,133	0 0	H	3 1					
Sat., Jan. 2	Plymouth Argyle	9,686	1 0	H	2 1					
Sat., " 9	Blackpool (F.A. Cup—3)	25,242	...	A	1 1					
Wed., " 13	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 1)	23,472	...	H	0 0					
Sat., " 16	Swansea Town	16,783	2 4	A	1 1					
Mon., " 18	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 2)	31,663	...	A	1 1					
Sat., " 23	Rotherham United	17,300	2 1	H	1 1					
Sat., " 25	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 3)	25,855	...	A	0 2					
Sat., Feb. 6	Leicester City	31,782	1 1	A	1 2					
Sat., " 13	Stoke City	17,055	...	H	1 1					
Sat., " 20	Fulham (S)	26,982	0 2	A	1 5					
Sat., " 27	Hull City	21,550	2 0	A	2 1					
Sat., March 6	Notts. County	14,623	5 1	H	2 1					
Sat., " 13	Lincoln City (6)	11,195	2 1	A	1 1					
Sat., " 20	Bristol Rovers	H	1 1					
Sat., " 27	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1	A	1 1					
Sat., April 3	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 2	H	1 1					
Sat., " 10	Brentford	...	1 1	A	1 1					
Fri., " 16	Leeds United	...	2 0	H	1 1					
Sat., " 17	Derby County	H	1 1					
Mon., " 19	Leeds United	...	2 2	A	1 1					
Sat., " 24	Bury	...	0 1	A	1 1					

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54Up to and including
17th March, 1954

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division I										
Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.	LUTON TOWN	Pld.	Won	Drn.
22	11	7	4	53	37	29	22	11	7	4
West Ham Utd.	20	14	1	5	44	26	29	19	9	5
Tottenham H.	20	10	3	6	42	23	19	9	5	6
Millwall	19	10	3	6	36	30	23	10	5	5
Arsenal	18	10	3	5	37	20	20	6	4	4
Bournemouth	20	8	6	6	29	23	20	8	5	5
Norwich City	18	8	5	5	36	29	18	7	4	4
Chelsea	19	7	4	8	37	29	19	7	4	4
Plymouth A.	20	6	5	9	32	42	17	6	4	4
Portsmouth	15	7	2	6	29	24	16	5	3	3
Charlton Ath.	20	6	4	10	34	43	16	6	4	4
Cardiff City	17	6	4	7	29	34	16	5	3	3
Leicester City	17	6	2	9	39	43	14	5	3	3
Reading	21	5	4	12	32	45	14	4	3	3
Fulham	21	4	4	13	28	61	12	4	3	3
Ipswich Town	18	4	3	11	25	46	11	3	2	2

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday, 24th March, 1954

Friendly Floodlight Match - Kick-Off 7.30 p.m.

LUTON TOWN v. WATFORD

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Saturday, 27th March, 1954

Football Combination - Kick-Off 3 p.m.

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