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**Club Comments
and
Views**

by
**JIM
TATLER**

THANK goodness November has gone, must be the thought in most people's minds. The last time the team won was at home at the end of October. During November all five games played, four in the league and one in the F.A. Cup, were lost.

But last Saturday, the first in December, saw an end to all that with the 2-0 defeat of Southend. The team gave a much better showing, if you like to put it that way a vote of confidence in acting manager Mr. Alf Wood.

The two goals scored were both gems. The first, after 25 minutes, came from Ken Hodgkinson, recording

only his second goal of the season. A low George Meek centre went to Ray Wiggin, who turned the ball to Ken Hodgkinson for him to place round the goalkeeper.

Ken also had a hand in the second goal after 62 minutes when he flicked a clearance on to Graham Matthews. The inside right took the ball some 20 yards before shooting in, a shot which gave the goalkeeper little chance.

These two goals brought Walsall their first Saturday home league win of the season and we look forward to them repeating it today when we receive Luton at the start of this second half of the season. After all we have a score to settle with them, a little matter of a 1-0 defeat in the opening match of the season.

But if the first team chose to end their losing ways the Reserves ended their winning one when losing 5-4 to Wolves, the first time they have lost this season.

Today it is hoped that the new "Saddler's Song" will be heard. I will not steal Bernard Johnston's thunder and leave you to read all about it in the Supporters' Club notes.

PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN

Goalkeeper :

RON BAYNHAM. Has been with Luton Town since 1951. Was secured from Worcester City. He has represented England on several occasions.

Full-backs :

BOB MORTON. Local born and has been with the Club since 1948. Has played in most positions for Luton.

JOHN BRAMWELL. Joined Luton in October, 1960, from Everton. Played at wing-half on several occasions last season, proving equally successful.

Half-backs :

DAVID PACEY. Born in Luton, signed for the Club in 1956. Very strong player with a liking for getting among the goalscorers.

GORDON FINCHAM. 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.

ALWYN McGUFFIE. Signed Professional forms for Luton in September, 1954. Is an excellent distributor of the ball with a flare for coming through to have a shot at goal.

MICHAEL FAIRCHILD. Came to Luton from Lowestoft in November, 1960. Can be brilliant at times which makes us have great hopes for the future.

Forwards :

GORDON TURNER. Came to Luton as a Wing half upon his demob from the Navy. The Town's leading goalscorer for eight seasons, he is a skilled player with a tremendous shot.

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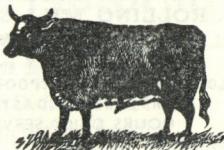
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WALSALL FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

THIS afternoon we are happy and proud to present "The Saddler's Song." Many of you will know that this has, following my appeal in these notes earlier in the season, been specially written and composed for The Supporters' Club by Frank H. Howell. During the last few weeks it has been approved by The Football Club Directors and recorded by The Walsall and District Amateur Operatic Society under the direction of Wilfred Ellis. It is this recording that will be played here this afternoon and at many matches in the future. Permission will also be sought for it to be played at certain other grounds when Walsall are the visitors. Included in these grounds is Coventry where The Saddlers are due next Saturday.

On behalf of The Supporters' Club I would like to thank Mr Howell for all the work he has done in connection with the song, The Walsall and District Amateur Operatic Society for making the recording, the Society's Musical Director Mr. W. Ellis and Mr. H. Russell the Society's Hon. Secretary for their invaluable help. Our thanks are also due to the local Press for the excellent publicity they have given to the song and last, but by no means least, "The Walsall Observer" and The West Midlands Press for providing free song sheets for distribution to-day.

All that now remains is for YOU, as true Supporters, to learn the song and then give the players (and the acting manager) all the encouragement you can.

Besides being printed on the song sheets the words also appear on page 13 of this programme.

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COACH TRIPS

Saturday, December 21st—Coventry City

Adults 5/-. Juniors 3/6. Depart Bloxwich at 11.50 a.m., Walsall 12 noon, Pleck 12.05 p.m. Coaches will return after the match and be due in Walsall at 6.30 p.m.

Boxing Day, Thursday, December 26th—Watford

Adults 15/6. Juniors 10/6. Depart Bloxwich at 9.50 a.m., Walsall 10.0 a.m., Pleck 10.05 a.m. After the match one coach will return to Walsall (due 9.30 p.m.) and another coach will proceed to London enabling supporters to see the City's Christmas Lights, etc. The fare on the late coach is 20/- for adults and 13/6 for Juniors.

