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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division 4

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CLUB NOTES

One need only look at the Fourth Division table to appreciate how the club's position has deteriorated as a result of four games being lost.

We were in third place after the first three matches, and the outlook was very promising. But we have not picked up a point since then and have dropped into the bottom four.

This is a position from which we can recover. To do that it is not enough for our quality of play to improve. We need more luck, or less ill-luck, than we have had in our recent matches.

Since the season's training began we have had the following out of action: Laurie Calloway, Ted Burgin, Brian Birch, Ray Aspden, John Hardman, George Morton, Bobby Stephenson, Bert Lister, Dave Storf and Barrie Ratcliffe. Each man has had to miss at least one game and, in the case of Storf and Hardman, a number.

On top of these injuries we have been unfortunate in other directions. In the Torquay and Bradford games the opposition had the bounce of the ball. We certainly had good claims for a penalty kick in the Bradford match but the referee thought otherwise.

Last Saturday at Colchester the referee allowed the home team to steal 20 yards with one particular free-kick and, when Reg Jenkins complained, the official lectured our man. Then Colchester tried to steal another five yards. This time the referee was not fooled but he still laughed at Colchester's cheek.

Things like this count when a club is swimming against the tide. We are at present, but confidence remains that we can make the tide turn.

Since the season started there have been two or three letters in local newspapers about the new admission prices at Spotland. We think it is only fair to point out that we introduced the increases after a decision by all Football League clubs to raise the minimum price to four shillings.

Even at this price the admission price to a Soccer match is still ridiculously cheap. The expenses which clubs have to face have increased far more while, in general, the size of football crowds have fallen. When this happens admission prices must go up if clubs are to survive.

It is, perhaps, hard on the faithful. If they could re-introduce their friends to the game, and particularly to Spotland, it would be possible to hold charges at the new figures.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Good evening, everyone. Tonight sees the start of an experiment, that of Friday evening soccer at Spotland.

Behind the experiment lies the hope that more support will be forthcoming

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through keeping clear of nearby fixtures plus the advantage that the weekend will be left free to those wishing to go elsewhere.

The biggest drawback to the expected increase tonight lies in the failure of the team to win lately, plus the success of neighbouring teams. The advantage of the game tonight is the potential of the visitors, Luton Town. Here we have a team that has really experienced hard times of late, relegation following relegation. It will be obvious to all that they will be out to gain promotion to the higher realms of soccer, a point that the home team will have to guard against if Rochdale are to start their tremendous task of climbing the League Table.

Many times we have mentioned the value of publicity and how you, the supporter, can help by talking your mates into coming along to Spotland on match days. We know that things haven't been going according to plan lately but we do deplore those who go around criticising the team whilst pretending to be supporters. At a time like this, the club needs FRIENDS not friendly enemies; are you sure that you are doing your best towards protecting the name of Rochdale Soccer?

May we remind Club Members once again, YOUR Membership is due for renewal. Members should now renew their membership (before the end of September) or it will be lapsed and their application for membership will then have to go before the Committee for approval resulting in a delay for those who wish to use the Clubhouse.

Winner of the Match Ball used during the Bradford game was D. Moon, 43 Crescent Road, Meadway, Rochdale. Tickets for tonight's Match Ball can be purchased from the sellers at 2d. per ticket or 1/- per Book of Six.

