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News and Notes

by HISTORIAN

Good Evening, Everybody,

It gives us great pleasure this evening to stage the Second Round Southern Professional Floodlight Cup replay between Fulham and Luton Town. In their first meeting at Kenilworth Road, on October 26th, two goals were shared, Warner scoring for Luton, after 54 minutes, with Chamberlain equalising immediately for Fulham. The winners of this evening's game meet Coventry City in the Third Round.

PEN PICTURES OF THE PLAYERS

This evening's teams are expected to be selected from the following players:—

FULHAM:—

ELIO (TONY) MACEDO, goalkeeper. Born in Gibraltar, came to England as a child and joined the ground staff from school. Got his chance just before Christmas, 1957, and has developed into one of the greatest in the game. Played for England Under-23, stands 6 ft., weighs 12 stones.

GEORGE COHEN, full back. Local boy who made his way up from Fulham's ground staff and has now gained representative honours. Had a fine schoolboy record at right half, and since October, 1957, has only been out of the side through injury. Stands 5 ft. 9in., weighs 12 st. 4 lb.

JIM LANGLEY, full back. Signed from Brighton in the latter half of 1956-57 season and has played for England, England "B," Football League and London F.A. Born in Kilburn, London, and scores goals from full back position besides penalty spot. Stands 5 ft. 9½ in., weighs 12 st.

ALAN MULLERY, half back. Fine record as a schoolboy at Notting Hill, London, and joined the ground staff from school. In two years made a first team place his own when given his chance in February, 1959. Stands 5 ft. 9 in., scales 11 st. 10 lbs.

ROY BENTLEY, half back. Signed from Chelsea in 1956-57, and 12 times an England international forward. Converted by Fulham to wing half then centre half. Played for both Bristol clubs before going to Newcastle, from whom Chelsea signed him in 1948. Stands 5 ft. 11 in., scales 11 st. 10 lb. Native of Bristol.

EDDIE LOWE, wing half. Played in every half back position besides inside forward since joining Fulham from Aston Villa in 1950. An England international who was born at Halesowen, Worcestershire. Stands 6 ft. 1 in., scales 12 st. 6 lb.

ROBIN LAWLER, wing half or full back. Born in Dublin, came to Fulham as left half in 1948. Converted to left back in an emergency and then played for Eire on a number of occasions in that position. Has also played right back with success. Stands 5 ft. 10 in., weight 11 st. 4 lb.

JOE STAPLETON, half back. Born in St. Marylebone, London, and played in top class amateur football before turning professional for Fulham in September, 1952. Played everywhere in the half back line, but is best at centre half. Stands 5 ft. 11 in., weight 12 st. 10 lb.

GRAHAM LEGGAT, outside right. Scottish international, signed from Aberdeen in summer of 1958. Was Fulham's second highest scorer in 1958-59. Played for Aberdeen while still at school, and had an outstanding record in Scottish schools and juvenile football. Stands 5 ft. 8 in., weight 11 st. 2 lb.

JIMMY HILL, inside forward. Was brought to Griffin Park from Reading in 1949 close season by Jackie Gibbons. Went to Craven Cottage in March, 1952, in an exchange deal involving Jimmy Bowie. At that time he was a wing-half but reverted to inside forward three seasons ago. Has played for England 'B.'

ALF STOKES, inside forward. An England "B" player who signed from Tottenham Hotspur in July, 1959. Has also played for England Under-23. Native of Hackney, London, stands 6 ft., weighs 12 st. 4 lb.

MAURICE COOK, centre forward. Signed from Watford in 1957-58, after playing in every position for them, including goal in an emergency. Did well as a schoolboy, once scoring 60 goals in a season. Stands 6 ft., scales 12 st. 2 lbs.

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JOHNNY HAYNES, inside left. An Edmonton, London, boy who came up from the ground staff to captain Fulham at 21. Has gained every England international honour from schoolboy upwards, and has scored more goals against Russia than any other Englishman. Club's leading scorer last season with 26. Stands 5 ft. 9 in., weighs 11 st. 8 lb.

TREVOR CHAMBERLAIN, outside left. Joined Fulham straight from his London school after playing for England schoolboys and England youths. Is a deadly shot. Stands 5 ft. 7½ in., weighs 12 st. 3 lb.

