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OUR VISITORS

Luton, in Bedfordshire, is famous throughout Great Britain as one of the centres of the automobile industry—turning out thousands of popular cars, vans and trucks—but they have a famous product peculiar to Luton, and to Luton alone, that does not seem to be produced anywhere else—the “straw boater”, the flat-crowned hard-brimmed straw hat so beloved of our Victorian ancestors on those riverside Sunday afternoons.

Why should they all come from Luton?—well, we wonder too—possibly something to do with the local straw in years long past—but whatever it was—Luton and the “straw boater” are inextricably tied together.

The industry has not been busy for many years, but last football season it had a tremendous boom—the reason: Luton Town went to Wembley and in their thousands the “fans” streamed into “town”, declaring their support head high. It would be nice to finish this by saying how they won—but alas—happy endings are only for fiction—Nottingham Forest saw fit to beat them 2-1, and Sid Owen—playing in his last match for Luton—had to be content with a losers’ medal.

This same Sid Owen—then captain—is now manager of the Luton side—and is finding life a problem at the moment—but by insisting on good football he must be on the way out of trouble before long. He has seen Luton rise to Division I for the first time—one ambition fulfilled whilst he was a player—he so nearly saw them take the Cup for the first time—another ambition almost grasped—so we may be certain he has no ambition to see his side back in Division II. To-day’s game will give us a hint as to their future.

Luton Town's Division I record:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals agst	Pts
Home	7	1	5	1	4	11	3
Away	6	1	3	2	7	12	4
Total	13	2	8	3	11	23	7

Albion's Division I record with Luton Town:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals agst	Pts
Home	4	4	0	0	13	3	3
Away	4	2	1	1	5	6	6
Total	8	6	1	1	18	9	9

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CANADIAN JOURNEY, Part 7

Friday, June 5th—and we were installed in the Royal York Hotel in time for lunch—quite a place this. We had stayed in many first-class hotels since first passing through Toronto and saw no reason to doubt the proud claim that this was still the largest hotel in the British Commonwealth. Our party's share of the 1,700 bedrooms was on the tenth floor—with a magnificent view out over Lake Ontario.

The size of these lakes never ceased to impress itself on our minds—we could well have been gazing out across a mighty ocean with smoke slicks drawing their punctuation marks across the horizon. The big steamers were on display—to their streets, where British cars abound—to their clothing stores where British textiles were on show—to these and many more evidences of trade with the "old country". They felt this money would prove a wiser investment used for Canadian development rather than simply flowing back to Britain—but in ice-cold fact, for every five dollars earned by Britain in Canada we buy from them eight dollars worth of Canadian exports.

Canal engineers have made this possible—a joint effort between Canada and the United States has linked the lakes and opened up the very heart of Canada to ships of every nation. This enterprise is rightly named—we have the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, but this is greater, this is no "canal", truly it is "The Seaway".

A tremendous amount of capital has been involved, and many Canadians we talked to were worried that Britain was not putting in as much as they might—they pointed to their shops—where British goods were on display—to their streets, where British cars abound—to their clothing stores where British textiles were on show—to these and many more evidences of trade with the "old country". They felt this money would prove a wiser investment used for Canadian development rather than simply flowing back to Britain—but in ice-cold fact, for every five dollars earned by Britain in Canada we buy from them eight dollars worth of Canadian exports.

British capital, we feel sure, will be poured into Canada, indeed we go so far as to say must be poured in when available, for here is the richest undeveloped country in the world.

We had seen much of Toronto and took the opportunity to relax a little—sunbathing on the shores of Lake Ontario or crossing by ferry to stroll in the sunshine on the picnic grounds of Centre Island. It seems strange now to look back on the sunshine in Canada—here in England in early October we are, or rather were, still waiting for the autumn rains, whilst over there snow has swept across the golden wheatfields and prairie lands from far south across the "Forty-ninth parallel" in the mountains of Wyoming and Colorado—snow to a depth of three feet has fallen on standing crops lost for ever. This is one problem our farmers are not faced with at harvest time, and one they are doubtless happier without.

