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Although Luton Town are struggling at the foot of the table, victory for us to-day may require a big effort, for the Hatters are certain to put up a tremendous fight as they seek to avoid a defeat which could anchor them still more firmly in the danger zone.

Despite their low position, the Hatters have not suffered any really substantial defeats, and have never conceded more than three goals in any League fixtures. They have however, been finding it difficult to score themselves. They have not scored at all in seven Second Division games, and have been limited to only one goal in a further six matches.

The most regular members of the Hatters' defence have been full-backs Brendan McNally and John Bramwell who have missed one game each, and Dave Pacey, who is an ever-present. Pacey has played at both left-half and centre half. Bramwell's absence on 29th August was his first since he joined Luton from Everton over two years ago. He was signed, together with inside forward Alec Ashworth (now with Northampton Town) in October, 1960, in part exchange for Irish international winger Billy Bingham. Right half Bob Morton, one of the club's long-serving players—he has been on the Kenilworth Road professional staff since 1946—has been absent twice, and former England international goalkeeper Ron Baynham has missed three games. Jim Standen, who played in Baynham's place in those three matches, is no longer with the club, having joined West Ham in November.

In addition to Dave Pacey, the centre half berth has been occupied by Terry Kelly and Ron Cope, the former having played there in ten games to three by Cope.

Since the season started the Hatters have signed two new players for their attack. The first was outside right Danny Clapton, who joined them from Arsenal in September

Clapton is an experienced player who won England international recognition while at Highbury, but after making only four appearances for Luton he was taken ill and has not played since.

The second newcomer is Ronnie Davies, the former Chester forward whom the Hatters signed in mid-October at a moderate fee. His first three games for Luton were at inside right, and then he moved to centre forward, the position in which he was a consistent marksman with the Fourth Division club. Davies has scored seven goals in seven League outings as leader of the Hatters' attack.

Now at inside right is Gordon Turner, who last August played his 350th League game for the club. Turner has been Luton's top scorer in seven of the last nine seasons, having scored more than 200 goals in League games. This winter he has netted six times.

The most recent occupant of the inside left position has been 19-year-old Gordon Riddick, one of the club's promising younger players. He made his Second Division debut on 21st December.

Harry Walden who has played at outside left and outside right, is the only member of the front line to have played in every League game this season. He has scored four goals.

Of the twelve League matches which they have played on opponents' grounds, Luton have won only one and drawn two. Their victory was at Middlesbrough, where they won 2-0 at the end of October. They have drawn at Southampton (2-2) and Norwich (3-3). Four of their nine away defeats have been by a single goal margin, these being at Rotherham (1-2) and Bury, Swansea and Cardiff (all 0-1). The others were at Charlton (0-2), and Sunderland, Preston, Plymouth and Newcastle (each 1-3).

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Ron Baynham (goal)—Has been with Luton Town since 1951. Secured from Southern League Club, Worcester City. He has represented England on several occasions. Played for the Football League on two occasions and also for England 'B' Team versus Yugoslavia 'B'. Was a member of the F.A. Touring Party to South America in 1959.

B. McNally (right back)—Can occupy either full back position. Came from the League of Ireland Club, Shelbourne and has been with Luton since May, 1956. Played for Eire 'B' versus Rumania in Dublin in 1957 and also for Eire versus Czechoslovakia.

John Bramwell (left back)—One of the two players who joined Luton from Everton when Billy Bingham, the Irish International was transferred to that club in October, 1960. Is a very capable player and worthy to be considered for International honours.

R. Morton (right half)—Local born and has been with the Club since 1948. Played for England 'B' versus Switzerland 'B' team, the Football Combination v. the Dutch XI (on 2 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. Usually a wing half but has made numerous appearances at Centre Forward.

Terry Kelly (centre half)—Born in Luton. Played for Hitchin Town before joining us 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.

D. Pacey (left half)—Born in Luton, signed for the Club in 1956. Has played for the F.A. versus the R.A.F. and was also a member of the England Under 23 team against Germany and Italy. Very strong player with a liking for getting among the goalscorers.

D. Clapton (outside right)—New signing from Arsenal where he gained 1 English International Cap.

M. Lownds (inside right)—Signed from Durham in January, 1960 became a full-timer on completion of his apprenticeship with a local firm last season. Is a wing half who never knows when he is beaten.

Ronnie Davies (centre forward)—New signing from Chester. Signed in Mid-October.

G. Riddick (inside left)—Turned professional April, 1961 following a short period of apprenticeship. Tall, with good ball control and a very good shot, much is expected of this lad when he has gained more experience.

Fred Jardine (outside left)—Born in Edinburgh. Played for Dundee for two seasons before coming to Luton at the end of season 1960/61. Has shown much promise since he arrived here.



