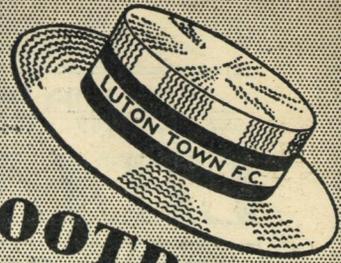


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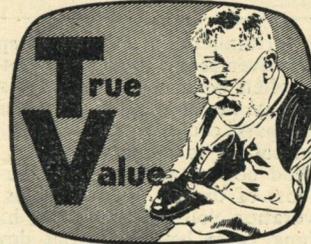
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CLUB NOTES

THE visit of the present leaders of the Second Division to Kenilworth Road today brings us our most attractive opponents of the season to date. They are playing the attacking football which so far has paid them big dividends, for in the 18 matches they have played to date they have scored no less than 59 goals, 41 of them at home in 9 matches. They enjoy a two point lead over their nearest challengers, and whatever happens today cannot be toppled off the leading position. Four of their forwards are already in the double figure class, and from all appearances it is going to take a catastrophic loss of form or run of really bad luck to stop this team from regaining their position in the First Division. When we played the Rovers in Eire during the last close season in connection with the Rehabilitation of the Tubercular Fund Campaign everyone who saw our two matches, at Dalymount Park, Dublin, and at The Mardyke, Cork, were surprised and thrilled at the quality of the football our two teams produced. We were both toasted to the skies, with the fervent hope that both Clubs would finish in the two top places when the 54/55 season ends. We sincerely hope that the wine used in the endorsing of those toasts was not drunk in vain!

What a travesty of justice was done last Saturday when we came away pointless from the Boleyn Ground. How the West Ham goal escaped on at least four occasions just had to be seen to be believed. But even the result did not take from us the satisfaction of the lovely football our lads played. The ball went from man to man with a crispness and accuracy that had the Claret Shirts chasing the ball most of the afternoon, and if it had not been for a superlative display of goalkeeping by George Taylor, who most certainly deserved the ovation given him, we might have had half a dozen more goals to our credit, with of course two more points in the bag. Bob Morton in the centre has made all the difference in the world to our attack, and with George Cummins settling down to play the football of which we knew he was capable, our forward line is now a joy to watch in action and a force with which to be contended. The whole team last Saturday played First Division football at its best, and those of you who went to see the match must have come away from the ground with a feeling of real pride in our lads.

Now that the criticism of moving Bob Morton into the forward line has abated, no doubt because the move has proved so successful, various "fans" must needs be find someone else on whom to expend their fault-finding. This mantle has now descended on the unfortunate head of Ron Baynham—in our opinion a most unfair judgment. The facts of the matter are that we are in the most fortunate position of having on our books in our opinion the two best goalkeepers in the country. They both have their different strong points and both have a different approach to the game, but both are first class goalkeepers, and we felt it was not quite fair to either for the other to be permanent automatic

choice for the senior side. Bernard Streten has had a good run, he has carried out his duties excellently and it is with great reluctance that he has been chosen to play in the Reserve team, but having made fifty consecutive appearances we felt it was time to give Ron Baynham a run. In our opinion the change is not detrimental to the side—if such was the case we would of course not have made it. Every one of us is entitled to his or her opinion—football would not be the game it is if it were not so—but do give Baynham a fair crack of the whip, you grumblers. He will not let the side down. As for ourselves either would be automatic choice if it were not for the other and we are very lucky indeed to have two such fine custodians.

In front of only 1873 spectators last Saturday (ignoring the Season Ticket Holders) our Reserve side played some very good football to beat a by-no-means weak Coventry City second string by seven clear goals, despite a very good game by the City goalie who made in addition three wonder saves. The first goal scored by Terry Kelly from a pass by Peter Peterson was so perfect it left everybody spellbound. This was the goal which completely changed the trend of the match, for until then Coventry had been making all the running and their shooting, at every opportunity, required Bernard Streten to be on his toes all the time. This was an excellent performance from our lads, which shows them the highest goal scorers in the Division with 19 goals from the 6 matches played.