The game at Toronto was our third fixture with Dundee, and when they flew in from U.S.A. both sides were entertained to dinner by the Toronto Football Association. As usual—speeches of welcome were made and replied to—and the Canadian F.A. made a presentation to the Dundee team. Readers will perhaps recall that Albion

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CANADIAN JOURNEY, PART 7—continued

had been so honoured in Winnipeg. The Dundee party was a little more restrained than on the last occasions we had met, and we felt they had it well in mind to show us that seven-goal defeat in Vancouver was nothing like their true form.

The kick-off was set for 8.0 p.m., and as the evening approached the mercury in the thermometer began to fall a little, giving promise of more bearable "soccer conditions". Our team was: Potter; Williams, S., Williams, G.; Robson, Barlow and Drury; Hogg, Burnside, Allen, Kevan and Jackson, and promptly on time the match was under way.

Dundee's good intentions were soon to "gang aley", since the match was virtually won in the first fifteen minutes. In five minutes Allen accepted a Burnside pass to score—two minutes later Burnside accepted an Allen through ball to beat Brown easily. At nine minutes Hill caught two of our defenders politely leaving the ball to each other, and pulled one back, but Dundee's hopes of revival were "scotched" when the ball, swept beautifully from Barlow to Allen out on the left wing, on to Burnside racing through the centre, and Albion led 3-1.

There was no further score in this half, but three minutes after the break, Burnside scored his hat-trick goal when Brown failed to hold a shot from Jackson. Dundee fought hard and Hill reduced the arrears just before the end, but all the play was at the other goal, and Albion ran out winners 4-2.

Next morning we shook hands with all our Toronto friends. One of our hotel room neighbours—an old lady of around eighty, had showed a little interest in us, so Dick Graham and Alan Everiss stopped by to have a "little chat" before leaving. Mrs. Mason, as she proved to be, told us she had lived in this hotel, up there on the tenth floor, since it was built—for many years she had been a widow, and saw no one outside the hotel staff. What a coincidence—we found she had been born in West Bromwich, a Miss Salter, one of the Salter family so closely concerned in the formation of the Albion club back in 1879. It had been many years since she had talked of her home town she had left with her husband so long ago, to make his fortune. We said goodbye regretfully, as Mrs. Mason shed us a tear or two to remember—and once more we were off to the airport.

We were bound for Ottawa, the capital city of Canada. Ottawa lies about two hundred and fifty miles to the north and to the east, and our Viscount had us there within an hour. No British side has been in Ottawa since the war, and we were surprised at the warmth of our welcome, stepping down from the aircraft steps into a wildly enthusiastic band of soccer followers and their wives, offering us sightseeing tours in their cars, and invitations to join them for meals and parties.

As was our custom, we closed ranks, whilst our officials thanked everyone, and begged to be excused until we had checked into our hotel, after which we would be at their disposal.

True to their words, our hosts drove up at the appointed time, led by their Chairman, Mr. Alf. Hanwell, and we left the Lord Elgin Hotel to see the sights.

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Left

HOWE (2) WILLIAMS, S. (3)

SETTERS (4) KENNEDY (5) ROBSON (6)

WHITEHOUSE (8) KEVAN (10)

JACKSON (7) ALLEN (9) AITKEN (11)

Referee:

Mr. J. PARKINSON,
Blackburn, Lancs.

Linesmen: Messrs.

J. G. D. LEWIS, Port Talbot,
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G. E. M. PERRETT, Dursley,
Glos. (yellow flag)

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CUMMINS (10) TURNER (8)

PACEY (6) GROVES (5) MORTON (4)

HAWKES, K. (3) DUNNE (2)

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BAYNHAM

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LUTON TOWN 0

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D	LEEDS UNITED v. BLACKBURN ROVERS				
E	LEICESTER CITY v. ARSENAL				
F	MANCHESTER UNITED v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY				
G	NEWCASTLE UNITED v. BOLTON WANDERERS				
H	PRESTON NORTH END v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS				
J	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. NOTTINGHAM FOREST				
K	WEST HAM UNITED v. BLACKPOOL				
L	CARDIFF CITY v. IPSWICH TOWN				
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X	WALSALL v. DONCASTER ROVERS				
Y	STOKE CITY RESERVES v. ALBION RESERVES				

