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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.

In our opening remarks we referred to the
hard core of support we enjoy. We have many
fans who travel many miles, and we think Mr. W.
Brashier, a season ticket holder, who travels from
Bridgwater in Somerset for nearly every match—
he was here last Wednesday evening—beats the lot.

This week we had a cutting of the "Bedford
Record" dated April 18th sent to us anonymously

in which it is stated that to-day (April 29th) Mr.
R. S. Northwood, of Bedford, celebrates fifty years
of watching Luton Town play football. He is a
season ticket holder, missing very few matches at
Luton as well as away. The caption ends "Mr.
Northwood is delighted that Luton Town will
receive Scunthorpe United, on April 29th at
Kenilworth Road, a team he has never seen play
in all those 50 years." We thank the sender of the
letter for bringing this interesting news to our
notice, and we in turn have had much pleasure in
inviting Mr. Northwood to be our guest in the
Directors' Box this afternoon. Together with Mr.
Brashier, who has on a previous occasion been our
guest in the Directors' Box, they will no doubt
have much to talk about.

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CLUB NOTES

TODAY we come to the end of a most
disappointing season, the second in succession,
and the end we hope of our run of really bad
luck. No other Club we venture to say has been
so dogged with the injuries problem throughout
the season as has been our experience. We will
not again in these Notes enumerate them but if
anything the position has steadily worsened each
succeeding week until last Wednesday when the
Manager was considering his team for our
Postponed match with Charlton Athletic he had
no fewer than eight forwards who should have
been available for selection but who were on the
injuries list. These were Spencer, Brogan, Tracey,
Turner, McCann, Fairchild, Warner and Fleming,
besides Kelly at centre half back injured at
Southampton. To have so many of one's playing
staff all at the same time out of action is a big
drawback indeed, but the lads who did play
against Charlton, as they did at Southampton,
gave all they possibly could and the cheer they
received from the soaked fans as they came off
the field last Wednesday evening must have made
them feel the effort was all worth while. We have a
wonderful hard core of support round about the ten
thousand mark and it is displays like this one
against Charlton which would raise that figure
very quickly by at least half if they could
anticipate such enthusiasm every match. Incident-
ally although the conditions especially during the
second half were so very bad there was not one
bad foul throughout the match, a remark passed
by the Referee who congratulated both teams on
their sporting display. We feel that the Referee
would have called a halt to the proceedings about
mid-way during the second half if there had
been anything by either team at stake in the way
of promotion or relegation, but as such was not
the case and a further match if he had done so
would not have left much time to make the
necessary arrangements decided him to carry right
through and so finish the match. There have been
the mumbblings that the excessive number of
injuries we have suffered has been due to some
lack of training. We can assure you all that the
injuries were mostly from kicks received and
therefore had no bearing on training methods, but
if anyone has any doubts about the fitness of
our lads after they had come through so well the
heavy going last Wednesday then it can only be
because that person is looking for an argument.
Our lads are as physically fit as any in the land.

We have the pleasure this afternoon of
receiving Scunthorpe United for the very first time
to Kenilworth Road. Founded in 1912 they were
elected to the Football League, Division 3 (North)
in 1950 together with Shrewsbury Town when the
two Third Division Leagues were increased from
twenty-two to twenty-four Clubs. In their first
three seasons Scunthorpe finished just below the
half-way mark, quite good efforts in such new
company, then Seasons 1953/54 and 1954/55 they
finished in third position, dropped back to mid-way
in the next two seasons but in Season 1957/58 they
finished Champions of League 3 (Northern Section)

with a lead of seven points over Accrington Stanley
who finished in second place. Scunthorpe have no
big names in their ranks but they have a most
useful all-round side full of enthusiasm, and once
they get their noses in front it is very rarely they
allow the initiative to be taken from them. When
we played at the Old Show Ground last October
we lost by the only goal, purely an opportunist
goal scored by their centre forward. Jim Standen
had not been able to hold a hard drive which
rebounded a few feet from his chest, and before
he could get to the ball again Thomas ran onto
the ball from fully ten yards to plonk it in the net
and so win the game for them. They went to
Leeds last Tuesday night, drawing two goals each,
a very good performance, their sixth draw on
opponents' grounds this season as well as having
won five. Their away record therefore of sixteen
points from 20 matches is a very good one (against
our eight) and is the main reason for being placed
in the upper half of the Table. If we obtain both
points this afternoon we shall finish about the half-
way mark, quite satisfactory when considering the
not-too happy position we were in at the end of
February, and a recovery which lends much hope
for better tidings next season.