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ROUGH PLAY

Rough Play! These are unpalatable and nasty words which occasionally raise their ugly heads during the course of any given football season.

Readers must be very mindful of the great harm which can be done to the structure of the game by the introduction of this unsavoury and dangerous method of play.

I have been requested by a reader to discuss the subject and two questions are asked:—“Has any improvement taken place over recent months?” and secondly, “Are we still troubled with vicious characters whose prime purpose is injury to an opponent?” In England I think we are lucky. Players, in general approach the game with a high degree of sportsmanship.

There are also many teams whose code of conduct is so high that the duties of a referee are reduced to a bare minimum.

We have the recent example of Blackpool, running five teams under the jurisdiction of the Football Association, being complimented for going through the whole of last

season without a single player being cautioned

I could mention other sides who are akin to Blackpool in their approach to the game, and I always feel that it is a wonderful tribute, when speaking of a team, to hear the expression: “they always play football.”

I think I can say with sincerity that most clubs are conscious of the demands of the average spectator and attempt at all times to provide clean and talented entertainment.

That is how it should be.

Unfortunately, there are a very few sides whose style of play is far from attractive and at times very untidy. They are noted for their rough and careless play, and open ridicule does little to check these characteristics.

It has always puzzled me why certain players should need to be disciplined on the field of play. They should be capable of controlling themselves, and if their talent is of such doubtful quality that they must resort to viciousness, there is little room for them in the game.

Second Division					Central League				
FIXTURE LIST 1962-63					Goals				
Date	Opponents			Goals	Date	Opponents			Goals
				F A					F A
1962					1962				
Aug. 18	Leeds United.....	H	0	1	Aug. 18	Newcastle United.....	A	0	1
" 22	Derby County.....	A	1	1	" 22	Aston Villa.....	H	2	2
" 25	Swansea Town.....	A	1	2	" 25	Leeds United.....	H	0	1
" 29	Derby County.....	H	3	3	" 27	Aston Villa.....	A	1	0
Sept. 1	Chelsea.....	H	0	0	Sept. 1	Manchester City.....	A	3	1
" 8	Luton Town.....	A	0	0	" 5	Wolverhampton W.....	H	3	2
" 12	Charlton Athletic.....	H	6	3	" 8	Blackpool.....	H	2	1
" 15	Southampton.....	H	3	1	" 10	Wolverhampton W.....	A	0	6
" 18	Charlton Athletic.....	A	3	0	" 15	Blackburn Rovers.....	A	2	1
" 22	Scunthorpe United.....	A	0	0	" 22	Sheffield United.....	H	2	2
" 29	Bury.....	H	2	0	" 29	Barnsley.....	A	0	0
Oct. 6	Newcastle United.....	H	3	1	Oct. 6	Huddersfield Town.....	A	0	2
" 13	Walsall.....	A	0	0	" 13	West Bromwich Albion.....	H	2	1
" 20	Norwich City.....	H	3	0	" 20	Burnley.....	A	2	2
" 27	Grimsby Town.....	A	1	1	" 27	Sheffield Wednesday.....	H	2	1
Nov. 3	(1) Plymouth Argyle.....	H	2	2	Nov. 3	Preston North End.....	A	2	1
" 10	Preston North End.....	A	1	1	" 10	Chesterfield.....	H	8	1
" 17	Portsmouth.....	H	3	1	" 17	Bolton Wanderers.....	A	1	1
" 24	(2) Cardiff City.....	A	1	1	" 24	Everton.....	H	0	1
Dec. 1	Huddersfield Town.....	H	2	1	Dec. 1	Derby County.....	A	0	1
" 8	Middlesbrough.....	A	2	2	" 8	Manchester United.....	H	1	4
" 15	Leeds United.....	A	1	3	" 15	Newcastle United.....	H	4	0
" 22	Swansea Town.....	H	—	—	" 22	Leeds United.....	A	—	—
" 26	Rotherham United.....	A	2	1	" 26	Bury.....	H	3	0
" 29	Rotherham United.....	H			" 29				
1963					1963				
Jan. 5	(3).....				Jan. 5	Manchester City.....	H		
" 12	Chelsea.....	A			" 12	Blackpool.....	A		
" 19	Luton Town.....	H			" 19	Bury.....	A		
" 26	(4).....				" 26	Blackburn Rovers.....	H		
Feb. 2	Southampton.....	A			Feb. 2	Sheffield United.....	A		
" 9	Scunthorpe United.....	H			" 9	Barnsley.....	H		
" 16	(5) Bury.....	A			" 16	Huddersfield Town.....	H		
" 23	Newcastle United.....	A			" 23	West Bromwich Albion.....	A		
Mar. 2	Walsall.....	H			Mar. 2	Burnley.....	H		
" 9	(6) Norwich City.....	A			" 9	Sheffield Wednesday.....	A		
" 16	Grimsby Town.....	H			" 16	Preston North End.....	H		
" 23	Plymouth Argyle.....	A			" 23	Chesterfield.....	A		
" 30	(S.F.) Preston N.E.....	H			" 30	Bolton Wanderers.....	H		
April 6	Portsmouth.....	A			April 6	Everton.....	A		
" 12	Sunderland.....	A			" 13	Liverpool.....	A		
" 13	Cardiff City.....	H			" 15	Liverpool.....	H		
" 15	Sunderland.....	H			" 16	Derby County.....	H		
" 20	Huddersfield Town.....	A			" 20	Manchester United.....	A		
" 27	Middlesbrough.....	H			" 27				
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ROUGH PLAY (Continued)

