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CLUB NOTES — continued.

While the Bradwell Silver Band was with us on 15th April, the Luton Band was performing at the Seymour Hall defending the Southern Area Championship. We are sorry that their attempt to retain the Trophy failed but must congratulate them on attaining third place against some very keen competition. Our congratulations must also go to the Heath and Reach Brass Band who entertained us on Good Friday. At the same competition they took 2nd prize in their particular section.

After this evening's match there are only two outstanding fixtures to be played here at Kenilworth Road. The most important is the visit of Scunthorpe United on Saturday but we would like to remind you of a match here tomorrow evening. This is the Luton and District Wednesday League Cup Final and will be played between the Bedfordshire Constabulary (Southern Section) and the Bedfordshire Constabulary (Northern Section). The kick-off is at 6.15 p.m. Admission is to the Grandstand only, 1/- for adults and 6d. for children.

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CLUB NOTES

AS we bid you all welcome once again to Kenilworth Road yet another soccer season is rapidly drawing to a close. With virtually all the promotion and relegation problems finally solved that keen "edge" on soccer in the early part of the season has once again been blunted. With it go many of the thrills and hard struggles which make soccer one of the most popular games to play and watch in the world.

Team of the year is undoubtedly Tottenham Hotspur, out to achieve that elusive League and Cup double, and it is good for the game that a Club like Ipswich Town, which has been a member of the Football League only since 1938 can win their way through to the First Division. Our congratulations go to them. Peterborough United too are worthy of congratulation upon winning promotion on their first-ever season as members of the Football League, scoring well over one hundred goals in the achievement. The most unfortunate team of all we feel is Liverpool who will finish again in third place in the Second Division, the fourth time in the last six seasons.

This evening we welcome Charlton Athletic to Luton for the second time this season. Unfortunately their earlier visit proved to be a wasted journey for the match was called off after exceptionally heavy rain during the morning. To the many fans who made the trip to Kenilworth Road it seemed a postponement could not be possible for at the time the referee made his decision there was a bright sun shining from a brilliant blue sky! However the pitch was under water and we must therefore try again this evening hoping for better conditions.

Our visit to The Valley last September was not at all to our liking. We were very soundly beaten by a 4-1 margin and we shall therefore be most anxious to reverse this score today. This was the occasion when we were a goal down before a Luton player had kicked the ball. Charlton had lost the toss and so kicked off. The centre forward passed to his inside right who promptly tried to find his outside left with a long pass. The ball instead went towards Dunne who apparently did not realize the game had started for he stopped the ball with his hands. As Dunne was standing just inside the penalty box the referee had no alternative but to award Charlton a penalty kick from which they scored. A second goal scored by Charlton a few minutes later while our lads were still smarting over this early setback virtually put paid to any hopes we had entertained of bringing away any reward in the shape of points from the Valley. And so it proved for we were a well-beaten side by the end of the 90 minutes play.

As their results show Charlton are a side quite prepared to take chances leaving their defence wide open while making an all out attack to score goals. To date they have scored no less than 94 times but their opponents have scored 87 times against them. It points to plenty of goals for the fans to cheer whenever Charlton come on the scene! May it continue this evening — with the Town scoring the most!

Our match at The Dell last Saturday against The Saints was a touch and go affair. Rain, rain and more rain came down until there was nearly as much water on the pitch as in Southampton Harbour! It was not a day to expect soccer of a high standard but both sides played very good football indeed and it was, as our Director in Charge said at the time, a great pity that the bonus was not shared as all twenty two players gave everything they could.

It was an injustice that we did not come away with a point. Our defence with again Bramwell at his very best, proved itself quite able to repel the Saints attacks launched (and this really is the right word!) on the Luton goal. Unfortunately goals did come to the Saints but through mistakes on our part caused by the bad conditions under foot. Our forwards too had their moments when some very nice football was played and if they had had the luck enjoyed by the Saints forwards we certainly would not have come away defeated.

It was not the best of days to make one's debut for 18 year old Alan Fairchild but he did quite well considering all the circumstances and his last minute goal must have given him great satisfaction as it did to his team mates. Unfortunately he is not able to take his place on the field tonight due to the injury he received during the match.

Our Reserves have now finished this season's matches in the Second Division of the Football Combination. Completing their programme with three away fixtures they have fallen away badly in their bid for honours and will finish fourth or fifth in the Table.