We very much regret it was not possible to
play the Wednesday League Cup Final here last
Thursday evening as arranged, but the heavy rain
during the match the previous evening with
Charlton had made the ground quite unplayable.
It was played at the Co-operative Society's Sports
Ground in Stockingstone Road to whom many
thanks for so readily agreeing to stage the match
especially at such short notice.

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
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2
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Right Back

4
Pacey
Right Half

7
Fleming
Outside Right

8
Ashworth
Inside Right

Referee:

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11
Thorpe
Outside Left

10
Bonson
Inside Left

6
Neale
Left Half

3
Brownsword
Left Back

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Baynham
Goal

5
Collins
Centre Half

9
Morton
Centre Forward



7
Thomas
Centre Forward

5
Horstead
Centre Half

Turner
Goal

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3
Bramwell
Left Back

6
Groves
Left Half

10
McGuffie
Inside Left

11
Legate
Outside Left

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Right Half

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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board — thus A 0 - 1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1

FIRST LIST

A	Aston Villa	Sheffield Wed.
B	Blackburn R.	Newcastle U.
C	Blackpool	Manchester C.
D	Bolton Wan.	Preston N.E.
E	Chelsea	Notts. Forest
F	Everton	Arsenal
G	Leicester City	Birmingham
H	Manchester U.	Cardiff City
K	Tottenham H.	West Brom.
L	West Ham U.	Burnley
M	Wolverh'pton	Fulham
N	Charlton Ath.	Leeds United

SECOND LIST

A	Huddersfield	Bristol Rovers
B	Lincoln City	Leyton Orient
C	Norwich City	Southampton
D	Plymouth A.	Rotherham U.
E	Portsmouth	Derby County
F	Sheffield Utd.	Middlesbro'
G	Stoke City	Brighton & H.
H	Sunderland	Liverpool
K	Swansea T.	Ipswich Town
L	Barnsley	Walsall
M	Bournemouth	Halifax Town
N	Bradford City	Shrewsbury

THIRD LIST

A	Bristol City	Brentford
B	Colchester U.	Chesterfield
C	Grimsby T.	Southend Utd.
D	Hull City	Port Vale
E	Newport Co.	Bury
F	Notts. County	Tranmere R.
G	Q. P. R.	Watford
H	Reading	Torquay Utd.
K	Carlisle Utd.	Oldham Ath.
L	Crystal Palace	York City
M	Darlington	Accrington S.
N	Doncaster R.	Crewe Alex.

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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

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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. 1	Wed.	F.A. Cup-4 Manchester C.	15583	H	3	1
" 11	"	Sheffield United	16716	A	1	2
" 18	"	F.A. Cup-5 Barnsley	...	A	0	1
" 23	Thurs.	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	4	1
" 29	Sat.	Scunthorpe Utd.	...	H		
May 6	"	F.A. Cup-Final	...			

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Division 2

Up to and including Wednesday, April 26th, 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
SCUNTHORPE U.	41	14	14	13	69	64	42
Charlton Ath.	41	15	11	15	95	91	41
Plymouth Arg.	41	17	7	17	78	79	41
Derby County	41	15	10	16	78	77	40
Leeds United	41	14	10	17	75	81	38
LUTON TOWN	41	15	8	18	71	79	38
Bristol Rovers	41	15	7	19	73	88	37
Rotherham United	41	12	12	17	62	61	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	"	Peterborough Utd.	2151	A	2	1
" 26	Mon.	Notts. County	2163	H	5	2

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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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Up to and including Wednesday, April 26th, 1961

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Swansea Town	38	23	6	9	95	71	52
Reading	38	19	9	10	90	51	47
Bristol Rovers	37	20	7	10	106	81	47
Notts. County	38	20	5	13	81	73	45
LUTON TOWN	38	19	5	14	87	74	43
Southend United	38	18	5	15	89	71	41
Brentford	38	16	9	13	68	75	41
Aldershot Town	37	15	10	12	70	67	40
Colchester United	38	14	11	13	84	86	39
Plymouth Arg.	36	14	8	14	67	66	36
Millwall Ath.	38	14	8	16	82	87	36
Northampton Town	36	14	7	15	58	63	35
Q. P. R.	38	13	9	16	75	87	35
Fulham	37	13	8	16	75	64	34
Coventry City	38	15	4	19	70	87	34
Shrewsbury Town	37	12	8	17	69	89	32
Crystal Palace	36	12	7	17	68	72	31
Mansfield Town	38	10	8	20	67	93	28
Peterborough Utd.	36	10	6	20	54	83	26
Swindon Town	36	7	10	19	41	66	24

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