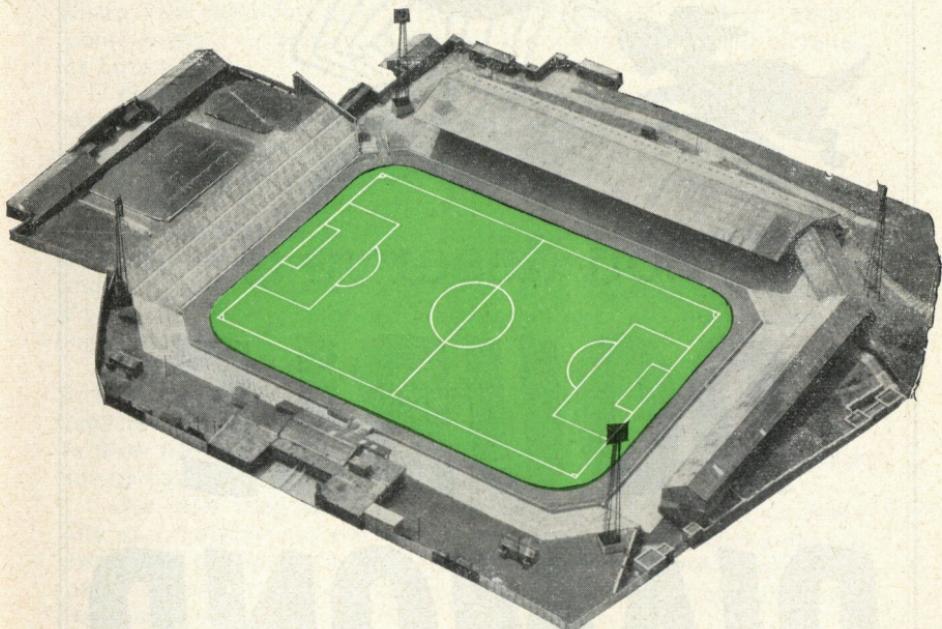


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### MANAGER'S NOTES

The fickleness of football has steered Port Vale into anxious, difficult days.

At the moment we are not fulfilling the promise or prospects offered by a fusion of 100 per cent playing record at Vale Park and the club's first "away" win at Brentford.

Taken together, the two trends appeared to herald a strong, consistent drive by Port Vale to project themselves among the top-ranking clubs of Division Three.

The only certainty about soccer, however, is its uncertainty. Sharp Vale reminders of that fact were the loss of our first "home" point in the 2-2 draw with Walsall and a midweek defeat to follow at Luton.

Neither Vale performance in those two games came up to the standard required of a team aiming as high as we are. We had too many soccer shortcomings against Walsall. Vale battled better at Luton, but missed a point through forward line failings displayed all too frequently in "away" encounters.

I am offering no excuses for Vale's lapses from the higher grade of football of which I know them to be capable. Injuries, however, and the impact of two-match-a-week commitments, have tended to disturb the team balance just when it had stabilised and was producing such a positive improvement.

The team has greatly missed the ability and influence of Tony Richards, whose injury, unfortunately, is delaying his return longer than expected. We lost his services at a time when Vale goals had begun to flow freely and regularly, and also when a basically settled attack line-up has been evolved.

Our club tried without success to sign Jackie Mudie, of Stoke City as a replacement, and two centre forwards with other clubs are also under review. In the meantime, however, Richards' absence has involved front-line improvisation which has not so far met and satisfied requirements.

And with League competition at its present keen, exacting level, any under-manned team position produces a chain re-action.

Port Vale's task clearly is to bend might and main to pick up the loose ends and get back on their best soccer behaviour.

The two home games with Southend and Luton Town give us a favourable opportunity of recovering lost ground and re-asserting ourselves.

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Luton were in Division Two from 1897 to 1900 when they failed to gain re-election. They then operated again in the Southern League until 1920 when they were elected to the Third Division and in 1921 were members of the Third Division South.

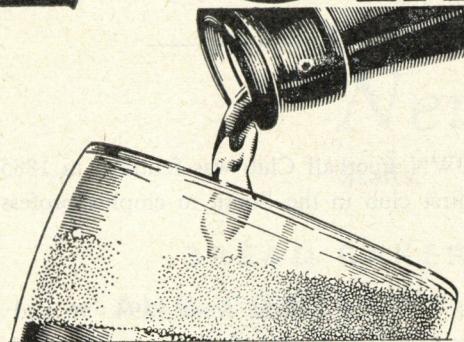
They gained promotion to the Second Division in 1937 after being runners-up the previous season and in 1955 were runners-up and of course were promoted to the First Division where they remained until season 1959 - 60. After a short spell in the Second Division they were relegated last season with 29 points ; they only won one game away from home and lost 17 — the remaining three away games were drawn.

Luton were quarter finalists in the F.A. Cup in 1933 and 1952.

In season 1936 - 37 Luton scored 103 goals in 42 matches, and of this number Joe Payne scored 55 which was then a record for the Division 3 South. In the previous season the same player made history on his debut at centre forward by scoring 10 goals in a Third Division South match against Bristol Rovers whom they beat 12 - 0.

