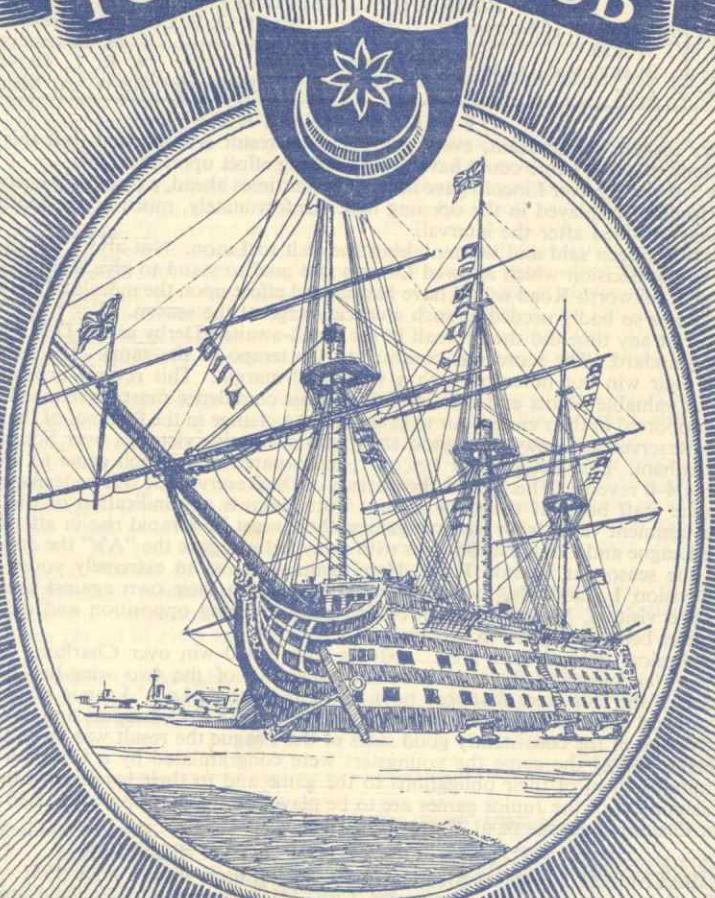


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OFFICIAL NOTES

Every season is important, every game and its result is important, but this season the outcome of every game could have a far-reaching effect upon the Club.

The 3-0 victory over Lincoln gave hope of better times ahead, particularly encouraging was the football displayed in the opening half. Unfortunately, much of the football and enthusiasm subsided after the interval.

Much has been said and written about the visit to Luton. Not about the game, but relating to the decision which allowed Luton's late goal to stand to give them the points. A draw at Kenilworth Road would have had untold effect upon the morale of the team. A tonic that was so badly needed at such a crucial stage of the season.

Never at any time did the football in the much-awaited Derby at the Dell rise to the expected standard. The score was contrary to the tempo of the game. The Saints fully deserved their win but never by such a wide goal margin. This reverse brought about the loss of valuable points and prestige. At all cost confidence must be retained and the players supported in their endeavour to bring about a change in the fortunes of the Club.

The Reserves got away to a good start with successive victories over Southampton and Tottenham. Last Saturday at Leicester, their march of triumph came to an abrupt end with a 4-0 reverse. This season the nucleus of the Reserve side will be teenage players and ground staff boys. If the game against Tottenham is any indication of the football and entertainment value from Reserve games, there must be a rapid rise in attendance.

The League and Combination sides with away fixtures gave the "A's" the opportunity to open the season at Fratton Park. Here again we have an extremely young side by Hants Division 1 standards, looking capable of holding their own against the County teams. The visitors, Waterlooville, provided good sporting opposition and did well to recover after being two goals in arrears.

The Juniors opened their S.E.C. fixtures with a 3-0 win over Charlton. This was indeed very encouraging, because with the exception of the two wing-half-backs the remainder of the side were first-year boys and last season's Lads' League players. This is the youngest side we have ever ventured to field in the S.E.C. League, and as Charlton are always one of the consistently good sides of the League the result was more than ever encouraging. After the game the youngsters were congratulated by a Charlton director who reminded them of their obligations to the game and to their loyalties to their club. This season most of the Junior games are to be played in the morning with 11.30 kick-off, either at Eastney Barracks or at Tamworth Road.

PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN PLAYERS

R. BAYNHAM (Goalkeeper).—Has been with Luton Town 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 on two occasions and also for the England "B" Team versus Yugoslavia "B". Was a member of the F.A. touring party to South America.

J. McNALLY (Full-back).—Can occupy either full-back position. He came to Luton from the League of Ireland Club, Shelbourne, and has been with Luton since May, 1956. He played for Eire "B" versus Rumania in Dublin in 1957 and also for Eire versus Czechoslovakia in April, 1959. Was chosen to travel with the Eire Team to Czechoslovakia but could not go due to injury sustained in the F.A. Cup Final.

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S. DUNNE (Full-back).—Came from the Eire Club, Shelbourne, and has been with Luton since May, 1950. Has played for Eire on numerous occasions since 1953. A very strong and hard tackling player.

A. DANIEL (Full-back).—A youngster of considerable promise who has had many games in the first team. He signed professional for Luton in January, 1958. Became a regular member of the Bedfordshire Youth Team when he moved to Luton with his family.

R. MORTON (Half-back).—Local born and 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 versus the Army. Was chosen as reserve for England at Wembley in 1955 and again when they played Ireland in 1958. A wing-half who has made numerous appearances at centre-forward.

T. KELLY (Centre-half).—Born in Luton. Kelly played for Hitchin Town and a local firms' team before joining the Town in 1950. Originally played wing-half but was successfully converted into a centre-half. A very strong player who holds his own with most centre-forwards.

A. BROWN (Half-back).—A Scottish international secured from Blackpool in 1957. Has been extremely unlucky with injuries, missing two Cup Finals whilst with Blackpool. Was however fortunate enough to be in the Cup Final Team for Luton. Has recently taken up the wing-half position although he was bought as an inside or centre-forward.

D. PACEY (Wing or Centre-half).—First signed for the Club in 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 Football Association versus the R.A.F. in October, 1958. Has been a regular member of the first team for some time. Was a member of the England "Under 23" team against Germany and Italy.

A. 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 Ireland's forward line and has played in every international match for his country since he was first chosen in 1952.

G. TURNER (Inside-right).—Came to Luton as a wing-half upon his demobilisation from the Navy, but found his true position at inside-right. Represented the English League versus the Scottish League in 1955 and also played for the F.A. XI versus the Army in 1958.

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J. GROVES (Wing-half or inside-forward).—Won Derbyshire Schoolboy honours and was signed by Luton when only 15. He uses his height to great advantage and is an accurate distributor of the ball.

G. CUMMINS (Inside-left).—First came from Dublin to England in 1950 when he signed for Everton. Was transferred to Luton for a large fee in August, 1953. Like Dunne, he has played in the Eire Team on numerous occasions. A brilliant ball player.

S. IMLACH (Outside-left).—Born in Lossiemouth; first club was Bury, then to Derby County and Nottingham Forest before joining Luton Town last close season. Has filled a gap in our forward line which has not been adequately filled since the days of Bert Mitchell. Has very good ball control and a deceptive body swerve.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES — PETER HARRIS TESTIMONIAL FUND

The Committee has decided to close the Fund on 15th September — two days after the Grand Benefit Match.

It is hoped to present a cheque, covering the result of the effort, to Peter Harris during the interval of the match with Norwich City on 24th September. It is thought that this action will meet with the approval of all who have contributed and give them the opportunity to bid farewell to a player who did so much to enhance the prestige of the game.

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