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, Division I

League table to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	agst	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	13	6	1	6	32	15	18
Wolverhampton Wan.	13	8	3	2	40	25	18
West Ham United	13	7	3	3	26	18	17
Blackburn Rovers	13	7	4	2	26	20	16
Manchester City	13	8	5	0	31	25	16
Preston North End	13	6	4	3	27	24	15
Burnley	13	7	5	1	26	25	15
Fulham	13	7	5	1	28	33	15
Chelsea	13	6	5	2	29	28	14
Arsenal	13	5	4	4	20	20	14
Sheffield Wednesday	13	5	6	2	17	15	12
Manchester United	13	5	6	2	31	30	12
Bolton Wanderers	13	5	6	2	16	16	12
Blackpool	13	4	5	4	20	23	12
ALBION	13	3	5	5	22	22	11
Newcastle United	13	4	6	3	21	26	11
Nottingham Forest	13	4	6	3	13	18	11
Birmingham City	13	3	6	4	18	21	10
Everton	13	3	6	4	18	23	10
Huddersfield Town	13	3	6	4	21	32	10
Leeds United	13	3	6	4	20	31	10
Luton Town	13	2	8	3	11	23	7

CENTRAL LEAGUE

League table to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	agst	Pts
Liverpool	14	8	0	6	38	17	22
Manchester United	13	9	1	3	38	20	21
Wolverhampton Wan.	11	8	1	2	38	13	18
Sheffield United	14	7	3	4	27	17	18
Derby County	14	7	3	4	22	14	16
Sheffield Wednesday	12	7	3	2	22	19	16
Preston North End	14	5	3	6	26	22	16
Bury	14	5	4	5	23	17	15
Blackburn Rovers	13	6	4	3	25	24	15
Everton	14	4	4	6	24	21	14
Burnley	13	6	5	2	21	19	14
Chesterfield	14	5	6	3	19	25	13
Stoke City	14	4	5	5	17	24	13
Aston Villa	13	4	5	4	29	22	12
Newcastle United	14	4	6	4	28	24	12
Bolton Wanderers	13	3	7	3	17	27	11
ALBION	13	4	7	2	24	27	10
Manchester City	13	4	7	2	23	26	10
Huddersfield Town	13	2	5	6	13	27	10
Blackpool	14	2	8	4	28	37	8
Barnsley	14	3	10	1	13	47	7
Leeds United	13	1	11	1	17	45	3

PLAYERS' APPEARANCES and GOAL SCORERS, Season 1959-60

Appearances	Goals	Appearances	Goals
Altken, A.	3	Kennedy, J.	13
Allen, R.	9	Kevan, D.	4
Barlow, R. J.	6	Potter, R.	12
Burnside, D. G.	7	Robson, R. W.	5
Cram, R.	1	Setters, M.	2
Dixon, K.	7	Styles, A.	1
Dudley, J.	9	Wallace, J. A. B.	1
Hogg, D.	10	Williams, G. E.	1
Howe, D.	12	Williams, S. G.	1
Jackson, A.	8	Opponent (own goal)	1



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CLUB NOTES

A very strange-looking Albion side took the field at Bolton last week. First alteration was in goal, where Ray Potter—ever-present this season, was replaced by our newly-signed Scot, John Wallace—John was transferred to us from Airdrieonians, where he had been building his reputation for two seasons. He was a member of the Scottish Football League side last season and was born at Wallyford, in Midlothian.

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Both our regular full backs, Donald Howe and Stuart Williams, were in the big International at Cardiff, on opposite sides, so we brought into our defence Bobby Cram and Graham Williams. Graham Williams had already been through the fire of his first League game, but for Bobby this was his first and biggest test.

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A worrying week for Bobby—knowing he must have his awaited opportunity, he had to struggle to recover from an injury received the week before.

