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Mr. C. P. STAPLE, J.P.
Chairman

C. P. STAPLE.

We extend a hearty welcome to Luton Town on their visit here for their F.A. Cup Match with Bridgwater this afternoon. We hope they will enjoy their visit and whatever the result we are sure we shall all leave Castle Field delighted at having witnessed an enjoyable afternoon's football played in the spirit of the game.

Luton Town are the second League team to visit us in the past three years, thus showing how the standard of football in Bridgwater has improved since our formation fifteen years ago, and we are sure we shall continue to do so, and that we shall have the privilege of having many more league teams visiting us.

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OUR VISITORS

LUTON TOWN

Luton were the first club in the South of England to employ professional players, and they started in the Southern League in 1894.

They were elected to the Second Division three years later, but failed to gain re-election in 1900. After another spell in the Southern League they joined the Third Division in 1920, the Third South the following season, and they won the championship in 1937 after being runners-up the previous season.

In 1955 Luton were second in the Second Division, and gained promotion to the First Division.

Luton reached the final of the F.A. Cup in season 1958-59, losing by two goals to one to Nottingham Forest.

Three members of their Cup Final side are still with the Club. They are goalkeeper Ron Baynham, Bob Morton and David Pacey.

Morton, now a full-back, played at centre-forward at Wembley, and Pacey at left-half.

Luton Town's fall from grace started in 1960. Until then they had the proud record of never having been relegated. They went down with Leeds United at the same time as Bristol City was relegated from the Second Division to the Third.

At the end of last season Luton took the plunge into the Third Division with Walsall.

CLUB NOTES



BILL BROWN
Player Manager

Good afternoon everyone,

We extend a warm welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Luton Town. Our visitors are managed by former Bristol City coach Bill Harvey who was a frequent and welcome guest at Castle Field during his stay at Bristol.

Luton Town were formed in 1894, and in those days were members of the Southern League, later elected to

the Football League, and won the Third Division Championship in 1937. In 1955 they gained promotion to the First Division, and in 1958/59 were beaten 2-1 by Nottingham Forest at Wembley. Three members of their Cup Final side are still with the club, they are Baynham, Morton and Pacey.

This is indeed another memorable day in the short history of Bridgwater Town. Of course "days of Glory" bring disappointments also, and its a big loss to have Mike Baker out through injury.

We have played against a number of Southern League sides in our past F.A. Cup runs and done extremely well, but it was obvious to us all that when we came up against the full-time players such as Oxford United and Crystal Palace, fitness was our biggest obstacle. Today we are a much younger side, can it be "third time lucky?" first Oxford United, then Crystal Palace, and now Luton Town, I think so, and more important so do our lads.

BILL BROWN.

BRIDGWATER TOWN A.F.C. SUPPORTERS CLUB

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Mr. A. BIRCH

Dear Supporter,

First, on your behalf the whole Committee extends a hearty welcome to the Luton Town Supporters. We hope that they enjoy their visit to our historic borough, and that their journey will be rewarded with a keen, exciting game and, of course, fine weather!

To you, our Bridgwater Supporters, we also extend our thanks, and we look forward to your continued support for many years to come. We are sure

you would like to know how the Daily Draw is progressing and this important match seems a good time to tell you about the Development Fund that has now been set up. Out of this we intend to finance the building of a board-room, a viewing gallery and, for the players, new changing-rooms with baths and toilets. The majority of you will also be glad to learn that we are thinking of converting the old dressing-rooms into a Club room complete with a bar. In addition to these developments a weekly grant is made to the parent Club.

All this, of course, costs money, and the longer the delay the more it will cost! So our plans for your comfort will remain pipe-dreams unless we can continue to count on the support of your weekly bob. Thank you.

The Plan of the proposed new stand has been passed and may be seen at the Supporters' Hut.

Your Chairman and I join together in thanking the Committee and the Ladies of the Canteen Staff for their loyal efforts and invaluable support from year to year.

Sincerely yours,

A. BIRCH (President)

T. PICTON (Chairman).

SPOTLIGHT ON MEL GRIFFITHS

On leaving Taunton Priory School, joined the well known Weir Rovers, later signing for Taunton Town F.C. Mel is one of the few players in Somerset to be honoured in both County Youth and Senior football. My first signing as manager of Bridgwater Town Mel has made 160 Western League

appearances for the Robins in his 4½ years here, in which time he has given us many hours of pleasure. Rated as the best full-back in our league, I consider Mel can be best summed up as "Mr. Consistent," an opinion shared by all our opponents in the Western League.