The record attendance at Luton is 30,059 versus Blackpool in a cup tie in March, 1959.

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### THE LEAGUE TABLE—DIVISION III

		HOME					AWAY					
		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Coventry City	...	12	4	1	1	16	6	4	1	1	15	7 18
Oldham Athletic	...	12	5	0	1	13	9	3	2	1	12	7 18
Bournemouth	...	12	5	1	0	11	0	2	1	3	9	9 16
Queens Park Rangers	...	12	5	0	1	11	4	2	1	3	7	9 15
Shrewsbury Town	...	12	5	0	1	10	3	2	1	3	8	13 15
Crystal Palace	...	11	4	1	0	13	3	1	3	2	8	9 14
Peterborough United	...	12	5	1	1	24	10	1	1	3	4	11 14
Mansfield Town	...	12	4	2	0	13	5	1	1	4	7	9 13
Bristol Rovers	...	12	3	2	1	11	4	2	1	3	7	11 13
Hull City	...	12	3	3	0	9	5	1	2	3	6	14 13
PORT VALE	...	11	4	1	0	14	3	1	1	4	3	8 12
Colchester United	...	12	3	1	2	11	6	1	3	2	7	9 12
Watford	...	11	3	2	1	15	12	1	1	3	3	4 11
Brentford	...	11	3	0	3	14	11	1	3	1	8	9 11
Southend United	...	12	1	5	1	10	9	2	0	3	5	8 11
Bristol City	...	12	2	3	1	11	8	1	1	4	5	12 10
Reading	...	11	2	2	1	7	5	1	2	3	6	11 10
Walsall	...	12	0	4	1	5	8	2	2	3	6	7 10
Barnsley	...	12	3	3	1	11	7	0	1	4	7	19 10
Crewe Alexandra	...	12	2	2	2	6	5	0	2	4	6	18 8
Wrexham	...	11	2	0	3	14	15	1	1	4	13	18 7
Notts. County	...	11	2	1	2	4	5	1	0	5	3	17 7
Luton Town	...	11	1	1	3	5	12	0	3	3	4	8 6
Millwall	...	12	1	0	5	3	10	1	2	3	6	13 6

League Positions as at 9/10/63

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## THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

	1963	Opponents	F. A.
Aug.	24	Shrewsbury Town a	0 1
	26	Mansfield Town... h	1 0
	31	Bristol City ... h	4 1
Sept.	7	Oldham Athletic a	0 1
	9	Mansfield Town... a	1 1
	14	Notts. County ... a	0 2
	16	Brentford ... ... h	3 0
	21	Crewe Alex. ... h	4 0
	28	Crystal Palace ... a	0 2
Oct.	1	Brentford ... ... a	2 1
	5	Walsall ... ... h	2 2
	9	Luton Town ... a	0 1
	12	Southend United h	
	14	Luton Town ... h	
	19	Wrexham ... ... a	
	23	Reading ... ... a	
	26	Bournemouth h	
	28	Reading ... ... h	
Nov.	2	Hull City ... ... a	
	9	Barnsley ... ... h	
	16	(1)	
	23	Colchester United h	
	30	Watford ... ... a	
Dec.	7	(2)	

## THIRD DIVISION FIXTURES

	1964	Opponents	F. A.
Dec.	14	Shrewsbury Town h	
	21	Bristol City ... a	
	26	Bristol Rovers ... h	
	28	Bristol Rovers ... a	
Jan.	4	(3) Millwall ... a	
	11	Oldham Athletic h	
	18	Notts. County ... h	
	25	(4) Q. P. R. ... h	
Feb.	1	Crewe Alex. ... a	
	8	Crystal Palace ... h	
	15	(5) Walsall ... a	
	22	Southend United a	
	29	(6) Peterborough h	
Mar.	7	Bournemouth ... a	
	14	(S.F.) Hull City h	
	23	Peterborough ... a	
	28	Millwall ... h	
	30	Coventry City ... h	
	31	Coventry City ... a	
Apl.	4	Colchester U. ... a	
	11	Watford ... ... h	
	18	Q. P. R. ... ... a	
	20	Barnsley ... ... a	
	25	Wrexham ... ... h	
May	2	(Final)	

## NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

	1963	Opponents	F. A.
Aug.	24	Grimsby Town h	2 4
	28	Bradford ... a	2 1
Sept.	7	Oldham Athletic h	2 2
	14	Rotherham U. ... h	1 6
	21	Oldham Athletic a	1 3
	28	Doncaster R. ... h	3 1
Oct.	5	Stockport C. ... a	4 2
	19	Sunderland ... h	
	26	Scunthorpe U. ... a	
Nov.	2	Hull City ... h	
	9	Bradford City ... a	
	16	Grimsby Town a	
	23	Lincoln City ... a	
	30	Bradford City ... h	
Dec.	7	York City ... a	
	14	Oldham Athletic a	
	21	Lincoln City ... h	
	28	Halifax Town ... a	
Jan.	4	Bradford ... h	
	11	Doncaster R. ... a	
	18	Rotherham U. ... a	
	20	Crewe Alex. ... h	
	27	Stockport C. ... h	
Feb.	8	Crewe Alex. ... a	

## NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

	1964	Opponents	F. A.
Feb.	15	Stockport C. ... h	
	22	Crewe Alex. ... h	
Mar.	7	Oldham Athletic h	
	14	Hull City ... a	
	21	Scunthorpe U. ... h	
Apl.	4	Stockport C. ... a	
	13	Crewe Alex. ... a	
	18	Halifax Town ... h	

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Bingham, W. L. ....	10	
Boulton, C. W. ....		
Cheesborough, A. ....	12	
Cooke, E. J. ....	7	
Grainger, C. ....	1	4
Hancock, B. J. ....	4	3
Hancock, K. P. ....	12	
Harkin, J. T. ....	1	6
Hessell, G. ....		4
Lowe, T. J. ....	2	6
Machin, M. ....		7
Miles, T. ....	10	
Mitchell, B. ....		4
Nicholson, J. ....	12	
Poole, H. ....	10	
Porter, M. ....		7
Rawlings, C. J. ....	5	2
Richards, A. W. ....	8	
Rowland, J. ....	8	2
Sproson, R. ....	12	
Steele, S. F. ....	12	
Stubbs, B. ....		
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Whalley, S. D. ....	10	4
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Harkin, J. T. ....		9
Rowland, J. T. ....	1	1
Hancock, B. J. ....	1	1
Cheesborough, A. ....	5	
Steele, S. F. ....		1
Bingham, W. L. ....	2	
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## RON BAYNHAM (Goalkeeper)

Has been with Luton Town since 1951. Was secured from Worcester City. He has represented England on several occasions. Played for the Football League on 2 occasions and also for England "B" Team versus Yugoslavia "B". Was a member of the F.A. Touring team to South America in 1959.

## JOHN BRAMWELL (Full Back)

Joined Luton in October, 1960 from Everton and has proved a very capable player worthy to be considered for International honours. Played at Wing half on several occasions last season, proving equally successful.

## GORDON FINCHAM (Centre Half)

Transferred from Leicester to Plymouth 4 years ago and then to Luton in July, 1963. Is the dominating Centre Half we hope will strengthen our defence.

## FRED JARDINE (Outside Left)

Born in Edinburgh. Played for Dundee for 2 seasons before coming to Luton at the end of season 1960 - 61. Has shown promise since he arrived here.

## MARK LOWNDS (Wing Half)

Signed from Durham in January, 1960. Became full-timer on completion of his apprenticeship with a local firm. Is a wing half who likes to get on with the game. A tireless worker.

## THOMAS McKECHNIE (Inside Forward)

Born Glasgow and came here direct from Rob Roy (Scotland) at the end of season 1960 - 61. Played consistently in the First Team the past two seasons, except when injury prevented him from playing.

## BOB MORTON (Wing Half)

Local born and has been with the Club since 1948. Played for England "B" once and the Football Combination versus the Dutch XI on 2 occasions. Also for the F.A. versus the Army. Was chosen as Reserve for England at Wembley in 1955 and again when they played Ireland in 1958. Has played in most positions for Luton.

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**DAVID PACEY (Wing 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.

**GARETH SALISBURY (Inside Forward)**

Played for Norwich City last season. When we found he was not being retained we immediately jumped in and signed him. Can play Forward or Half Back, but prefers to be up in front.

**HARRY WALDEN (Outside Right)**

Joined Luton from Kettering in January, 1961 and stepped straight into the First Team. Severely injured at a crucial part of last seasons programme which prevented him from taking any further part in the struggle against relegation. It is hoped he has lost none of his skill as a result of that injury.

**MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE**

	1963	Opponents	F. A.
<b>Cup Competition</b>			
Aug.	31 Notts. County ... a		
Sept.	7 Wolverhampton W. h		
	14 Nottingham F. h		
	21 Leicester City ... a		
	28 Notts. County ... h		
Oct.	5 Wolverhampton W. a		
	12 Nottingham F. a		
	19 Leicester C. ... h		
Nov.	26 Stoke City ... a		
	2 Stoke City ... h		
<b>League Competition</b>			
Nov.	9 Birmingham City h		
	16 Coventry City ... a		
	23 Aston Villa ... h		
	30 Leicester City ... a		
Dec.	7 Notts. County ... h		
	14 Shrewsbury Town h		
	21 Walsall ... a		

**MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE**

	1964	Opponents	F. A.
<b>Cup Competition</b>			
Jan.	4 Stoke City ... ... a		
	11 West Brom. A. ... h		
	18 Shrewsbury Town a		
	25 Stoke City ... ... h		
Feb.	1 Wolverhampton W. h		
	8 Wolverhampton W. a		
	15 Nottingham F. ... h		
	22 Nottingham F. ... a		
	29 Coventry City ... h		
Mar.	7 Aston Villa ... a		
	14 Leicester City ... h		
	21 Notts. County ... a		
	4 Birmingham C. a		
	11 Walsall ... ... h		
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