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With John Wallace proving his ability, the two young full-backs played with a maturity that belied the innocence of their tender years.

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The youngsters from 15 to 18 have been in the news. Following their 8-0 win over Gloucester City they took on the selected England Youth XI for trial purposes and beat them 2-1, with goals from Geoffrey Carter and Jack Bannister. There was a fair crowd to give both sides an ovation at the end, but for those of you who missed it—well, it was your own fault—we told you what to expect.

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Another young man with his foot on the first rung of the ladder to stardom is David Collier. David is a finely built lad from Bedford, and he has been showing sound promise with us in the Birmingham League. He has just completed his apprenticeship in the foundry trade, and with his qualifications completed has accepted our offer of a professional engagement. Look out for this boy before long.

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The next round of the Youth Cup has been drawn, and we are "away" against Stoke City.

Answer to Correspondents:—

N.A.W., Hampstead—20,159 brave spectators turned out to see Albion v. Luton, December 20th, 1958, in the worst of winter conditions. The weather steadily deteriorated and the match was finally "rained off" after 70 minutes, in the middle of a cloudburst. Albion at that time were League leaders.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Division 1)

Date	Opponents	Gr'd	Result
1959			
Aug. 22	Manchester United	..	home 3 2
" 26	Tottenham Hotspur	..	away 1 1
" 29	Preston North End	..	away 1 1
Sept. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	..	home 1 2
" 5	Leicester City	..	home 5 0
" 9	Newcastle United	..	home 2 2
" 12	Burnley	..	away 1 0
" 16	Newcastle United	..	home 3 0
" 19	Leeds United	..	away 1 4
" 26	West Ham United	..	home 1 3
Oct. 3	Chelsea	..	home 0 0
" 5	Grenchen F.C. (Friendly)	..	home 0 0
" 10	Fulham	..	away 0 0
" 17	Bolton Wanderers	..	away 0 0
" 24	Luton Town	..	away 0 0
" 31	Sheffield Wednesday	..	away 0 0
Nov. 7	Blackpool	..	home 0 0
" 14	Blackburn Rovers	..	away 0 0
" 21	Manchester City	..	home 0 0
" 28	Arsenal	..	away 0 0
Dec. 5	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	home 0 0
" 12	Everton	..	away 0 0
" 19	Manchester United	..	away 0 0
" 26	Nottingham Forest	..	home 0 0
" 28	Nottingham Forest	..	away 0 0
1960			
Jan. 2	Preston North End	..	home 0 0
" 9	Third Round F.A. Cup	..	away 0 0
" 16	Leicester City	..	away 0 0
" 23	Burnley	..	home 0 0
" 30	Fourth Round F.A. Cup	..	away 0 0
Feb. 6	Leeds United	..	away 0 0
" 13	West Ham United	..	home 0 0
" 20	Chelsea (or Fifth Round F.A. Cup)	..	away 0 0
" 27	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	home 0 0
March 5	Bolton Wanderers	..	away 0 0
" 12	Luton Town (or 8th Rd. F.A. Cup)	..	away 0 0
" 19	Everton	..	home 0 0
" 26	Blackpool (or Semi-Final F.A. Cup)	..	away 0 0
April 2	Blackburn Rovers	..	away 0 0
" 9	Manchester City	..	home 0 0
" 16	Sheffield Wednesday	..	away 0 0
" 23	Birmingham City	..	home 0 0
" 30	Birmingham City	..	away 0 0
May 7	Fulham	..	home 0 0
" 14	Arsenal	..	away 0 0
" 21	F.A. Cup Final

