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SPOTLIGHT

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HELLO again! Well, yet another soccer season is upon us, even though the echoes of last year's campaign seem barely to have died down.

It's too early yet to forecast what lies ahead, but it can safely be assumed that the two teams providing the entertainment here this afternoon are looking to season 1960-61 as one of crucial importance.

Can Luton Town repeat Aston Villa's performance of last term and make a brisk turnabout back to Division One?

Can Huddersfield Town, now about to embark on their fifth consecutive season in Division Two, bring out that "little extra" ingredient necessary to carry them from top-five to top-two category?

Undoubtedly, these will be two of the major talking points as kick-off hour draws near this afternoon.

On paper both "Towns" look promising candidates for League honours. But, make no mistake, it's a tough road to the top - and an even tougher road in season 1960-61, with the League Cup tacked on to a already well-stocked programme.

The Leeds Roaders - with newcomers Derek Stokes, from Bradford City and Jimmy Kerray, from Scottish First Division club Dunfermline (Jimmy Watson's old club), to whom "Spotlight" offers a warm welcome - are hopeful of setting off on the right foot here this afternoon.

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SPOTLIGHT—continued.

opponents feel about it, lots of us consider we were victims of Cup highway robbery here last January!) should provide Bill McGarry and the boys with some incentive to all events. They realise, of course, that the "Hatters" will be just as earnestly resolved to carry on where they left off in that last visit. Everything points to a keen and interesting duel.

When one gets down to analysing today's opponents, it's well worth bearing in mind the defiance of their rearguard that day — particularly veterans like right-back Seamus Dunne and goalkeeper Ron Baynham. Indeed, considering Luton were struggling for almost the whole of last winter, their defensive record — only seventy-three goals were conceded — was reasonably fair.

Let's hope that Town can strike the same sparkling note as they did last year at this time.

Remember that 4-1 victory at Ipswich in which our old friend Derek Hawksworth played such a notable part? (Mention of Derek reminds us that the Town lads will probably be meeting their old teammate on the other side of the fence at Lincoln City a week hence!).

Finally, a warm welcome to Mr. Johnny Short, Town's new chief coach and former Leeds United stalwart whom we gather is feeling really "at home" again in these good, old West Riding surroundings.

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Aston Villa	42	25	9	8	89	43	59
Cardiff City	42	23	12	7	90	62	58
Liverpool	42	20	10	12	90	66	50
Sheffield United	42	19	12	11	68	51	50
Middlesbrough	42	19	10	13	90	64	48
TOWN	42	19	9	14	73	52	47
Charlton Athletic	42	17	13	12	90	87	47
Rotherham United	42	17	13	12	61	60	47
Bristol Rovers	42	18	11	13	72	78	47
Leyton Orient	42	15	14	13	76	61	44
Ipswich Town	42	19	6	17	78	68	44
Swansea Town	42	15	10	17	82	84	40
Lincoln City	42	16	7	19	75	78	39
Brighton & Hove	42	13	12	17	67	76	38
Scunthorpe United	42	13	10	19	57	71	36
Sunderland	42	12	12	18	52	65	36
Stoke City	42	14	7	21	66	83	35
Derby County	42	14	7	21	61	77	35
Plymouth Argyle	42	13	9	20	61	89	35
Portsmouth	42	10	12	20	59	77	32
Hull City	42	10	10	22	48	76	30
Bristol City	42	11	5	26	60	97	27

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Manchester Un.	42	26	8	8	114	69	60
Liverpool	42	20	14	8	100	59	54
Sheffield United	42	22	10	10	80	65	54
Wolverhampton W.	42	21	10	11	90	56	52
Sheffield Wed.	42	21	9	12	74	57	51
Blackburn Rovers	42	21	9	12	85	65	51
Stoke City	42	21	9	12	78	54	51
Newcastle Un.	42	18	12	12	94	58	48
Derby County	42	17	10	15	81	71	44
Everton	42	15	13	14	72	62	43
Burnley	42	18	7	17	64	68	43
West Brom A.	42	18	6	18	83	68	42
Preston N.E.	42	13	14	15	63	73	40
Manchester City	42	16	8	18	81	88	40
Bury	42	12	14	16	66	70	38
Aston Villa	42	14	9	19	84	71	37
TOWN	42	11	15	16	53	76	37
Blackpool	42	13	7	22	81	91	33
Bolton W.	42	9	11	22	53	97	29
Chesterfield	42	8	13	21	48	97	29
Barnsley	42	11	5	26	47	113	27
Leeds United	42	6	9	27	49	112	24

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SNIPPETS

Carlisle United have signed one former Town player and transferred another. From Bristol City, they have secured wing-half or inside-forward Tommy Cavanagh, who joined Town from Stockport County in 1952 after earlier service with Preston North End; Brian Tickell, who led the Town attack at Brighton in 1959, has moved from Carlisle to Gateshead, now a non-league club.