It is equally obvious that the managers and directors who govern the clubs whose players adopt suspect methods with regularity, cannot be free from blame. In fact, I would go a great deal further and suggest that they must, to a degree, condone them.

A player guilty of constant foul play could have his livelihood threatened by courageous action from his own management. Why, then, is it not carried out? These few players and teams are a blot on the good reputation of English football.

I also wonder why results are considered so important that they tend to make certain clubs forget that their prime duty is the provision of entertainment for a paying public? High playing standards are important when spectators are so selective in their choice of entertainment as they are at the present time, and violent play will not assist.

Very fortunately, the Football Association's memoranda to clubs, players and officials, asking for co-operation in cleaning up the game have been very timely. They have had a very encouraging and sobering effect on some who appeared to be scorning discipline.

Seldom do we witness displays of a vicious nature. The F.A. have made it clear, with the stern sentences they have imposed, that they will not countenance misconduct.

It was certainly time they took strong measures. Leniency in the past, when dealing with noted offenders, showed weakness, which some individuals were inclined to exploit.

There are however, very few really "bad boys" in the game today. I think they could be counted quite easily on the fingers of one hand.

Unfortunately, if a player is suspended for some breach of discipline, a bad name is quite likely to "stick."

Opponents at times endeavour to rile the player and bring out the worst in him—and referees should be ever watchful, and give protection, when this type of misconduct is suspected.

But generally I think we are, in this country, very fortunate. Officials have realised that

spectators are not interested in misplaced enthusiasm. The demand is for talented football, played with skill, enthusiasm and robustness, but certainly not vicious play and ill-temper.

Clubs who play the quality type of game and are mindful of entertainment value are usually rewarded by large and appreciative crowds.

The very few who err, with the introduction of doubtful play, attract little support, wherever they play, and they would be wise to reconsider their playing methods—but it takes a long time to convince some people.

SECOND DIVISION LINE-UP

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Chelsea ...	24	17	3	4	56	19	37
Bury ...	24	13	5	6	32	19	31
Sun'land ...	25	13	5	7	51	28	31
Plymouth ...	24	11	8	5	46	32	30
STOKE ...	23	9	11	3	40	25	29
Ports'mth ...	24	9	9	6	43	40	27
Hudd'fld ...	22	9	8	5	35	24	26
Newcastle... 24	10	6	8	40	35	26	
Cardiff ...	25	11	4	10	53	46	26
Midds'bro... 23	11	3	9	48	57	25	
Leeds ...	23	8	8	7	38	31	24
Scun'orpe... 24	8	8	8	30	34	24	
Swansea ...	24	9	6	9	29	38	24
Norwich ...	24	8	7	9	42	41	23
Roth'ham ...	24	9	3	12	34	48	21
Soth'ton ...	23	7	6	10	37	42	20
Preston ...	23	6	7	10	32	41	19
Walsall ...	22	6	4	12	30	54	16
Grimsby ...	24	4	7	13	34	47	15
Derby ...	23	4	7	12	25	38	15
Charlton ...	23	6	3	14	36	60	15
Luton ...	23	4	6	13	31	46	14

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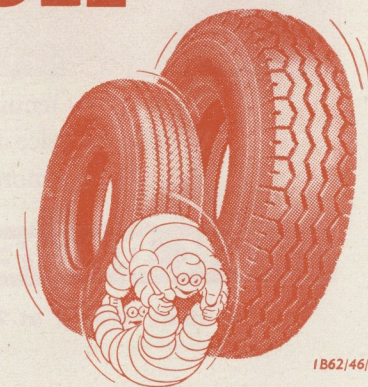
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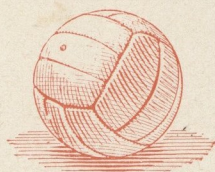
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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sun'land ...	41	20	12	9	84	54	52
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