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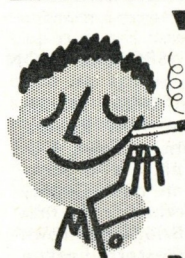
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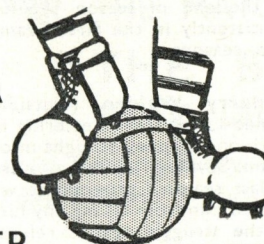
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Ron Baynam (Goalkeeper). Has been with Luton Town since 1951. Was secured from Worcester City. He has represented England on several occasions. Played for the Football League on two occasions and also for England 'B' Team versus Yugoslavia 'B'. Was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

Bob Morton (Wing Half or Full Back). Local born and has been with the Club since 1948. Played for England 'B' once and the Football Combination versus the Dutch XL on two 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.

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.

Alan Daniel (Full Back). A player of considerable promise who gained a place in the First team last season. Signed Professional for Luton in January 1958, when 18. Son of Mel Daniel who played for us during and immediately after the war.

Alan McBain (Full Back). Was born in Aberdeen and was signed last season from Carlisle. A very sound and capable defender.

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.

Gordon Fincham (Centre-half). Transferred from Leicester to Plymouth four years ago and then to Luton in July, 1963. Is a dominating Centre-half.

Alan Clarke (Wing-half). Another local lad who has played considerably well since joining Luton as an Amateur in the 1957-58 Season. Signed as a part-time Professional in October, 1961.

Alwyn McGuffie (Wing-half or Inside Forward). Signed Professional forms for Luton in September 1954. Has made quite a number of appearances in the First Team these last three seasons. Is an excellent distributor of the ball with a flare for coming through to have a shot at goal.

Thomas McKechnie (Inside Forward). Born in Glasgow and joined Luton direct from Rob Roy (Scotland) at the end of season 1960-61. Played consistently in the First Team the past two seasons.

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 season's programme which prevented him from taking any further part in the struggle against relegation.

Ray Smith (Inside Forward). Our latest recruit, arriving at Luton from Northampton in October of this year. Previously played for Hull City and Peterborough. Was a member of Northampton's promotion team last season. Quickly settling into the scheme of things at Luton.

James Weir (Outside Left). Was transferred from Mansfield to Luton in September 1963. Has already made a number of appearances in the First Team. A clever ball player who knows the quickest route to goal.

Gareth Salisbury (Inside Forward). Played for Norwich City last season. Can play Forward or Half Back, but prefers to be up front.

Gordon Turner (Centre or Inside Forward). Came to Luton as a Wing half upon his demob from the Navy but found his true position in the No. 8 shirt. Represented the English League against the Scottish League in 1955 and also played for the F.A. XI versus the Army in 1958. The Town's leading goalscorer for eight seasons, he is a skilled player with a tremendous shot.

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Torquay	17	9	3	5	41	22	21
Bristol City	12	8	4	0	35	10	20
Welton	14	9	2	4	31	18	20
Bideford	12	8	2	2	30	10	18
BRIDGWATER	11	9	0	2	21	10	18
Barnstaple	13	7	2	4	33	24	16
Yeovil	15	5	6	4	27	25	16
Chippenham T.	14	7	1	6	26	19	15
Salisbury	13	7	1	5	21	19	15
Andover	13	5	4	4	31	29	14
Weymouth	15	3	8	4	27	26	14
Exeter	16	4	5	7	33	33	13
Bath City	14	4	5	5	31	32	13
MINEHEAD	10	6	0	4	23	20	12
Dorchester	10	2	7	1	18	15	11
GLASTONBURY	13	5	1	7	31	35	11
Frome	13	4	2	7	27	38	10
Poole	16	4	2	10	24	36	10
WESTON-S-M	13	3	3	7	17	26	9
Portland	14	3	3	8	23	41	9
Bridport	13	1	4	8	13	37	6
TAUNTON	14	1	3	10	7	45	5

Goal Scorers to date—

1st XI—Weston 5	Henderson 2
Thresher 9	Platt 1
Muxworthy 1	Baker 4
Thomas 2	Griffiths 1
Rackley 1	White 1
2nd XI—Bastow 3	Atyeo 1 Baker 1
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