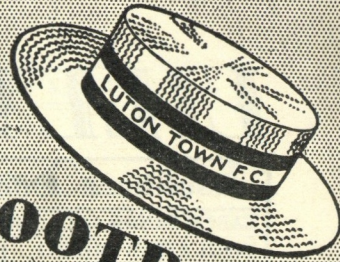


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CLUB NOTES

WELCOME to you all here this afternoon on the commencement of another football season, with all its hopes and thrills being pleasantly anticipated. All Clubs begin the season with high hopes that this is going to be "our season" and it is inevitable that the greater majority will be disappointed for we all cannot win, but Luton Town begin the present season with hopes higher than ever before for we really do believe this is going to be "our season." These last two seasons in particular we have come so very near to the goal we have set our minds on one day attaining, that is First Division for Luton. We feel that with the splendid enthusiasm running right through the Club we shall really accomplish our object this time. Everybody is on his toes to do his bit and if we can only get off to a good start, thus giving the lads that confidence on the field which is so essential, then things will certainly hum at Kenilworth Road this season. And of course if our plans bear fruit a happier spirit will prevail amongst you fans, thus giving you plenty to think and talk about.

It is with pleasure therefore that we welcome this first match of the season and with very great pleasure welcome the Club called upon to open the programme with us. Notts. Forest are one of the very oldest Clubs in the country being founded in the year 1865 and joining the Football League in season 1892/93, only four years after the League's inauguration. The Forest have experienced many ups and downs during their long career, but their greatest achievement was when they met Derby County in the F.A. Cup Final at Crystal Palace season 1897/98 and ran out worthy winners to the tune of three goals to one. The Forest are another Club who are anticipating great things this season, for after they finished Champions of the Third Division season 1950/51, they have finished in fourth, seventh and fourth places in the intervening seasons, in that order. They are again being Captained by our old friend Horace Gager, who went there from us in February 1948 and who has undoubtedly been the backbone of their successes these last few years. A sensation was caused during the close season when the Forest transferred two of their most experienced players, Tommy Capel and Colin Collindridge, to Coventry City. These were the

two players who caused us the most trouble last season when scoring a double victory over us—Fulham were the only other Club to do so—so that unless the Forest have something up their sleeve we should begin with an advantage here. But no doubt there was good reason to allow the two players in question to leave their ranks and we shall have a good opportunity of seeing it this afternoon. As it is the first match of the season both sides will be eager to show their worth, and so we should enjoy the spectacle of a fine exhibition of football at its best and played in the best sporting spirit.

As the First team are on duty at Bury on Tuesday night next, kick-off 6.30, we have arranged a South Midlands fixture between our "B" team and Vauxhall Motors to be played on this ground at the same time, when we hope to give fairly frequent announcements how the game at Bury is progressing. The following evening, also timed for a 6.30 kick-off, the Reserves open their programme with a visit by Coventry City Reserves in the Combination Cup.

We take this opportunity of paying tribute for the hard work put in by the Ground Staff during the short close season in getting the big patch of bareness we saw at the last match to the present state of a lovely green sward. The weather has made it very difficult at times for any work to be carried out at all, but Johnnie Sanderson and his staff have worked at it whenever they could with the pleasing result that you see today.

The Luton Band, we are very pleased to say, will again be performing in their usual high class style at most of our First team matches this season. They are very grateful to the many people who put something in the boxes as they come round, and we trust you will continue to do so, with many new contributors throughout the season, for without your support the Band officials would have a very worrying time.

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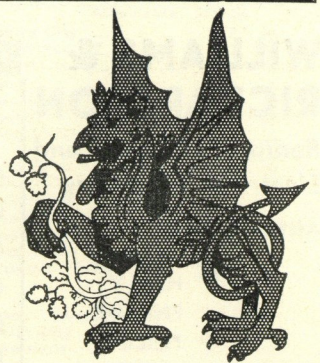
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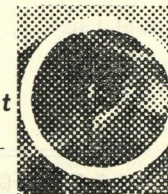
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A	Arsenal	Newcastle U.
B	Aston Villa	Tottenham H.
C	Bolton W.	Charlton Ath.
D	Burnley	Cardiff City
E	Huddersfield	Blackpool
F	Leicester City	Chelsea
G	Manchester U.	Portsmouth
H	Preston N.E.	Manchester C.
K	Sheffield Utd.	Everton
L	Sunderland	West Brom.
M	Wolverh'pton	Sheffield Wed.
N	Bristol Rovers	Port Vale