Conway Smith, former Town and Q.P.R. inside-forward, opens his fifth Halifax Town campaign with a career League record of 153 goals. He and his father, the late Billy, represent the only instance in the history of the game of father and son scoring a century of goals in League football. But another family will join them this season if the son scores 26 goals . . . guess which!

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BAYNHAM, R.—Goalkeeper.

This England international, who played against Ireland in 1955-56, took over from another representative player, Bernard Streten. Born in the Midlands, he joined Town from Worcester. Last term Ron made 37 First Division appearances.

DUNNE, S.—Right-back. One of the most experienced defenders in the game, Seamus played here in the previous Huddersfield-Luton Second Division meeting in 1952-53. An Eire international whom the club recruited from Shelbourne, he missed only one League match in 1959-60.

HAWKES, K.—Left-back. One of several players tried in the position to succeed Aherne, Ken, who stands 5ft. 8ins., was signed from Shotton Colliery Welfare, and is a native of the North-East. His First Division opportunities last season totalled twenty-two.

GROVES, J.—Right-half. The son of a former Halifax Town and Derby County inside-forward, John began his career in the attack. Derby-born, he is with his first professional club, and figured in thirty-three of their First Division engagements last season, scoring one goal.

KELLY, T.—Centre-half. A local. Terry has moved into the spot vacated a year ago by Syd Owen, who is on the Leeds staff after a spell as Luton's manager. Was signed from Vauxhall Motors and appeared in more than thirty Football League matches in 1959-60, when Luton were relegated.

BROWN, A.—Left-half. Leeds Road is a ground of which Alan has

unhappy injury memories. We hope he is more fortunate this afternoon. This former Blackpool and East Fife inside-forward switched to the middle line last season. Was second top scorer with seven First Division goals.

BINGHAM, W.—Right-winger.

This hard-shooting ex-Sunderland type re-signed for the club recently. An Irish boy, he missed only two of Town's forty-two League fixtures last season, and scored 16 of their 50 goals. Gained twenty-one international caps with Sunderland, and has six to his credit with Luton.

TURNER, G.—Inside-right.

Gordon, son of a member of Doncaster Rovers 1934-35 Third Division promotion team, was Luton's match-winner here in 1955-56. A highly experienced player and a consistent goal-getter on their behalf until last term when his output dropped to six goals in thirty-one matches.

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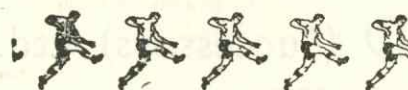
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C	Burnley Arsenal	C	Portsmouth Lincoln C.
D	Fulham Cardiff City	D	Rotherham Southampton
Group 2.		Group 6.	
A	Leicester C. Blackpool	A	Sunderland Swansea T.
B	Manch. Un. Blackburn R.	B	Barnsley Coventry C.
C	Notts. F. Manch. C.	C	Bradford C. Bristol C.
D	Preston N.E. Newcastle	D	Colchester Hull City
Group 3.		Group 7.	
A	Sheffield W. West Brom	A	Grimsby T. Chesterfield
B	Tottenham Everton	B	Port Vale Walsall
C	Wolves West Ham	C	Swindon T. Halifax T.
D	Bristol R. Middlesbro	D	Aldershot Mansfield T.
Group 4.		Group 8.	
A	Charlton A. Scunthorpe	A	Crewe A. Barrow
B	Derby C. Brighton	B	Darlington Doncaster
C	Leyton O. Ipswich	C	Oldham Northampton ..
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Bill Carter Introduces—continued.

McBRIDE, J. — *Centre-forward.*
Although Joe's transfer from Wolves in February was not enough to keep Luton in the First Division his form indicated that he will be an asset in their revival bid this time. Completed the campaign with six goals in thirteen matches. Born Kilmarnock.

CUMMINS, G. — *Inside-left.*
Injuries handicapped this ex-Everton inside-forward last term. Is expected

to be a valuable forward this time, although he will have to hold off a first-team challenge from Joe Spencer, summer signing from Rochdale.