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Chester	7	4	0	0	12	5	1	1	1	4	4	11
Colchester United	7	3	1	0	8	1	1	1	1	3	3	10
Doncaster Rovers	7	4	0	0	13	2	1	0	2	2	4	10
Barnsley	7	3	1	0	9	2	1	1	1	2	5	10
Tranmere Rovers	8	2	1	0	4	2	2	1	2	7	11	10
Notts County	7	0	3	1	5	6	3	0	0	6	2	9
Chesterfield	8	1	2	1	7	5	2	1	1	5	4	9
Barrow	7	2	2	0	11	7	1	1	1	6	6	9
Torquay United	7	3	0	0	5	0	1	0	3	6	11	8
Southport	7	2	1	0	5	3	1	1	2	7	10	8
Port Vale	7	3	1	0	7	1	0	0	3	1	4	7
Stockport County	8	2	0	2	7	5	1	1	2	8	5	7
Newport County	7	2	1	0	7	5	1	0	3	5	9	7
Hartlepools United	7	3	0	1	12	6	0	1	2	1	10	7
Aldershot	7	2	0	1	9	4	0	2	2	5	7	6
Wrexham	8	2	1	0	6	2	0	1	4	5	12	6
Luton Town	7	3	0	1	7	4	0	0	3	1	7	6
Darlington	7	1	0	2	2	4	1	2	1	4	6	6
Crewe Alexandra	7	1	0	3	8	5	1	1	1	2	3	5
Lincoln City	7	1	1	1	8	6	1	0	3	4	11	5
Rochdale	7	1	0	2	5	6	1	1	2	4	8	5
Halifax Town	7	0	3	1	5	6	0	1	2	3	7	4
Bradford	7	0	0	3	3	6	2	0	2	8	9	4
Bradford City	7	1	0	3	6	11	0	1	2	5	13	3

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LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB—PEN PICTURES

GIBSON, Jimmy (Wing Half). He was born at Belfast, his first English club being Newcastle United. Then after a spell with Cambridge United, he transferred to Luton on February 2nd, 1965, when he won and retained a First Team place for the remainder of the season.

JARDINE, Freddy (Full Back). Born in Edinburgh. Played for Dundee for two seasons before coming to Luton at the end of season 1960-1961. He came as an outside left, but was successfully converted to a full back, where he figured last season in 32 first team games.

MOORE, John (Wing Half). A newcomer to Luton, having been signed from Motherwell in May, 1965. He was recommended to us by our Scottish representative who forecasts a bright future for him in English football.

O'ROURKE, John (Centre Forward). Was previously with the Arsenal and Chelsea, from whom we signed him on a free transfer in December 1965. He immediately made his mark at Luton and scored 22 goals in 23 League appearances for us. He has also played for London School Boys and the England Youth team. Last season he was dogged by injuries.

READ, Tony (Goalkeeper). Born at Haydock. His first Club was Sheffield Wednesday, and in 1964 he left them to go to Peterborough for whom he also played at Centre Forward. He was transferred to Luton in March, 1965, but unfortunately, owing to a broken bone in his foot, he was unable to play for us last season. With his adaptability on the field, it remains to be seen which will prove to be his better position.

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REID, John (Inside Forward). Previously played for Bradford and Northampton to whom we made a substantial transfer fee in November 1963. He has settled down well at Luton and is a tireless and energetic worker.

RIVERS, Alan (Half Back). Born at Portsmouth, he migrated to this area and was recommended to us in 1961. Progressed through our Junior teams and signed full professional forms in January 1964. Is a very well-built lad who can also play with success at Centre Forward.

THOMSON, Bobby (Full Back). Born at Menstrie, in Scotland. He first came into prominence with Partick Thistle, and was later transferred to Liverpool for a big fee. Luton secured his services from the latter club on the 2nd August, 1965.

TINSLEY, Colin (Goalkeeper). Born at Middlesborough, his first club being Grimsby Town, then on to Exeter City before joining Luton in August, 1963. He made regular appearances in the first team last season, and established himself as first choice.

WHITTAKER, Ray (Outside Left). A Londoner from Bow, his only other club being The Arsenal. He gained England Youth International honours with John O'Rourke in 1962 and 1963, and when we were in need of a left wing he was persuaded to join us in March 1964. He went straight into the first team and held his place for the remainder of the season.