JOHN KEY, winger. Born at Chelsea, joined Fulham ground staff and graduated to the League side last season. A player of whom a lot is expected. Stands 5 ft. 7 in., weighs 10 st. 12 lb.

LUTON:—

R. BAYNHAM, goalkeeper. Has been with the Club since 1951. Secured from Southern League Club, Worcester City. Has represented England on several occasions including their matches versus Denmark in Copenhagen, Ireland and Spain. Played for the Football League versus the League of Ireland on two occasions and also for the England 'B' team versus the Yugoslavia 'B.' Was a member of the F.A. Touring team to South America last close Season.

S. DUNNE, right back. Born in Limerick, Eire. Came to Luton from Shelbourne F.C. in May, 1950. Has played for his country on numerous occasions and recently took part in their International versus Poland.

K. HAWKES, left back. A product of North-Eastern football, he joined the Town in 1951 from Shotton Colliery Welfare and was signed after a trial in one of our Teams. Made his debut in League football on December 14th, 1957, against West Bromwich Albion, and has been a regular first team player since that date. Has a younger brother also a professional with Luton.

A. DANIEL, left back. A part-time professional player who recently came into the First Team when Ken Hawkes had Influenza. Son of Melville Daniel who gave the Town fine service in a variety of positions immediately after the war. Before moving to Luton with his family, he was playing for Bexleyheath and then became a regular member of the Bedfordshire Youth Team.

R. MORTON, right half. Local born. Has been with the Club since 1948. Played for England 'B' versus Switzerland 'B' team, the Football Combination versus the Dutch XI (on two occasions) and also for the Football Association v. the Army. Was chosen as Reserve for England v. Ireland at Wembley in 1955 and again when they played Ireland in 1958. A brilliant wing half who has made numerous appearances at centre-forward, in fact, played in this position in our F.A. Cup Final.

A. D. BROWN, right half. A Scottish International secured from Blackpool for a five-figure fee in February, 1957. Has been extremely unlucky with injuries, missing two Cup Finals whilst with Blackpool and a further Cap against England in April, 1958. Joined Luton as a forward but has recently been playing at right half with success. This is the position in which he started his playing career.

T. KELLY, centre half. Born in Luton. Kelly played for Hitchen Town and Vauxhall Motors before joining the Town in 1950. Was a deputy to Svd Owen for many seasons. A very strong player who holds his own against most centre-forwards.

D. PACEY, half back. First signed for the Club in August, 1956, whilst doing his National Service. Since his demob he has made exceptional progress and received his first honour when selected to play for the F.A. versus the R.A.F. in October, 1958. Has been a regular member of the first team for some time although has missed several games this season through injury. Was a member of the England 'Under 23' team which travelled to Italy in the last close season.

J. GROVES, half back. Son of Arthur Groves, the old Derby County inside forward. Won Derbyshire Schoolboy honours and signed by Luton when only 15. Plays either inside forward or wing half. Has captained the side since Svd Owen's retirement.

W. BINGHAM, outside right. Luton paid their highest ever fee for this player from Sunderland during the close season of 1958. Is a shining light of his country's forwards and has played in every International match for his country (Ireland) since he was first chosen in 1952.

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J. KILGANNON, forward. After having him watched several times the Town paid quite a substantial fee to Second Division Scottish Club, Stenhousemuir in March, 1959. He showed such promise that he made his League debut in the home match with Blackpool on April 25th, 1959.

G. TURNER, inside forward. Came to Luton as a wing half upon his demobilisation from the Navy in 1950 but found his true position at inside right. In season 1953-54 he broke the Club's individual goal scoring record since their promotion to the Second Division with 37 goals. Represented the English League versus the Scottish League in October, 1955, and also played for the F.A. XI versus the Army in 1958.

G. CUMMINS, inside left. An Irishman, born in Dublin, Cummins first crossed to sign for Everton in 1950 and it was from the Merseyside Club that Luton secured him for a big fee in 1953. A brilliant ball player. He has already played for Eire on many occasions, including their matches with Luxembourg, Norway, Yugoslavia, Spain, Denmark, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

A. GREGORY, forward. A local product who played for Bedfordshire's Youth team, earned youth caps for England and was also a member of Bedfordshire's team in Southern Counties Amateur Championships. Has made many appearances in our First Team and was also playing at outside left in the Cup Final Team. Now doing his National Service. Has also played centre forward on quite a number of occasions.

