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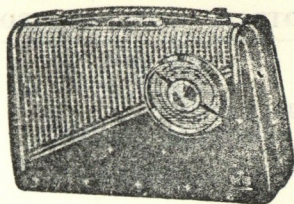
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EDITORIAL

Today we bring down the curtain on still another season; and in retrospect we may allow ourselves to look and see how we have fared.

We will finish up around seventh or eighth position in the league, which must be considered very satisfactory indeed in our first season after promotion, prior to the season if we could have forecast this everyone would have been happy, for it is a recognised fact that on entry to a higher sphere, consolidation is of primary importance.

Offset against this is the undoubted fact that at one stage in the season we looked like going up into the second division at the first attempt, so good was our start to the season.

Then came the injuries, and loss of form and the resultant bad patch which put paid to any hope of promotion.

The most serious thing about this bad patch was the tremendous drop in gates that it brought, and from an average of about 16,000 they dropped to an average of 7,000. Coventry in a similar position pulled in gates of over 20,000 even after a spell worse than ours.

The success of any club depends of its support through the turnstiles and if a club is solvent during a bad spell, it can always pull out of it because of the reserves it is able to build up during the good times when gates are always high. In the latter stage of the season we came back to something like form, the signing of Bobby Craig was a good stroke of business, and the introduction of some of the youngsters proves that these will be knocking at the door next season.

It has also helped the manager in getting to know the positions he will be able to fill from his present staff and the positions he will have to strengthen.

All in all, we have every reason to be satisfied with the season's work, and feel that with one or two positions filled we can look forward to next season with confidence.

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There is evidence of great talent all along the Everton forward line. But there ought to be when the transfer fees for the quintette amounted to something like £4,500.

(From our programme of Sept. 21st, 1912).

Club directors have always been open to scorching criticisms for letting good players go, and their troubles in this direction seem likely to grow, now that players have greater inducements than ever before to go in for changing clubs. We shall soon need F.A. Commissions of Inquiry into almost miraculous recoveries of form made by some men who have changed clubs.

(From our programme Dec. 25th, 1911).

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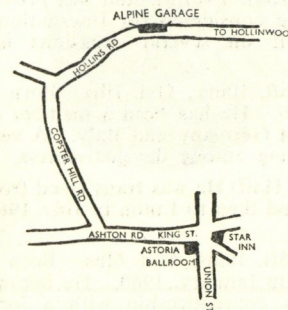
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PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN A.F.C.

RON BAYNHAM (Goalkeeper) 6ft. 1in., 12st. 9lbs. Born in Birmingham. He has been with the club since 1951, when he was secured from Worcester City. He has represented England on several occasions.

ALAN McBAIN (Right Back) 5ft. 8ins., 11st 3lbs. Born in Aberdeen. He played for Carlisle last season when he attracted the manager's attention. He has also had experience with Swansea Town. A very sound and capable defender.

JOHN BRAMWELL (Left Back) 6ft., 12st. 13lbs. Born in Wigan. Joined Luton in October from Everton and has proved a very capable player worthy to be considered for International honours. He played at wing half on several occasions last season.

DAVID PACEY (Right Half) 5ft. 10ins., 11st. 7lbs. Born at Luton. Signed for the club in 1956. He has been a member of the England under-23's team against Germany and Italy. A very strong player with a liking for getting among the goalscorers.

GORDON FINCHAM (Centre Half) He was transferred from Leicester to Plymouth 4 years ago and then to Luton in July, 1963. He is a dominating centre half.

MARK LOWNDS (Left Half) 5ft. 10ins., 12st. 6lbs. Born in Sunderland. Signed from Durham in January, 1960. He became a full-timer on completion of his apprenticeship with a local firm.

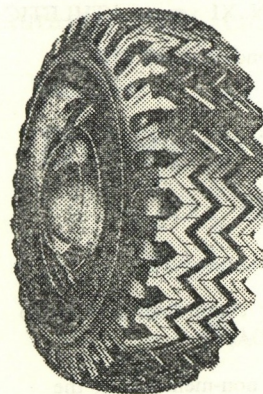
HARRY WALDEN (Outside Right) 5ft. 9ins., 12st. Born at Walgrave. Joined Luton from Kettering in January, 1961 and stepped straight into the first team. He was severely injured at a crucial stage of last season's battle against relegation, but he has now fully recovered.

THOMAS McKECHNIE (Inside Right) 5ft., 12st. 6lbs. Born at Milngavie. Came direct from Scotland in 1961 and has played consistently in the first team the past two seasons, except when injury prevented him from playing.

JOHN O'ROURKE (Centre Forward) Formerly an Arsenal amateur, he signed professional for Chelsea in 1962, but he never played in the league for them. He joined Luton on a free transfer last December and has scored 19 goals in 20 games.

JOHN REID (Inside Left) Formerly played with Hamilton Academicals, Bradford City and Northampton from where he was signed in November last for a fee of £13,000.

RAY WHITTAKER (Outside Left) Signed from Arsenal in March and made his league debut 3 days later. An England Youth International, he is the seventh player to fill the left wing spot this season.



