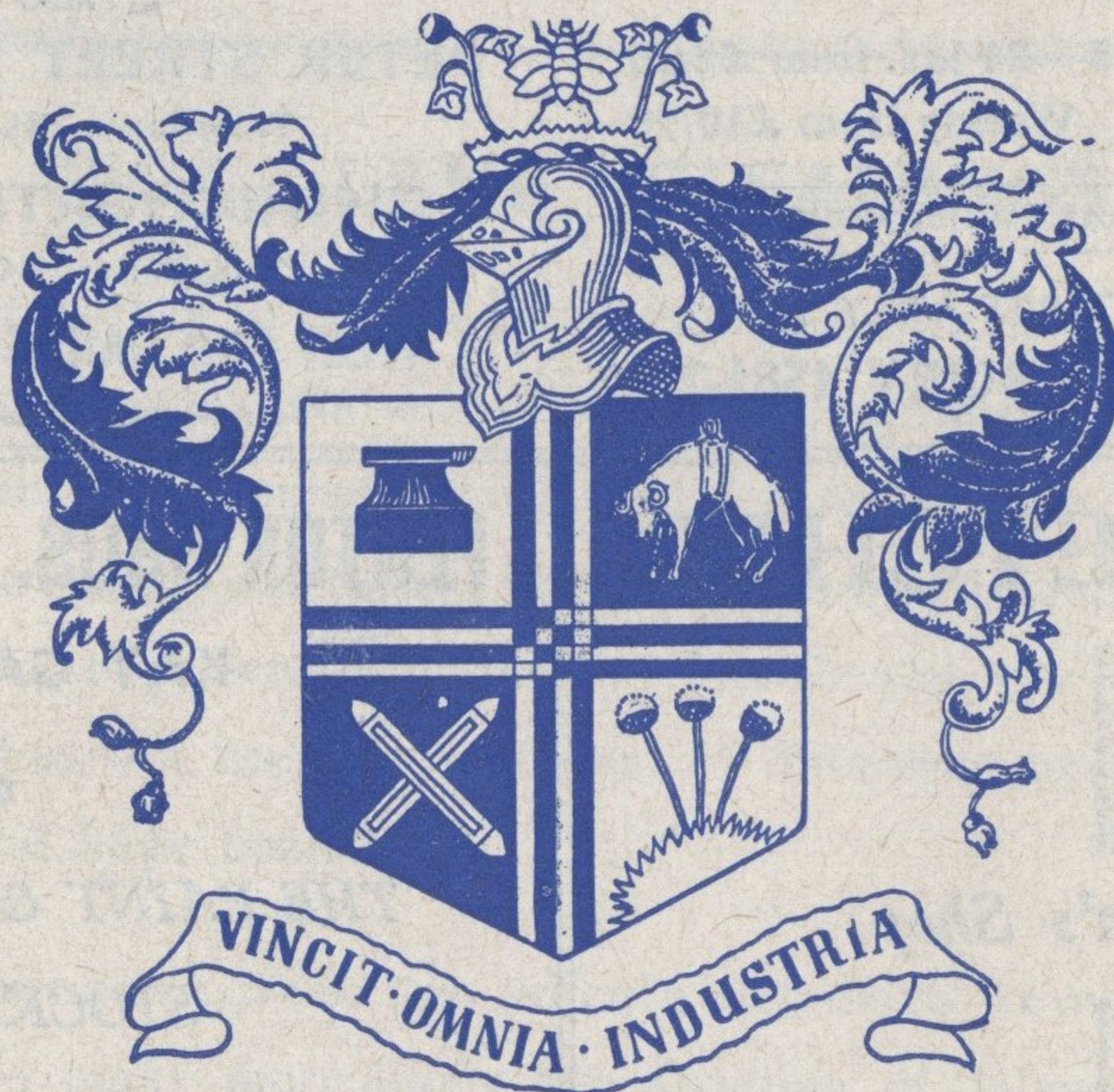


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INJURIES continue to dog us and although we do not wish to use misfortune as an excuse for our recent disappointing record it has had some influence. The impact of injuries is often greater when a club's playing resources are restricted, and we have not, it must be agreed, a ready supply of experienced material. Yet despite the loss of valuable points there has not been a great deal of difference between ourselves and those who have beaten us.