CUP PROGRESS

The Southern Floodlight Cup was inaugurated in 1955 and has increased in popularity and appeal to both clubs and spectators alike with each successive season. Arsenal are the present holders of the Cup, winning last season's Final against Crystal Palace by two goals to one at Selhurst Park. Nearly 33,000 spectators saw a real thriller with the result always in doubt.

Luton Town have put up several fine performances in this competition and carried off the Trophy in 1957. Last season they were beaten 1-0 by Crystal Palace in the semi-final. For Fulham this is their initial season in the Cup and they are somewhat handicapped by not having lights of their own which is the reason for this replay being played here this evening.

THE LAST TIME HERE

The last time both Fulham and Luton Town appeared at Griffin Park for a League fixture was in Brentford's 1953/4 relegation season. Fulham were beaten 1-2 on August 29th, 1953, with Fred Monk (penalty) and Jackie Goodwin scoring for Brentford and Charlie Mitten (penalty) replying for Fulham. It is interesting to scan the two teams:—

BRENTFORD: Newton; Monk, Latimer; Harper, Bragg, Coote; Goodwin, Bloomfield, Dare, Bristow, Ledgerton.

FULHAM: Black; Chenhall, Lawler; Lowe, Brice, Hill; Newcombe, Robson, Jeppard, Mitten.

Brentford have only two survivors of that team still playing with the Club—Coote and Bristow—and Fulham four—Lawler, Lowe, Hill and Haynes, whilst Newcombe has changed horses and is now on the Brentford pay-roll. Only other player still with a League club is Bobby Robson (West Bromwich Albion).

Luton Town appeared here on April 10th, 1954, and won 1-0 in a game which virtually doomed Brentford to relegation and will be remembered

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as 'Streten's match.' For the agile Streten at times seemed to play the home forwards on his own and made every save in the book and several not found in any manual. Gordon Turner scored the only goal of the game, in the 35th minute. These were the teams fielded that fateful day.

BRENTFORD: Newton; Bragg, Latimer; Bristow, Dargie, Coote; Robertson, Gazzard, Dare, Rainford, Dudley.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Downie, Turner, Cummins, Mitchell.

AND FOR THE CUP

Luton Town last came to Brentford for a fourth round F.A. Cup replay on February 6th, 1952. It was a sad occasion for the whole country was mourning the death of King George VI but a directive from the Football Association gave authority for the game to proceed. No goals were scored although Brentford hit the woodwork four times. The following teams paraded:—

BRENTFORD: Gaskell; Horne, Munro; Harper, Greenwood, Hill; Goodwin, Coote, Dare, Sperrin, Paton.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Stobart, Turner, Davies, Taylor, Mitchell.

The "Hatters" won the second replay at Highbury 3-2 after extra time, with goals from Taylor, Moore and Morton.

It is as long ago as January 8th, 1938, that Fulham came to Griffin Park for an F.A. Cup-tie. On that day the League tables showed Brentford at the top of the First Division with a three point lead from Arsenal with Fulham languishing in a lowly position in the Second Division. Hardly surprising therefore, that Brentford won their way into the Fourth Round by a 3-1 margin. Here to bring back some memories are the teams fielded nearly 22 years ago:—

BRENTFORD: Crozier; Wilson, Bateman; Brown, James, Snedden; Hopkins, Scott, McCulloch, Holliday, Reid.

FULHAM: Turner; Hindson, Keeping; Evans (J), Dennison, Tompkins; Finch, Hammond, Rooke, O'Gallaghan, Arnold.

Memo to Brentford supporters here this evening, the right back in that team was 'Tug' Wilson not the present skipper Tom Wilson!

FRIENDLY RIVALRY

There is much friendly rivalry over the result of to-day's game between Brentford's winger George McLeod on the one hand and their right-back Tom Wilson and outside left, Bernard Newcombe, on the other. For McLeod was previously at Kenilworth Road whilst Wilson and Newcombe saw service with Fulham before joining Brentford.

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