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Finally may I welcome Luton Town to Fellows Park this afternoon. As we all know Luton were relegated together with Walsall at the end of last season. May it not be too long before both clubs are back in The Second Division. On behalf of the Walsall Supporters' Club may I wish to The Directors, Management and players of Luton and Walsall a Very Happy Christmas.

Happy Christmas Everybody,

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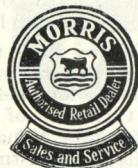
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There's a game to be played, there's a match to be won,
And if you pull together boys, then soon we all will see
That more matches we shall win and then the happier
we shall be.

So Up ! Up ! The Saddlers give your best in ev'ry game
And we'll be glad to tell them all that Walsall is the name.

“ The Saddlers' Song ” was specially written for The Walsall Football Supporters' Club and should not be reproduced without permission.

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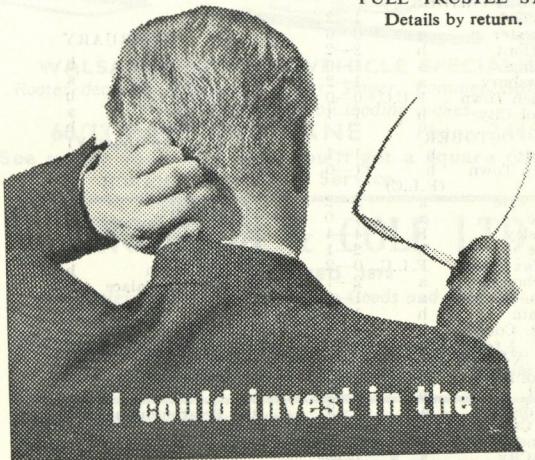
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THIRD DIVISION	Appearances		Goals	Appearances	Goals	Goals
	Appearances	Goals				
WHITE	23	0	0	23	0	0
PALIN	23	3	3	23	0	0
SHARPLES	6	0	0	6	0	0
DUDLEY	6	0	0	6	0	0
MOPHERSON	7	0	0	7	0	0
WILLIS	20	1	1	20	0	0
MEEK	10	0	0	10	0	0
HODGKINSON	10	2	2	10	0	0
FOSTER	5	0	0	5	0	0
NEWTON	17	4	4	17	0	0
HELL	21	4	4	21	0	0
HOWELLIS	12	0	0	12	0	0
MATTHEWS	22	7	7	22	0	0
WIGGIN	2	0	0	2	0	0
GREGG	18	0	0	18	0	0
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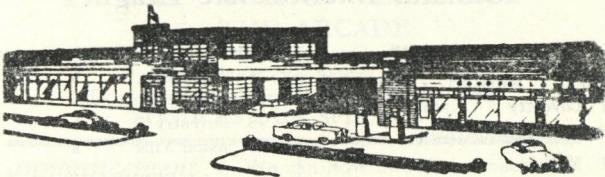
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Football League—Division III

AUGUST		results	JANUARY		results
24	Luton	a	0	1	
27	Colchester	h	1	1	
31	Coventry	h	0	3	
SEPTEMBER					
7	Mansfield	a	1	2	
9	Colchester	a	0	0	
14	Brentford	h	2	2	
18	Reading	a	1	0	
21	Shrewsbury	a	1	2	
25	Ipswich Town	F.L.C.	0	0	
28	Bristol City	h	1	1	
OCTOBER					
1	Reading	h	1	1	
3	Ipswich Town	h	1	0	
		(F.L.C.)			
5	Port Vale	a	2	2	
9	Crewe	a	1	0	
11	Barnsley	h	4	4	
14	Crewe	h	2	1	
16	Halifax Town	F.L.C.	0	2	
19	Peterborough	a	2	1	
24	Notts. County	a	1	0	
26	Oldham	h	1	1	
29	Notts. County	h	2	1	
NOVEMBER					
2	Bristol Rovers	a	0	3	
9	Q.P.R.	h	0	2	
16	Southport	a	1	2	
	F.A. Cup Round	I			
23	Bournemouth	h	0	2	
30	Hull City	a	1	3	
DECEMBER					
7	Southend	h	2	0	
14	Luton	h			
21	Coventry	a			
26	Watford	a			
FEBRUARY					
1	Shrewsbury	h			
8	Bristol City	a			
15	Port Vale	h			
22	Barnsley	a			
28	Millwall	h			
29	F.A. Cup Round	VI			
MARCH					
7	Oldham	a			
14	Bristol Rovers	h			
18	Crystal Palace	a			
21	Millwall	a			
28	Wrexham	h			
30	Crystal Palace	h			
APRIL					
4	Bournemouth	a			
11	Hull City	h			
18	Southend	a			
20	Q.P.R.	a			
25	Peterborough	h			
MAY					
2	F.A. Cup Final				