At Rotherham a week ago when a defensive formation was used in an effort to make more likely the avoiding of defeat, our boys put up a gallant fight, especially after the loss of Jones. For sixty-three minutes the plan worked, and it was a shock goal which turned the game in favour of the United. We were eventually beaten by two goals but the performance was not without some encouraging features. Had Jones not been injured a much different result might have been achieved.

But we must not dwell on our misfortune; for it will get us nowhere. Rather must we note with a sense of increasing urgency our worsening League position. It's going to be a case of all hands to the pumps if the old ship is to be kept afloat in the Second Division. There is in prospect a grim and sustained contest, but safety can still be gained—of that we are certain. But there is no doubt we shall have to save ourselves. We cannot and must not bank on the failures of others. Middlesbrough's great victory at Southampton on Wednesday was a reminder of the hectic fight that is to be expected. It's certainly going to be an exciting and eventful March and April.

Our fog postponed match with Leyton Orient, which should have been played at Gigg Lane on December 9th, will now be played on Tuesday, March 13th, kick-off 7-30 p.m.

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LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOAL SCORERS

SECOND DIVISION

Name	Appear- ances	Goals
ADAMS	22	
GALLAGHER	23	
CONROY	20	
TURNER	24	
STOKOE	13	
ATHERTON	27	
CALDER	20	5
HOLDEN	25	11
WATSON	23	5
JACKSON	18	3
HUBBARD	19	3
BEAUMONT	16	4
RIGGS	6	
HEATH	3	
BUNNER	9	
BARTLEY	9	2
TWIST	2	
EASTHAM	10	
ROBERTSON	3	
JONES	5	
LEECH	4	
HARKER	3	
HICKSON	2	
MAY	1	
MOULDEN	1	
OPPONENTS	1	

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Name	Appear- ances	Goals
HEATH	21	
BRENNAN	19	
EASTHAM	18	
MAY	22	1
BUNNER	17	1
RIGGS	20	
MOULDEN	20	2
JONES	23	5
DYSON	20	4
YOUNG	16	1
BARTLEY	18	16
LEECH	21	
WILSON	11	
ROBERTSON	14	1
CALDER	7	1
KINGHORN	1	
M. SWANTON	1	
ADAMS	6	
TWIST	4	
BEAUMONT	3	
HOLDEN	1	1
JACKSON	10	1
GALLAGHER	6	
STOKOE	1	
B. URMSON	8	
CONROY	9	
WATSON	2	2
HUBBARD	5	2
HARKER	3	
DOBER	1	
ATHERTON	1	
HICKSON	1	
OPPONENTS	2	

To-day's Visitors

LUTON TOWN come to us this afternoon free from any League worries. They could still, with a strong finish, challenge for a place in the top four, but they are too far behind to have any hopes of promotion. But they are also free from any threat to their status, and this will enable them to play a relaxed type of game as they seek to improve their quite respectable record. They have averaged a point a match, having won thirteen and lost thirteen and scored 55 goals against 54 conceded. Yet they have drawn only three games. They are an attractive side, capable of playing a powerful attacking type of football, and they will certainly be a difficult side to beat. We expect a very close game.

LUTON TOWN

The Luton club was founded in 1885—the year we began—but they had experienced the round ball game earlier for the Town were formed by the amalgamation of Luton Wanderers with Luton Excelsior. Holding the distinction of being the first club in the south to employ professional players, they joined the Southern League in 1894 and three years later were elected to the Second Division. The Town retained senior status for only three years, and after a twenty-year break joined the Third Division in 1920. Here they remained until 1937 when they won back a place in the Second Division and were promoted to the First Division in 1955, holding the top rank for four seasons. Their best run in the F.A. Cup competition was in 1959 when they were beaten in the Final by Nottingham Forest.