You fans with long memories make the compilation of these notes a tricky business, for twice this season we have been proved wrong. We stated that the visits of Stoke City and Liverpool this season were the first they had made to Luton, but it was pointed out that Stoke visited Luton in 1911 in a Southern League Division II fixture, and now we are informed that Liverpool visited us round about 1920. Our records about that time are not too good, but we have found that on 31st January, 1920, Liverpool did come to Luton in the Second Round of the F.A. Cup and won by two clear goals. As Liverpool finished fourth place in the First Division that season, whereas we finished third from bottom in the First Division of the Southern League, the Town's performance that day was quite creditable. Incidentally Liverpool beat Birmingham 2-0 in the Third Round but succumbed to Huddersfield Town in the Fourth Round, Huddersfield going on to the Final, played at Stamford Bridge, to be beaten by an only goal, scored by Kirton after eight minutes play of extra time. Thank you, you fans, who have taken the trouble to write us on this matter.

Incidentally if anyone has some old photographs of players, teams, players in action, of our grounds in Dallow Road, Dunstable Road or our present site in the early days, etc. we would like to borrow them for reproducing in a "Pictorial History of Luton Town Football Club" we are thinking of preparing. Suitable acknowledgement will be made to each insertion, and of course the photographs will be returned as soon as prints have been taken from them.

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Baynham Goal

5 Owen Centre Half

9 Morton Centre



8 Briggs Centre

4 Kelly Centre Half

Elvy Goal

Football League—Div. II

3 Aherne Left Back

6 Shanks Left Half

10 Cummins Inside Left

11 Adam Outside Left

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8 Crossan Inside Right

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4 Clayton Right Half

2 Stuart Right Back

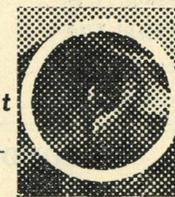
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A Arsenal	Wolverh'pton
B Burnley	Tottenham H.
C Cardiff City	Blackpool
D Chelsea	Portsmouth
E Everton	.....	Bolton W.	.....
F Leicester City	.....	Sheffield Wed.	.....
G Manchester C.	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
H Newcastle U.	.....	Huddersfield	.....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

SECOND LIST

A Bury	.....	Notts. County	.....
B Hull City	.....	Fulham	.....
C Ipswich Town	.....	Plymouth A.	.....
D Leeds United	.....	Liverpool	.....
E Lincoln City	.....	Swansea T.	.....
F Middlesbro'	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
G Notts. Forest	.....	Bristol Rovers	.....
H Rotherham U.	.....	West Ham U.	.....
K Stoke City	.....	Derby County	.....
L Brentford	.....	Northampton	.....
M Brighton & H.	.....	Watford	.....
N Bristol City	Q.P.R.

THIRD LIST

A Coventry City	Crystal Palace
B Gillingham	Norwich City
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F Shrewsbury T.	Exeter City
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FIXTURES

:: 1954-1955

FIRST XI Division II		Attendance		1953/54		F. A.	
Sat., Aug. 21	Notts. Forest	19,832	0	1	H	3	0
Tues., " 24	Bury	15,535	1	0	A	1	2
Sat., " 28	Ipswich Town	20,265	...	...	A	1	3
Wed., Sept. 1	Bury	13,654	3	2	H	3	2
Sat., " 4	Birmingham City	16,347	2	0	H	1	0
Wed., " 8	Lincoln City	13,390	1	1	A	2	1
Sat., " 11	Middlesborough	15,891	...	...	A	2	0
Sat., " 15	Lincoln City	11,972	1	0	H	2	1
Wed., " 18	Stoke City	17,325	0	1	H	3	1
Sat., " 25	Rotherham United	17,114	1	2	A	0	2
Sat., Oct. 2	Derby County	17,156	2	1	H	2	0
Sat., " 9	Bristol Rovers	30,623	3	3	A	2	3
Sat., " 16	Plymouth Argyle	15,059	2	1	H	3	1
Sat., " 23	Fulham	33,500	1	5	A	1	3
Sat., " 30	Swansea Town	15,555	2	0	H	1	2
Sat., Nov. 6	Notts. County	10,395	2	1	A	3	3
Sat., " 13	Liverpool	15,887	...	...	H	3	2
Sat., " 20	West Ham United	23,034 (1)	0	1	A	1	2
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	...	...