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Aldershot	Home W 1-0	Aug. 21 (S)	Burnley 'A' (S.C.) Away W 3-0
Bradford P.A.	Away W 2-1	" 24 (Tu)	Manchester City 'A' (S.C.) Home W 5-0
Newport County	Away D 1-1	" 28 (S)	Manchester City 'A' (S.C.) Away D 1-1
Barrow (F.L.C.)	Away D 1-1	Sept. 1 (W)	Stockport County (S.C.) Home D 0-0
Torquay United	Home L 2-3	" 4 (S)	Everton 'A' Home W 3-2
Barrow (F.L.C. Replay)	Home W 3-1	" 8 (W)	
Chesterfield	Away L 1-4	" 11 (S)	
Bradford P.A.	Home L 2-3	" 14 (Tu)	
Colchester United	Away L 0-2	" 18 (S)	
Southampton (F.L.C. 2nd Rd.)	Away Home	" 22 (W)	
Luton Town		" 24 (F)	
Barrow	Away	" 25 (S)	
Southport	Home	Oct. 2 (S)	Blackburn Rovers 'A' ... Home
Bradford City	Home	" 5 (Tu)	Bolton Wands. 'A' (S.C.) Home
Crewe Alexandra	Away	" 8 (F)	
Port Vale	Home	" 9 (S)	Crewe Alexandra 'R' Away
Halifax Town	Away	" 16 (S)	Manch. United 'A' (S.C.) Home
Chester	Home	" 22 (F)	
(1) Lincoln City	Home	" 23 (S)	Stockport County (S.C.) Away
Southport	Away	" 29 (F)	Burnley 'A' (S.C.) Home
Darlington	Away	" 30 (S)	
(2) Tranmere Rovers	Away	Nov. 5 (F)	Manch. United 'A' (S.C.) Away
Crewe Alexandra	Home	" 6 (S)	Manchester City 'A' Away
Wrexham	Home	" 13 (S)	Bolton Wands. 'A' (S.C.) Away
Wrexham	Away	" 20 (S)	
Bradford City	Home	" 22 (M)	Bury 'A' (S.C.) Home
Notts County	Away	" 27 (S)	Bury 'A' (S.C.) Away
Port Vale	Home	Dec. 4 (S)	Liverpool 'A' Home
(3) Aldershot	Away	" 10 (F)	Preston North End 'A' Away
Newport County	Home	" 11 (S)	Stockport County Away
(4) Doncaster Rovers	Home	" 18 (S)	Crewe Alexandra 'R' Home
Torquay United	Away	" 27 (M)	Everton 'A' Away
Chesterfield	Home	" 28 (Tu)	Manchester United 'A' Home
Doncaster Rovers	Away	Jan. 1 (S)	Liverpool 'A' Away
Barnsley	Away	" 8 (S)	Bury 'A' Home
Colchester United	Home	" 15 (S)	Blackpool 'A' Away
Luton Town	Away	" 22 (S)	Tranmere Rovers 'A' Away
Barrow	Home	" 29 (S)	Burnley 'A' Home
Chester	Away	Feb. 5 (S)	Burnley 'A' Away
Stockport County	Home	" 12 (S)	Bury 'A' Home
Barnsley	Home	" 19 (S)	Blackpool 'A' Away
Lincoln City	Away	" 26 (S)	Tranmere Rovers 'A' Home
Darlington	Home	Mar. 4 (F)	Burnley 'A' Away
Hartlepools United	Home	" 5 (S)	Bury 'A' Away
Stockport County	Away	" 8 (Tu)	
Tranmere Rovers	Home	" 11 (F)	Blackpool 'A' Home
(F) Hartlepools United	Away	" 12 (S)	Preston North End 'A' Home
Notts County	Away	" 19 (S)	Manchester United 'A' Away
Halifax Town	Home	" 25 (F)	
		Apl. 2 (S)	Stockport County Home
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		" 11 (M)	Tranmere Rovers 'A' Home
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		" 23 (S)	Blackburn Rovers 'A' Away
		" 26 (Tu)	
		" 29 (F)	Manchester City 'A' Home
		" 30 (S)	
		May 6 (F)	
		" 7 (S)	
		" 14 (F)	
		" 16 (M)	
		" 21 (S)	
		" 27 (F)	

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