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7 FLEMING

8 ASHWORTH

9 TURNER

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THE first five years will be the worst, said a smiling colleague when he seemed to think I was worrying a little unduly about our position in the Second Division table. Perhaps I tend to go into myself when things are not going as one would like them to, but difficult though the task be I am enjoying the service. It is, however, a little discouraging to receive critical notes when the writers are not always aware of or will not recognise the circumstances in which we have to work. We do not and never will make team changes for their sake alone. What point would there be in this? Our aim, our sole aim, is to find as quickly as possible a side that can collect the urgently needed points.

May I say just a few words about the team selection for our visit to Rotherham which appears to have caused so much comment. We were in difficulties in that some players were injured while others had been playing below their best form. In all the circumstances it was agreed that if we could bring back a point it would be a worth-while effort, and thus our policy was linked with this aim. It is true that we were beaten by two goals, but as we played with only ten men for 73 minutes the performance, if not the result, was possessed of some merit.

Results have recently gone against us, and we are now struggling with the bottom clubs, but the issue is not by a very long way decided. A little good fortune would make a world of difference. I think we deserve a "break".

BOB STOKOE.

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LEAGUE TABLES

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Liverpool	—	28	19	4	5	67	26 42
Leyton O.	—	29	16	5	8	55	32 37
Plymouth	—	30	14	7	9	54	50 35
Scunthorpe U.	—	29	14	6	9	64	49 34
Southampton	—	30	14	6	10	57	44 34
Rotherham	—	28	14	6	8	57	49 34
Sunderland	—	29	13	6	10	56	41 32
Stoke City	—	29	13	6	10	43	36 32
Derby County	—	29	12	7	10	55	32 31
Luton Town	—	29	13	3	13	55	54 29
Preston N.E.	—	29	11	6	12	37	40 28
Walsall	—	28	11	6	11	46	49 28
Norwich City	—	29	10	7	12	44	56 27
Swansea	—	29	9	8	12	45	64 26
Newcastle U.	—	29	9	7	13	47	42 25
Huddersfield	—	27	8	9	10	40	40 25
Brighton	—	29	7	9	13	30	58 23
Middlesbro'	—	28	8	6	14	50	55 22
Leeds Utd.	—	29	8	6	15	34	48 22
Bury	—	28	10	2	16	34	59 22
Charlton A.	—	26	8	5	15	42	49 21
Bristol Rovers	—	29	9	3	17	37	56 21

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Aston Villa	—	29	23	2	4	70	25 48
Wolves	—	30	20	7	3	75	30 47
Liverpool	—	30	21	3	6	67	36 45
Burnley	—	28	18	6	4	75	28 42
Newcastle U.	—	29	17	3	9	61	39 37
Blackburn R.	—	27	14	5	8	62	39 33
Man. United	—	27	14	3	11	68	46 32
Derby County	—	30	14	2	14	71	63 30
Man. City	—	29	12	6	11	57	67 30
Sheffield Utd.	—	28	11	7	10	44	40 29
West Brom. A.	—	28	11	7	10	42	42 29
Huddersfield T.	—	28	12	4	12	50	48 28
Stoke City	—	30	9	9	12	35	50 27
Blackpool	—	30	9	7	14	51	58 25
Everton	—	29	9	7	13	48	58 25
Bury	—	30	6	10	14	47	51 22
Leeds United	—	27	10	2	15	35	62 22
Sheffield Wed.	—	29	7	6	16	55	54 20
Bolton W.	—	28	7	5	16	42	63 19
Barnsley	—	28	6	4	18	41	88 16
Chesterfield	—	28	5	4	19	29	90 14
Preston N.E.	—	28	4	4	20	37	69 12