Last Saturday their visit to Coventry provided their third defeat in a row. It was a "Stiffs" team of mixed talents — young players and players of experience — but they did not blend at all well. Seamus Dunne, playing at right half and Mike Collins at left half proved to be the most likely Luton team players to score. However their best efforts were well held by the Coventry 'keeper and so the Luton score sheet remained blank. On the other hand Coventry were lively and ready to shoot at every opportunity. Luckily, Alan Collier was in fine form and only three shots were allowed to enter the Luton net. The 3-0 score was not a good ending to the season. Next season, of course, the Football Combination is being re-organised and it will be interesting to see what effect the new system of Wednesday and Saturday Leagues have on players and supporters. At Luton we have elected to retain Saturday Football Combination fixtures.

At our match against Brighton we were pleased to welcome the Bradwell Silver Band to entertain us before the game and during the interval. Their Secretary Mr. H. P. Walters has written to the Club about their visit to Luton saying "May I say we are always very moved by the welcome we get and are thrilled to come" Their collection totalled over £15 and we are asked to say "thank you" to you all on their behalf, which we are very pleased to do.

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Baynham
Goal

Collins
Centre Half

Morton
Centre Forward



Leary
Centre Forward

Hinton
Centre Half

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Goal

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Left Back

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Left Half

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Outside Left

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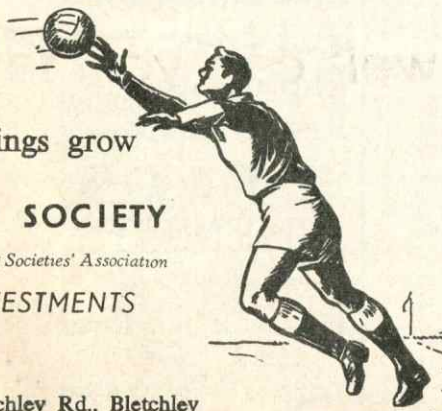
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FIRST LIST

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SECOND LIST

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:: 1960 - 1961

1960 FIRST XI - Division 2

		Attendance		F	A
Aug. 20 Sat.	Huddersfield Town	18156	A	1	1
" 24 Wed.	Portsmouth	17514	H	1	0
" 27 Sat.	Sunderland	17632	H	3	3
" 31 Wed.	Portsmouth	15176	A	2	3
Sept. 3 Sat.	Plymouth Argyle	21408	A	1	1
" 7 Wed.	Liverpool	27339	A	2	2
" 10 Sat.	Norwich City	22252	H	0	2
" 14 Wed.	Liverpool	10055	H	2	1
" 17 Sat.	Charlton Ath.	11788	A	1	4
" 24 "	Sheffield United	13726	H	1	4
Oct. 1 "	Stoke City	9395	A	0	3
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	9373	H	4	2
" 15 "	Derby County	13447	A	1	4
" 22 "	Leyton Orient	11037	H	0	1
" 29 "	Scunthorpe United	8733	A	0	1
Nov. 5 "	Ipswich Town (1)	11221	H	3	2
" 12 "	Brighton & Hove	14011	A	0	1
" 19 "	Middlesbrough	12579	H	6	1
Dec. 3 "	Southampton	12927	H	4	1
" 10 "	Rotherham United	6187	A	2	5
" 17 "	Huddersfield T.	11219	H	1	0
" 26 Mon.	Lincoln City	15283	H	3	0
" 27 Tues.	Lincoln City	10240	A	1	1
" 31 Sat.	Sunderland	28695	A	1	7

1961					
Jan. 7 Sat.	F.A. Cup-3 Northampton	26220	H	4	0
" 14 "	Plymouth Arg.	13873	H	3	2
" 21 "	Norwich City	21290	A	1	2
" 28 "	F.A. Cup-4 Manchester C.	23727	H	Abd.	
Feb. 11 Wed.	F.A. Cup-4 Manchester C.	15583	H	3	1
" 18 "	Sheffield United	16716	A	1	2
" 23 Thurs.	F.A. Cup-5 Barnsley	...	A	0	1
" 25 Sat.	Stoke City	12142	H	4	1
" 25 Sat.	Bristol Rovers	13105	A	1	4
March 4 "	Derby County (6)	13001	H	1	1
" 8 Wed.	Leeds United	9995	A	2	1
" 11 Sat.	Leyton Orient	11918	A	1	2
" 18 "	Rotherham (S.F.)	10179	H	2	1
" 25 "	Ipswich Town	21744	A	1	0
" 31 Fri.	Swansea Town	14286	H	2	2
April 1 Sat.	Leeds United	11137	H	1	1
" 3 Mon.	Swansea Town	14884	A	1	2
" 8 Sat.	Middlesbrough	13017	A	1	2
" 15 "	Brighton & Hove	9104	H	3	1
" 22 "	Southampton	...	A	3	2
" 26 Wed.	Charlton Ath.	...	H		
" 29 Sat.	Scunthorpe Utd.	...	H		
May 6 "	F.A. Cup-Final	...			