SECOND LIST

A	Fulham	Blackburn R.
B	Hull City	Leeds United
C	Lincoln City	Bury
D	Liverpool	Doncaster R.
E	Notts. County	Derby County
F	Plymouth A.	Middlesbro'
G	Rotherham U.	Ipswich Town
H	Stoke City	Birmingham
K	Swansea T.	West Ham U.
L	Colchester	Swindon T.
M	Coventry City	Bournemouth
N	Exeter City	Crystal Palace

THIRD LIST

A	Gillingham	Bristol City
B	Leyton O.	Torquay Utd.
C	Millwall Ath.	Brighton & H.
D	Newport Co.	Northampton
E	Norwich City	Aldershot
F	Q.P.R.	Watford
G	Reading	Walsall
H	Southampton	Brentford
K	Southend Utd.	Shrewsbury T.
L	Barnsley	Oldham Ath.
M	Gateshead	Chesterfield
N	Rochdale	Grimsby T.

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			Attendance	1953/54	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 21	Notts. Forest	...	0 1	H	
Tues., " 24	Bury	...	1 0	A	
Sat., " 28	Ipswich Town	A	
Wed., Sept. 1	Bury	...	3 2	H	
Sat., " 4	Birmingham City	...	2 0	H	
Wed., " 8	Lincoln City	...	1 1	A	
Sat., " 11	Middlesborough	...	...	A	
Wed., " 15	Lincoln City	...	1 0	H	
Sat., " 18	Stoke City	...	0 1	H	
Sat., " 25	Rotherham United	...	1 2	A	
Sat., Oct. 2	Derby County	...	2 1	H	
Sat., " 9	Bristol Rovers	...	3 3	A	
Sat., " 16	Plymouth Argyle	...	2 1	H	
Sat., " 23	Fulham	...	1 5	A	
Sat., " 30	Swansea Town	...	2 0	H	
Sat., Nov. 6	Notts. County	...	2 1	A	
Sat., " 13	Liverpool	...	...	H	
Sat., " 20	West Ham United (1)	...	0 1	A	
Sat., " 27	Blackburn Rovers	...	2 1	H	
Sat., Dec. 4	Port Vale	...	...	A	
Sat., " 11	Doncaster Rovers (2)	...	2 0	H	
Sat., " 18	Nottingham Forest	...	1 2	A	
Sat., " 25	Hull City	...	3 1	H	
Mon., " 27	Hull City	...	2 1	A	
Sat., Jan. 1	Ipswich Town	...	...	H	
Sat., " 8	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...
Sat., " 15	Birmingham City	...	1 5	A	
Sat., " 22	Middlesborough	...	...	H	
Sat., " 29	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...
Sat., Feb. 5	Stoke City	...	1 1	A	
Sat., " 12	Rotherham United	...	1 1	H	
Sat., " 19	Derby County (5)	...	2 1	A	
Sat., " 26	Bristol Rovers	...	1 1	H	
Sat., March 5	Plymouth Argyle	...	2 2	A	
Sat., " 12	Fulham (6)	...	1 2	H	
Sat., " 19	Swansea Town	...	1 1	A	
Sat., " 26	Notts. County	...	2 1	H	
Sat., April 2	Liverpool	...	...	A	
Fri., " 8	Leeds United	...	1 1	H	
Sat., " 9	West Ham United	...	3 1	H	
Mon., " 11	Leeds United	...	1 2	A	
Sat., " 16	Blackburn Rovers	...	0 2	A	
Sat., " 23	Port Vale	...	...	H	
Sat., " 30	Doncaster Rovers	...	3 1	A	