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CUP COMPETITION

1963 AUGUST results
31 Coventry a 0-0

SEPTEMBER

7 W.B.A. h 4-1
21 Shrewsbury h 3-2
28 Birmingham a 4-0

OCTOBER

5 Coventry h 5-3
12 W.B.A. a 3-1
26 Shrewsbury a 4-1
30 Aston Villa a 0-0

NOVEMBER

2 Birmingham h 5-1

LEAGUE COMPETITION

9 Notts. Forest a P
16 W.B.A. h 1-1
23 Shrewsbury a 2-0
30 Stoke h 7-1

DECEMBER

7 Wolves a 4-5
14 Coventry a
21 Port Vale h

1964 JANUARY results

4 Aston Villa h
11 Birmingham a
18 Coventry h
25 Aston Villa a

FEBRUARY

1 Leicester a
8 Leicester h
15 Notts. County a
22 Notts. County h
29 W.B.A. a

MARCH

7 Shrewsbury h
14 Stoke a
21 Wolves h

APRIL

4 Notts. Forest h
11 Port Vale a
18 Birmingham h

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CRYSTAL PALACE	22	12	5	5	39	27	29
READING	22	11	5	6	29	26	27
BOURNEMOUTH	22	11	4	7	34	20	26
BRISTOL CITY	22	10	6	6	37	27	26
SHREWSBURY	22	10	6	6	35	36	26
BRENTFORD	22	10	5	7	53	38	25
WATFORD	22	10	5	7	36	30	25
COLCHESTER	22	8	8	6	37	29	24
HULL	20	9	6	5	33	28	24
PORT VALE	22	9	5	8	27	22	23
BRISTOL ROVERS	21	9	4	8	36	30	22
MANSFIELD	22	8	6	8	32	31	22
WALSALL	23	7	8	8	26	33	22
PETERBOROUGH	22	8	4	10	41	38	20
Q.P.R.	22	9	2	11	35	41	20
SOUTHEND	23	5	8	10	31	42	18
BARNSLEY	22	5	7	10	32	45	17
CREWE	22	5	6	11	21	34	16
LUTON	22	4	6	12	22	41	14
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BIRMINGHAM CITY	5	4	1	0	18	6	9
WOLVES	4	4	0	0	26	9	8
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	5	2	2	1	17	6	6
ASTON VILLA	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
WALSALL	4	2	1	1	14	7	5
LEICESTER	4	2	0	2	17	8	4
STOKE	5	1	2	2	3	10	4
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	4	1	1	2	12	12	3
NOTTS. COUNTY	5	0	3	2	8	26	3
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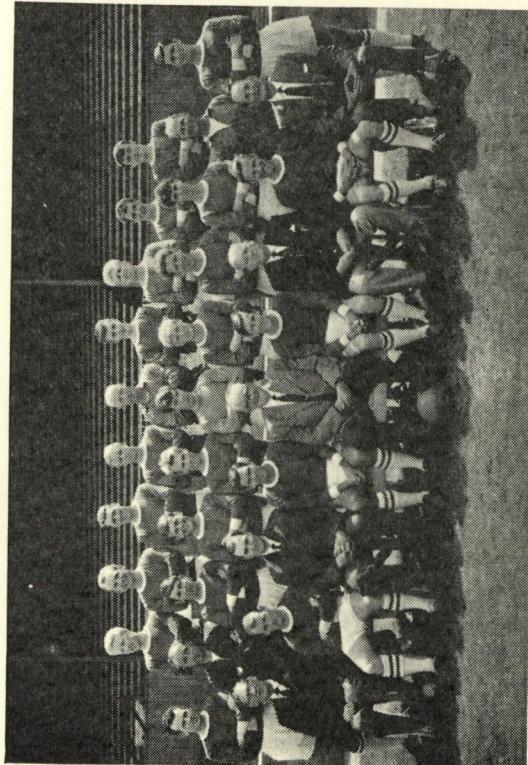
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