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Division 2

Up to and including Monday, April 24th, 1961

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Ipswich Town	41	26	7	8	99	53	59
Sheffield United	41	25	6	10	77	50	56
Liverpool	40	21	9	10	85	54	51
Middlesbrough	41	18	12	11	82	70	48
Norwich City	41	19	9	13	65	53	47
Swansea Town	41	17	11	13	75	72	45
Sunderland	41	16	12	13	74	59	44
Southampton	41	18	8	15	84	76	44
CHARLTON ATH.	40	15	11	14	94	87	41
Scunthorpe United	40	14	13	13	67	62	41
Plymouth Arg.	41	17	7	17	78	79	41
Derby County	41	15	10	16	78	77	40
Leeds United	40	14	9	17	73	79	37
Bristol Rovers	41	15	7	19	73	88	37
Rotherham United	41	12	12	17	62	61	36
LUTON TOWN	40	14	8	18	67	78	36
Leyton Orient	41	14	8	19	55	76	36
Brighton & Hove	41	13	9	19	59	75	35
Stoke City	40	11	12	17	48	56	34
Huddersfield Town	41	12	9	20	58	71	33
Portsmouth	41	10	11	20	61	89	31
Lincoln City	41	7	8	26	46	95	22

1960 Reserve XI Fixtures

		Attendance		F	A
Aug. 20 Sat.	Coventry City	2415	H	3	2
Sept. 1 Thurs.	Notts. County	773	A	4	3
" 3 Sat.	Colchester Utd.	1736	H	3	2
" 10 "	Crystal Palace	1793	A	4	1
" 13 Tues.	Swansea Town	404	A	1	3
" 17 Sat.	Plymouth Arg.	1797	H	3	4
Oct. 1 "	Reading	1643	H	3	0
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	1357	A	3	4
" 15 "	Northampton	1882	H	4	2
" 22 "	Shrewsbury	917	A	1	3
" 29 "	Millwall Athletic	922	H	2	2
Nov. 5 "	Southend United	1980	A	2	2
" 12 "	Fulham	1781	H	2	0
" 19 "	Brentford	515	A	0	2
" 26 "	Aldershot	2165	H	3	1
Dec. 10 "	Bristol Rovers	1573	H	3	0
" 17 "					
" 26 Mon.	Peterborough Utd.	2151	A	2	1
" 31 Sat.	Notts. County	2163	H	5	2
1961					
Jan. 7 Sat.	Q.P.R.	778	A	1	2
" 14 "	Colchester United	974	A	1	4
" 21 "	Crystal Palace	1889	H	2	1
Feb. 4 "	Plymouth Argyle	1803	A	2	4
" 11 "	Swansea Town	1937	H	2	4
" 18 "	Reading	1192	A	1	1
" 25 "	Shrewsbury	879	H	5	1
Mar. 4 "	Millwall Ath.	1103	A	2	0
" 11 "	Southend Utd.	1368	H	3	1
" 15 Wed.	Q.P.R.	1084	H	5	2
" 18 Sat.	Fulham	676	A	1	0
" 25 "	Brentford	1017	H	2	4
" 31 Fri.	Mansfield Town	563	A	3	3
April 1 Sat.	Aldershot	798	A	2	2
" 3 Mon.	Mansfield Town	1044	H	3	0
" 8 Sat.	Swindon Town	1328	H	3	1
" 12 Wed.	Peterborough U.	746	H	0	1
" 15 Sat.	Northampton T.	...	A	0	3
" 20 Thurs.	Swindon Town	...	A	1	3
" 22 Sat.	Coventry City	...	A	0	3
" 29 "					

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