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Gr'd	Result
1959			
Aug. 22	Manchester United	..	away 0 2
" 25	Derby County	..	home 1 2
" 29	Liverpool	..	home 0 2
Sept. 2	Derby County	..	away 0 2
" 5	Preston North End	..	away 0 2
" 9	Newcastle United	..	away 2 2
" 12	Burnley	..	home 4 1
" 16	Newcastle United	..	home 4 3
" 19	Leeds United	..	away 1 2
" 26	Bury	..	home 2 1
Oct. 3	Barnsley	..	away 3 0
" 10	Sheffield Wednesday	..	away 2 3
" 17	Aston Villa	..	home 2 4
" 24	Stoke City	..	away 0 0
" 31	Manchester City	..	home 0 0
Nov. 7	Everton	..	away 0 0
" 14	Blackpool	..	home 0 0
" 21	Blackburn Rovers	..	away 0 0
" 28	Huddersfield Town	..	away 0 0
Dec. 5	Bolton Wanderers	..	away 0 0
" 12	Chesterfield	..	home 0 0
" 19	Manchester United	..	home 0 0
" 26	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	away 0 0
" 28	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	home 0 0
1960			
Jan. 2	Liverpool	..	away 0 0
" 9	Preston North End	..	home 0 0
" 16	Burnley	..	away 0 0
" 23	Burnley	..	away 0 0
" 30	Leeds United	..	home 0 0
Feb. 6	Bury	..	home 0 0
" 13	Barnsley	..	home 0 0
" 20	Sheffield Wednesday	..	home 0 0
March 5	Aston Villa	..	away 0 0
" 12	Stoke City	..	home 0 0
" 19	Manchester City	..	away 0 0
" 26	Everton	..	home 0 0
April 2	Blackpool	..	away 0 0
" 9	Blackburn Rovers	..	away 0 0
" 16	Huddersfield Town	..	home 0 0
" 23	Sheffield United	..	home 0 0
" 30	Sheffield United	..	away 0 0
May 7	Bolton Wanderers	..	home 0 0
" 14	Chesterfield	..	away 0 0
" 21	F.A. Cup Final

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE, Division I

ALBION 0, BOLTON WANDERERS 0

At Bolton on Saturday, 17th October, 1959.

Teams:
Albion—Wallace, Cram, Williams, G. E.; Setters, Kennedy, Robson; Jackson, Aitken, Allen, Kevan, Dixon.
Bolton Wanderers—Dean; Hartle, Banks; Hennin, Higgins, Edward, B.; Birch, Hill, Stevens, Parry, Holden.
Referee: Mr. L. N. Peake, Rotherham.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

ALBION RESERVES 2, ASTON VILLA RESERVES 4

At The Hawthorns on Saturday, 17th October, 1959.

Albion scorers—Whitehouse, Smith.
Albion team—Potter; Wileman, Wilks; Drury, Hughes, Bannister; Finch, Lovatt, Whitehouse, Smith, Hogg.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

ALBION "A" 1, TAMWORTH 2

At Tamworth on Saturday, 17th October, 1959.

Albion scorer: Murray.
Albion team—M. Swinnerton; Bradley, Fairfax; Carvin, Wood, Collier; K. Foggo, Hart, R. Murray, D. Morris, W. Hargreaves.

WARWICKSHIRE COMBINATION

ALBION "B" 0, COVENTRY AMATEURS 2

At Vono Grounds, on Saturday, 17th October, 1959.

Albion team—A. Hackett; A. Jones, W. McLoughlin; M. Adams, D. Gadd, C. Richardson; S. Taylor, J. Arkle, L. Prosser, Horne, J. Goodwin.

HANDSWORTH LEAGUE

ALBION JUNIORS 4, WEST BROMWICH CELTIC 2

At West Bromwich on Saturday, 17th October, 1959.

Albion scorers: D. Woodburn (4).
Albion team—D. Shipman; J. Salt, P. Phipps; R. Bowater, J. Neville, R. Dovey; J. Price, J. Lawson, D. Woodburn, G. Blakemore, A. Cooke.

F.A. YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP—First Round

ALBION 8, GLOUCESTER CITY 0

At The Hawthorns on Wednesday, 14th October, 1959.

Albion scorers—R. Murray (3), R. Hope (3), Lovatt (2).
Albion team—Crosby; Wileman, Wilks; C. Crawford, M. Adams, Bannister; K. Foggo, Lovatt, R. Murray, R. Hope, G. Carter.



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CENTRAL LEAGUE

Match No. 16

MANCHESTER CITY RESERVES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Match No. 17

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