F. A.**RESERVE FIXTURES**

			Attendance	1953/54	F. A.
Wed., Aug. 25	Coventry City	...	2 0	H	
Sat., " 28	Northampton T.	...	1 2	H	
Mon., " 30	Coventry City	...	1 4	A	
Sat., Sept. 4	Watford	...	1 2	A	
Wed., " 8	Birmingham City	...	4 0	H	
Sat., " 11	Watford	...	2 1	H	
Wed., " 15	Birmingham City	...	1 1	A	
Sat., " 18	...	...	...	...	...
Wed., " 22	Norwich City	...	0 0	A	
Sat., " 25	Leicester City	...	2 1	A	
Wed., " 29	Norwich City	...	2 0	H	
Sat., Oct. 2	Ipswich Town	...	4 1	A	
Wed., " 6	Leicester City	...	3 4	H	
Sat., " 9	Ipswich Town	...	1 2	H	
Thurs., " 14	Northampton Town	...	3 1	A	
Football Combination					
Sat., Oct. 16	Charlton Athletic	...	1 1	A	
Sat., " 23	Norwich City	...	2 1	H	
Sat., " 30	Bournemouth	...	2 2	A	
Sat., Nov. 6	Arsenal	...	5 3	H	
Sat., " 13	West Ham United	...	0 1	A	
Sat., " 20	Coventry City	...	...	H	
Sat., " 27	...	...	...	...	...
Sat., Dec. 4	Portsmouth	...	4 2	H	
Sat., " 11	Tottenham Hotspur	...	0 0	A	
Sat., " 18	Birmingham City	...	...	H	
Sat., " 25	Norwich City	...	1 1	A	
Mon., " 27	Bristol City	...	...	A	
Sat., Jan. 1	Brighton & Hove	...	...	A	
Sat., " 8	Charlton Athletic	...	3 2	H	
Sat., " 15	Cardiff City	...	4 0	H	
Sat., " 22	Portsmouth	...	2 2	A	
Sat., " 29	Millwall Athletic	...	5 1	H	
Sat., Feb. 5	West Ham United	...	2 1	H	
Sat., " 12	Arsenal	...	3 2	A	
Sat., " 19	Bournemouth	...	2 2	H	
Sat., March 5	Birmingham City	...	...	A	
Sat., " 19	Tottenham H.	...	2 1	H	
Sat., April 2	Bristol City	...	...	H	
Fri., " 8	Coventry City	...	...	A	
Mon., " 11	Leicester City	...	5 2	H	
Sat., " 16	Chelsea	...	2 2	H	
Sat., " 30	Millwall Athletic	...	3 1	A	
Sat., May 7	Leicester City	...	4 3	A	
<i>To be arranged</i>					
	Brighton & Hove	...	...	H	
	Cardiff City	...	2 1	A	
	Chelsea	...	0 0	A	

League Tables (Final Positions)**LEAGUE DIVISION II**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
LEICESTER CITY	42	23	10	9	97	60	56
EVERTON	42	20	16	6	92	58	56
Blackburn Rov.	42	23	9	10	86	50	55
Notts. Forest	42	20	12	10	86	59	52
Rotherham Utd.	42	21	7	14	80	67	49
LUTON TOWN	42	18	12	12	64	59	48
Birmingham C.	42	18	11	13	78	58	47
Fulham	42	17	10	15	98	85	44
Bristol Rovers	42	14	16	12	64	58	44
Leeds United	42	15	13	14	89	81	43
Stoke City	42	12	17	13	71	60	41
Doncaster Rov.	42	16	9	17	59	63	41
West Ham U.	42	15	9	18	67	69	39
Notts. County	42	13	13	16	54	74	39
Hull City	42	16	6	20	54	66	38
Lincoln City	42	14	9	19	65	83	37
Bury	42	11	14	17	54	72	36
Derby County	42	12	11	19	64	82	35
Plymouth A.	42	9	16	17	65	82	34
Swansea Town	42	13	8	21	58	82	34
Brentford	42	10	11	21	40	78	31
Oldham Ath.	42	8	9	25	40	89	25

Football Combination—Division I

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
WEST HAM U.	30	19	3	8	68	45	41
LUTON TOWN	30	15	10	5	71	47	40
Chelsea	30	15	6	9	68	36	36
Norwich City	30	14	7	9	64	49	35
Tottenham H.	30	13	9	8	56	45	35
Arsenal	30	13	8	9	56	36	34
Bournemouth	30	13	8	9	45	34	34
Leicester City	30	15	4	11	76	63	34
Millwall	30	13	3	14	49	53	29
Portsmouth	30	9	8	13	40	46	26
Charlton Ath.	30	10	6	14	53	61	26
Cardiff City	30	7	11	12	44	57	25
Reading	30	8	8	14	45	55	24
Plymouth A.	30	7	8	15	42	74	22
Ipswich Town	30	8	4	18	42	81	20
Fulham	30	7	5	18	40	77	19

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