SECOND DIVISION

1961			F.	A.	GATE	
Aug.	19	Norwich City	A	1	3	23,604
	22	Bristol Rovers	H	2	0	12,785
	26	Scunthorpe United	H	4	1	11,236
	28	Bristol Rovers	A	1	0	13,943
Sept.	2	Brighton & Hove A.	A	2	0	12,260
	9	Southampton	H	0	2	12,987
	12	Brighton (League Cup) ..	H	5	1	7,827
	15	Charlton Athletic	H	1	2	11,402
	19	Sunderland	H	3	2	17,262
	23	Liverpool	A	0	5	46,609
	27	Sunderland	A	0	3	39,893
	30	Rotherham United	H	2	1	11,038
Oct.	3	Hull City (League Cup) ..	H	3	4	8,204
	7	Luton Town	A	0	4	10,315
	14	Newcastle United	H	2	7	13,809
	21	Middlesbrough	A	1	2	14,980
	24	Walsall	H	2	1	8,863
Nov.	4	(1) Derby County	A	0	3	15,554
	11	Swansea Town	H	1	1	6,720
	18	Preston North End	A	2	1	12,436
	25	(2) Plymouth Argyle	H	1	1	7,129
Dec.	2	Huddersfield Town	A	0	2	11,914
	16	Norwich City	H	2	3	4,908
	22	Scunthorpe United	A	2	1	8,253
	26	Stoke City	H	0	2	15,699
	30	Stoke City	A	P		
Jan.	6	(3) Sheffield United	H	0	0	14,720
	10	"	A	2	2	25,043
	15	"	N	0	2	26,941
	13	Brighton & Hove A.	H	2	1	6,129
	20	Southampton	A	3	5	12,315
	27	(4)				
Feb.	3	Charlton Athletic	A	0	1	13,973
	10	Liverpool	H	0	3	21,872
	17	(5) Rotherham U.	A	0	2	7,322
	24	Luton Town	H			
Mar.	3	Newcastle United	A			
	10	(6) Middlesbrough	H			
	13	Leyton Orient	H			
	17	Walsall	A			
	24	Derby County	H			
	31	(S.F.) Swansea Town	A			
April	7	Preston North End	H			
	14	Plymouth Argyle	A			
	20	Leeds United	H			
	21	Huddersfield Town	H			
	24	Leeds United	A			
	28	Leyton Orient	A			
May	5	(Final)				

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1961			F.	A.	
Aug.	19	Blackburn Rovers ...	H	1	2
	21	Aston Villa	A	2	3
	26	Blackpool	A	1	3
	29	Aston Villa	H	1	2
Sept.	2	Barnsley	H	0	1
	6	Leeds United	A	3	2
	9	Bolton Wanderers	A	2	2
	16	Manchester United	A	1	1
	23	Wolverhampton W.	H	0	2
	26	Leeds United	H	1	2
	30	Liverpool	A	1	2
Oct.	7	Chesterfield	H	3	0
	14	Preston North End	A	1	0
	21	Burnley	H	1	1
	28	Huddersfield Town	A	1	1
Nov.	4	Sheffield Wednesday	H	0	3
	11	Derby County	A	3	3
	18	Newcastle United	H	2	1
	25	Everton	A	2	2
Dec.	2	West Bromwich A.	H	4	1
	9	Manchester City	A	0	0
	16	Blackburn Rovers	A	0	1
	23	Blackpool	H	2	3
	26	Stoke City	A	2	2
	30	Stoke City	H	2	2
1962					
Jan.	6	Barnsley	A	2	2
	13	Bolton Wanderers ...	H	0	2
	20				
	27				
Feb.	3	Manchester United	H	1	0
	10	Wolverhampton W.	A	1	2
	17	Liverpool	H	0	3
	24	Chesterfield	A		
Mar.	3	Preston North End	H		
	10	Burnley	A		
	17	Huddersfield Town	H		
	24	Sheffield Wednesday	A		
	31	Derby County	H		
April	7	Newcastle United	A		
	14	Everton	H		
	21	West Bromwich A.	A		
	28	Sheffield United	A		
	24	Sheffield United	H		
	28	Manchester City	H		
May	5	(Final)			