IMLACH, S. — *Left-winger.* Luton's major close-season signing, Stewart, a Scot, was formerly with Nottingham Forest, and a member of their 1959 Wembley-winning team against Luton Town. In First Division football last term he made 30 appearances and scored four goals.

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FIXTURE LIST

1960	K.O.	SECOND DIVISION	F. A.	1960	K.O.	CENTRAL LEAGUE	F. A.
Aug. 20	3-0	LUTON TOWN		Aug. 20		Everton	
23		Swansea Town		24	6-30	BLACKPOOL	
27		Lincoln City		27	3-0	BLACKBURN	
31	6-30	SWANSEA TOWN		29		Blackpool	
Sept. 3	3-0	PORTSMOUTH		3		Manchester United	
6		Sheffield United		7	6-15	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	
10		Leeds United		10	3-0	LEEDS UNITED	
14	6-0	SHEFFIELD UNITED		12		Wolverhampton W.	
17		Sunderland		17	3-0	BARNLEY	
24	3-0	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE		24		Aston Villa	
Oct. 1		Norwich City		1	3-0	BOLTON W.	
8	3-0	SOUTHAMPTON		8		Newcastle United	
15		Rotherham United		15	3-0	WEST BROMWICH A.	
22	3-0	LIVERPOOL		22		Bury	
29		Bristol Rovers		29	3-0	CHESTERFIELD	
Nov. 5	3-0	DERBY COUNTY		5		Sheffield Wednesday	
12		Leyton Orient		12	3-0	DERBY COUNTY	
19	3-0	SCUNTHORPE		19		Preston North End	
26		Ipswich Town		26	3-0	LIVERPOOL	
Dec. 3	3-0	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.		3		Burnley	
10		Middlesbrough		10	3-0	MANCHESTER CITY	
17		Luton Town		17	3-0	EVERTON	
24		Stoke City		26		Sheffield United	
26	3-0	STOKE CITY		27	3-0	SHEFFIELD UNITED	
31	3-0	LINCOLN CITY		31		Blackburn Rovers	
1961				1961			
Jan. 7		F.A. CUP—3rd Round ...		Jan. 7		F.A. CUP—3rd Round ...	
14		Portsmouth		14	3-0	MANCHESTER UN.	
21	3-0	LEEDS UNITED		21		Leeds United	
28		F.A. CUP—4th Round ...		28		Stoke City	
Feb. 4	3-0	SUNDERLAND		28		F.A. CUP—4th Round ...	
11		Plymouth Argyle		4		Barnsley	
18	3-0	NORWICH CITY		11	3-0	ASTON VILLA	
18		F.A. CUP—5th Round ...		18		Bolton Wanderers	
25		Southampton		18		F.A. CUP—5th Round ...	
March 4	3-0	ROTHERHAM		25	3-0	NEWCASTLE	
11		F.A. CUP—6th Round ...		4		West Bromwich A.	
18	3-0	MIDDLESBROUGH		11	3-0	BURY	
18		F.A. CUP—Semi-Final ...		18		Chesterfield	
25		Derby County		18		F.A. CUP—Semi-Final ...	
31		Charlton Athletic		25	3-0	SHEFFIELD WED.	
April 1	3-0	IPSWICH TOWN		1		Derby County	
3	3-0	CHARLTON ATELETIC		4	3-0	STOKE CITY	
8		Scunthorpe United		8	3-0	PRESTON NORTH END	
15	3-0	LEYTON ORIENT		15		Liverpool	
22		Brighton & Hove A.		22	3-0	BURNLEY	
29	3-0	BRISTOL ROVERS		29		Manchester City	
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TOWN opened the 1935-36 season with newcomer Len Butt from Macclesfield at inside-right and Mountford at left-back for the injured Roughton. Preston's line-up included Bill Shankly at right-half.

North End's new left-winger from Celtic, O'Donnell, H., was prominent at the start but Craig removed the danger and then collaborated with Willingham to put Town in an attacking position. Holdcroft twice cut out high balls and Richardson shot over after Lythgoe had won a heading tussle.

Both centre-halves distinguished themselves after this and when Craig fouled H. O'Donnell Turner fisted out the free kick. Shankly was spoken to after a foul on Butt. Turner did well to keep out a curling shot from F. O'Donnell and Town replied with a swift raid which ended with Lang testing Holdcroft.

In subsequent exchanges both attacks were repeatedly pulled up for offside but in one Preston move Turner had to go full length to save from Maxwell.

Town began the second half in spirited style and Willingham and Lythgoe went close. Holdcroft also held a high shot from Richardson and then saved at the foot of the post from Lang.