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up to and including 18th April, 1964

1st TEAM

Appearances Goals			Appearances Goals		
(48 Possible)			(48 possible)		
Bollands	42	—	Branagan	27	—
Marshall	22	—	McCall	27	1
Taylor	43	—	Williams	42	4
Scott	5	—	Sievwright	39	4
Ledger	47	8	Johnstone	35	9
Lister	32	17	Bowie	29	10
Colquhoun	36	8	Whitaker	42	13
Frizzell	34	2	Barlow	6	1
Swinbourne	4	—	Halsall	2	—
Jackson	2	—	Craig	8	3
McGinn	2	—	Burdess	2	—

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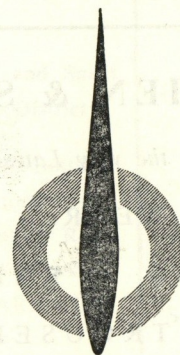
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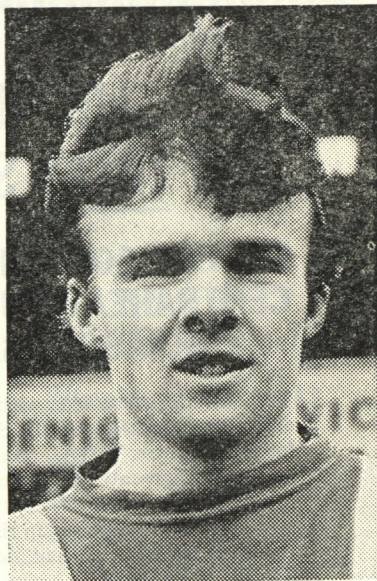
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Inside-right Burdess joined Athletic from schoolboy soccer in the North-East in February, 1962.

He hails from East Rainton Co. Durham and last season earned promotion from the reserves to the League side in the Easter holiday games.



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LEAGUE-DIV.3

1963 August— Attendance

24—Queens Park R.	13,029	HW	2-1
23—Bournemouth		AL	0-1
31—Bristol Rovers		AW	1-0

September—

4—Workington F.L. Cup	12,087	H	L 3-5
7—Port Vale	14,730	HW	1-0
11—Bournemouth	16,471	HL	2-4
14—Peterborough U.	14,428	HW	4-2
18—Wrexham		AW	4-0
21—Southend United		AD	2-2
25—F.L. Cup 2nd Round			
28—Wafford	14,560	HW	1-0

October—

2—Wrexham	16,245	HW	3-2
5—Colchester Utd.		AW	3-2
8—Barnsley		D	2-2
12—Shrewsbury Town		AL	0-2
16—Barnsley	17,262	HW	2-0
19—Crystal Palace	17,458	HW	3-1
23—Millwall	15,778	HL	1-2
26—Walsall		AD	1-1
28—Millwall		L	1-2

November—

2—Reading	13,874	HW	3-1
9—Luton Town		AW	2-1
16—Mansfield F.A. C.	11,347	HW	3-2
23—Mansfield Town		AD	1-1
30—Brentford	14,395	HW	4-1

December—

7—Bradford F.A. C.	217,600	HW	2-0
14—Queens Park R.		AL	2-3
21—Bristol Rovers	8,312	HD	2-2
26—Notts County	15,869	HW	2-0
28—Notts County		AL	2-4

1964 January—

4—Ipswich F.A. Cup Rd. 3		AL	3-6
11—Port Vale		L	0-1
18—Peterborough Utd.		AD	0-0
22—Coventry City	20,008	HW	2-0
25—(4) Crewe Alex.		AL	0-1

February—

1—Southend United	12,149	HL	0-3
8—Wafford		AL	1-2
15—Colchester Utd	11,525	HD	2-2
22—Shrewsbury T.	8,378	HL	2-4
29—(6) Bristol City		AL	1-3

March—

7—Walsall	5,553	HL	2-4
14—(S.F.) Reading		AW	1-0
21—Bristol City	7,546	HL	1-2
27—Hull City		AW	1-0
28—Coventry City		AL	1-4
30—Hull City	7,878	HD	1-1

April—

4—Mansfield Town	6,460	HW	1-0
11—Brentford		AL	0-2
18—Crewe Alexandra	6,426	HW	3-2
22—Luton Town		H	
25—Crystal Palace		A	

May 2—(Final)

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

1963 August—

24—Bradford P.A.		AL	0-3
31—Halifax Town		HW	8-2

September—

7—Port Vale		AD	2-2
14—			
16—Stockport County		AW	4-2
21—Port Vale		HW	3-1
28—Bradford City		AW	3-1

October—

5—Crewe Alexandra		AL	4-5
12—Workington		HD	3-3
18—Crewe Alexandra		AL	2-3
19—			
26—Stockport County		HW	5-1

November—

2—			
9—Doncaster Rovers		HL	2-3
23—Rotherham United		AD	2-2
30—			

December—

7—Hull City		AL	1-3
14—Port Vale		HL	1-3
28—Scunthorpe Utd.		HL	1-2

1964 January—

11—Halifax Town		FL	2-4
18—Carlisle United		HL	1-2
25—York City		HW	3-1

February—

1—Lincoln City		AL	1-3
8—Bradford City		HW	6-0
15—			
22—Workington		AL	1-2
29—Crewe Alexandra		HW	4-1

March—

3—Scunthorpe Utd.		AL	3-5
7—Port Vale		AL	0-1
14—Crewe Alexandra		HW	4-0
21—Mossley M.c. Int. Cup		AL	0-2
28—Darlington		AD	1-1

April—

4—			
11—Halifax Town		AL	0-1
15—Hull City		HW	5-1
18—York City		AD	1-1
21—Doncaster Rovers		A	
25—Darlington		H	
29—Lincoln City		H	



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