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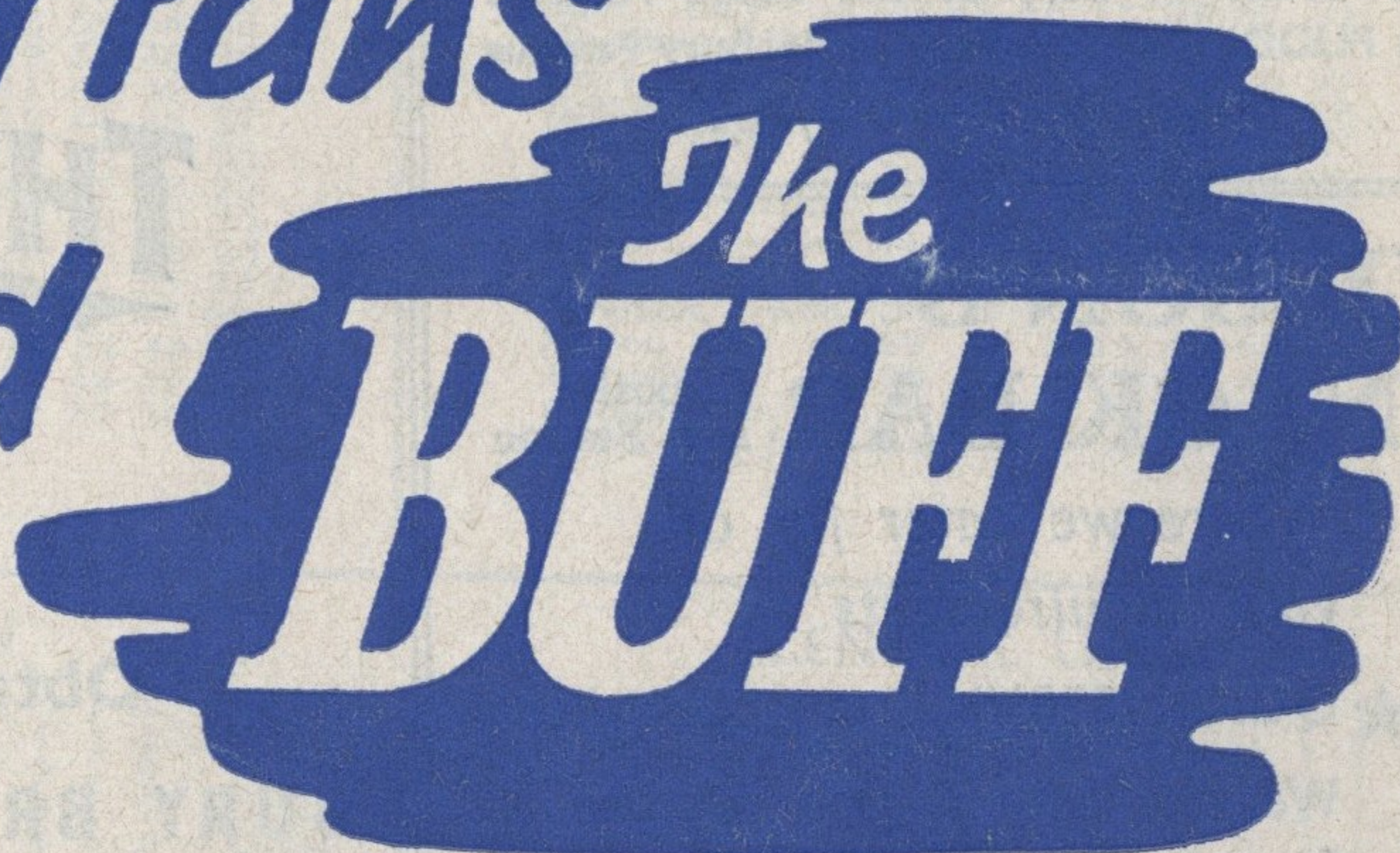
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