Town were now doing most of the attacking and after 64 minutes went ahead through Richardson, who crashed in a fine shot after Lythgoe had pushed the ball back to him. In the later stages Holdcroft made splendid saves from Lythgoe and Luke, and Lang missed two good chances created by Luke.

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SNIPPETS

Peterborough United's defence in the opening games of their Fourth Division career is expected to include former Town and Sheffield United full-back or wing-half Jim Walker. In the close season the "Posh" transferred ex-Town and West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper Tom Daley to Gainsborough Trinity, where he is player-manager.

Bob Ramsey and George Howe, former Town full-backs, figured in all York City's Third Division matches last season.

Roy Shiner, ex-Town and Sheffield Wednesday centre-forward, scored eight Second Division goals for Hull City after his transfer from Hillsborough in 1959-60.

Sandy Kennon, whom Norwich City signed from Town, missed only one of their 46 games in last season's Third Division promotion campaign.

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Close Season Transfer Activity at Leeds Road

Since the 1959-60 season ended, Town have signed two forwards, transferred two, and appointed a new coach.

Derek Stokes was transferred from Bradford City in a deal which took **Stan Howard** to Valley Parade in June; **Willie Sinclair** joined Tranmere Rovers; and, twelve days ago, **Jimmy Kerray** was recruited from the Scottish First Division club, Dunfermline.

Johnny Short, former Leeds United and Millwall inside-forward and wing-half, was appointed coach to fill a vacancy created in January when Mr. Eddie Boot became manager.

Stokes, South Yorkshire-born, began his League career with City as a winger, switching to centre-forward soon after Leeds United signed Johnny McCole, City leader, last September. He completed the campaign with 25 goals, making his Third Division record 44 goals in 123 games.

Kerray is a 24-year-old Scot, whose transfer was completed after our manager had watched him in a trial game. Dunfermline secured him late last season from Raith Rovers, and he scored four goals for them in eleven matches. With Raith in 1959-60 his record was 10 goals in 23 games. And his overall Scottish League record in 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60 was 32 goals in 87 matches.

Short was an Elland Road player before the war when the United forward line included Dave Cochrane, George Ainsley and Eric Stephenson. Had a distinguished playing career

with United and Millwall before switching to coaching.

Howard's debut was made in an away game against Liverpool in 1957-58. Made 40 Second Division appearances in 1958-59, scoring 8 goals. His career record at Leeds Road was 62 League games and 13 goals. Occupied all five forward positions at one time and another.

Sinclair, who was recruited from Falkirk in 1958, made his debut against Bristol Rovers at Eastville on March 28th, 1959. Completed the campaign with two goals in eight League matches, and scored three goals in seven matches last term, all his goals being against Swansea Town (two at home, and one away.)

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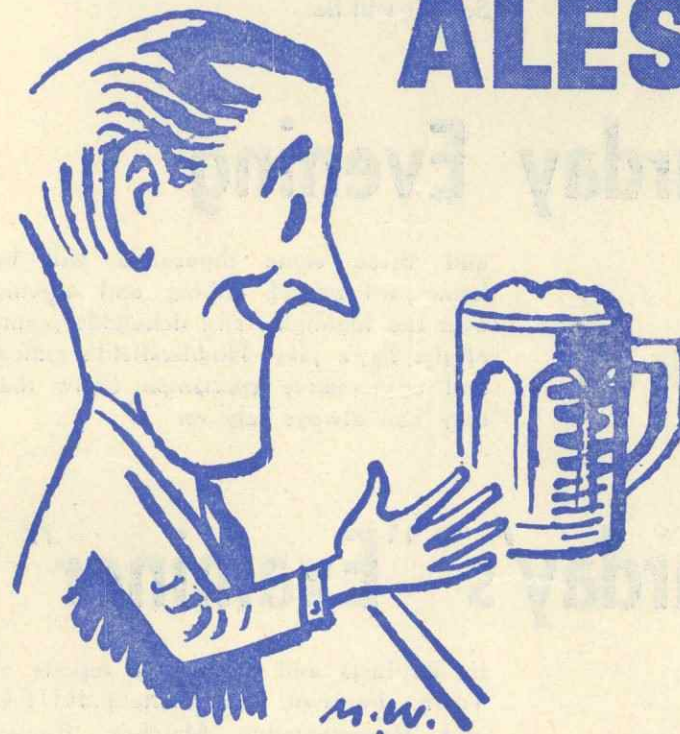
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