RESERVE FIXTURES		Combination Cup		Attendance		1953/54		F. A.	
Wed., Aug. 25	Coventry City	...	2,833	2	0	H	2	2	2
Sat., " 28	Northampton T.	...	3,045	1	2	H	8	2	2
Mon., " 30	Coventry City	...	2,759	1	4	A	0	3	0
Sat., Sept. 4	Watford	...	3,417	1	2	A	2	4	4
Wed., " 8	Birmingham City	...	1,999	4	0	H	4	2	4
Sat., " 11	Watford	...	3,109	2	1	H	4	1	1
Wed., " 15	Birmingham City	...	1,638	1	1	A	3	0	0
Sat., " 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wed., " 22	Norwich City	...	3,667	0	0	A	1	4	4
Sat., " 25	Leicester City	...	1,913	2	1	A	3	1	1
Wed., " 29	Norwich City	...	3,372	2	0	H	2	1	1
Sat., Oct. 2	Ipswich Town	...	3,814	4	1	A	0	0	0
Wed., " 6	Leicester City	...	3,398	3	4	H	2	2	2
Sat., " 9	Ipswich Town	...	3,298	1	2	H	3	0	0
Thurs., " 14	Northampton Town	...	360	3	1	A	2	0	0

Football Combination		Attendance		1953/54		F. A.	
Sat., Oct. 16	Charlton Athletic	1,216	1	1	A	1	1
Sat., " 23	Norwich City	2,779	2	1	H	6	1
Sat., " 30	Bournemouth	3,251	2	2	A	4	0
Sat., Nov. 6	Arsenal	4,010	5	3	H	1	6
Sat., " 13	West Ham United	4,304	0	1	A	0	1
Sat., " 20	Coventry City	1,873	...	...	H	7	0
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	1	A	...	...
Sat., " 29	Millwall Athletic	...	5	2	A	...	...
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	...	...
To be arranged	Brighton & Hove	...	...	...	H	...	...
	Cardiff City	...	2	1	A	...	...
	Chelsea	...	0	0	A	...	...

LEAGUE TABLES, 1954-55

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 2										
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.			
BLACKBURN R.	18	12	2	4	59	29	26			
Fulham	18	11	2	5	48	38	24			
Bristol Rovers	18	10	3	5	47	33	23			
Rotherham Utd.	18	11	1	6	44	32	23			
Leeds United	18	11	1	6	33	37	23			
Stoke City	18	9	4	5	26	17	22			
LUTON TOWN	18	10	1	7	34	28	21			
West Ham Utd.	18	9	3	6	35	33	21			
Hull City	18	8	3	7	23	20	19			
Bury	18	7	5	6	37	34	19			
Swansea Town	18	8	2	8	34	37	18			
Birmingham C.	17	6	5	6	24	19	17			
Liverpool	18	7	3	8	38	37	17			
Lincoln City	18	7	3	8	34	36	17			
Notts. County	18	7	3	8	26	32	17			
Doncaster Rov.	16	7	1	8	23	37	15			
Port Vale	18	4	6	8	19	30	14			
Middlesborough	18	6	2	10	25	41	14			
Notts. Forest	18	6	1	11	25	28	13			
Plymouth A.	18	3	5	10	26	37	11			
Derby County	18	4	3	11	29	44	11			
Ipswich Town	19	4	1	14	29	45	9			

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division 1										
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.			
Tottenham H.	6	4	2	0	16	3	10			
Portsmouth	7	4	2	1	14	5	10			
West Ham U.	6	3	2	1	8	7	8			
Brighton	4	3	1	0	7	3	7			
Chelsea	4	3	1	0	11	5	7			
LUTON TOWN	6	3	1	2	19	9	7			
Arsenal	5	3	1	1	13	7	7			
Birmingham C.	4	3	0	1	11	7	6			
Bristol City	6	2	2	2	10	9	6			
Norwich City	6	3	0	3	12	11	6			
Coventry City	6	2	1	3	7	19	5			
Charlton Ath.	6	1	2	3	10	11	4			
Millwall	6	1	1	4	6	12	3			
Cardiff City	5	0	1	4	5	16	1			
Bournemouth	6	0	1	5	5	17	1			
Leicester City	5	0	0	5	2	15	0			

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