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KICK-OFF

3 p.m.

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Saturday, 16th October, 1965 Luton Town

OUR NEXT HOME GAMES

SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER
Northern Intermediate League
CITY v HUDDERSFIELD
Kick-off 11 a.m. at Thackley

SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER
North Regional League
CITY v HARTLEPOOLS
Kick-off 3 p.m.

MONDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1965
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Under 15—Carlton v Hanson. Kick-off 8.10 p.m.

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CLUB TOPICS

WELCOME TO THE NEW DIRECTORS

This week the local and national Press have given a great deal of attention and space to the appointment of our new chairman, Mr. Stafford Heginbotham, and Mr. George D. Ide as a fellow director.

We do not intend to repeat here what has already been said on behalf of them, and Mr. Albert Harris, who proposed the new chairman in succession to himself. But we would like to extend a warm welcome to the two newcomers, who, with the other directors, have taken on the task of trying to bring about an improvement in the fortunes of the club.

It is clear that Mr. Heginbotham, who becomes one of the youngest chairman in the Football League, and Mr. Ide have the club at heart and will do everything within their power in an all-out effort to put the club on a better footing, and win back much of the support that has been lost at Valley Parade.

New ideas and moves to bring this about can be expected, but everything cannot be achieved at once and some time, in all fairness, must be allowed to put them into practice.

VALLEY PARADE HISTORY

Today marks a new page in the history of the club. This is the first time that Bradford City and Luton Town have ever met in League competition, and with the fulfilling of this fixture, there are now only four clubs out of the remaining 91 that we have still to meet in League soccer. These are Bristol Rovers, Ipswich Town, Northampton Town and Peterborough United.

Relegated last season, Luton, members of the First Division as recently as 1960, lost four of their first seven matches, but three successive wins have done a great deal to wipe out that uncertain start. In those three games, Luton have scored 11 times, and against Barnsley last Saturday were four up within the first 19 minutes, although they just managed to win by the odd goal in nine in the end.

Their defence has not been over-convincing, conceding seven at home in their last two matches, so there is a chance for us to win at least one point this afternoon.

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If you listened to all of them, and took a consensus of opinion, you would almost certainly come up with a pollsters' result making England the favourites to carry off the coveted award at Wembley on July 30th, 1966.

Their reasoning is logical enough. Host nations invariably do well. Since the end of the 1939-45 war, for example, only one host country has failed to reach the semi-finals. That was Switzerland in 1954, and with England having such a good record at home against foreign opposition, they point out, it is reasonable to suggest that they will do even better under the spur of competition for the World Championship.

Explore the situation more deeply, however, and those same spokesmen seldom fail to point out that, while they are not just advocating success for the home country on the score of visitors being pleasant to their hosts, the one thing they wish to do more than anything else, highly as they respect their own chances, and optimistic as they are of success, is to ensure that the possible mantle of favouritism is shifted from them.

They all want to be underdogs, to give the impression of coming from behind to win. Yes, that even includes Brazil, winners of the trophy in Sweden in 1958 and in Chile in 1962, and, of course, bidding for outright possession of the Cup by registering a hat-trick of victories.

Everybody, it seems, wants to win the World Cup, but nobody wants to be favourite.

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1965-66

		H	W	4—1
1965	Aug. 21	TORQUAY U. ...	H	4—1
	25	CREWE ALEX. ...	H	0—1
	28	BARNSLEY ...	A	2—4
Sept. 4	COLCHESTER U. ...	H	L	1—2
10	TRANMERE ...	A	D	2—2
15	CREWE ALEX. ...	A	L	1—7
18	STOCKPORT ...	H	L	1—7
25	DARLINGTON ...	A	L	0—3
Oct. 2	LINCOLN C. ...	H	W	2—0
5	HALIFAX T. ...	A	L	2—3
8	ROCHDALE ...	A	L	1—5
16	LUTON TOWN ...	H		
23	BARROW ...	A		
30	HARTLEPOOLS ...	H		
Nov. 6	DONCASTER ...	A		
13 (1)	WREXHAM ...	A		
20	BRADFORD ...	H		
Dec. 4 (2)				
11	NEWPORT ...	H		
18	LUTON TOWN ...	A		
27	PORT VALE ...	H		
28	PORT VALE ...	A		
1966				
Jan. 1	ROCHDALE ...	H		
8	SOUTHPORT ...	A		
15	BARROW ...	H		
22 (3)				
29	TORQUAY U. ...	A		
Feb. 5	BARNSLEY ...	H		
12 (4)	CHESTER ...	A		
19	COLCHESTER ...	A		
26	TRANMERE ...	H		
Mar. 5 (5)	CHESTER ...	H		
11	STOCKPORT ...	A		
16	HALIFAX T. ...	H		
19	DARLINGTON ...	H		
25	LINCOLN C. ...	A		
Apl. 2	DONCASTER ...	H		
8	CHESTERFIELD ...	A		
9	ALDERSHOT ...	A		
11	CHESTERFIELD ...	H		
16	WREXHAM ...	H		
20	SOUTHPORT ...	H		
23	(SF) BEADFORD ...	A		
27	NOTTS C. ...	H		
30	ALDERSHOT ...	H		
May 7	NEWPORT ...	A		
14 (F)				
19	NOTTS C. ...	A		
21	HARTLEPOOLS ...	A		

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES

1965-66

		A	L	1—2
1965	Aug. 21	OLDHAM A. ...	A	1—2
	28	SUNDERLAND ...	H	1—4
Sept. 4		SOUTH SHIELDS ...	A	0—5
11		DARLINGTON ...	H	3—0
18		ROTHERHAM U. ...	A	0—3
25				
Oct. 2		HULL CITY ...	A	1—5
9		WORKINGTON ...	H	0—2
16		GATESHEAD ...	A	
23		HARTLEPOOLS ...	H	
30		HARTLEPOOLS ...	A	
Nov. 6		DONCASTER ...	H	
13		HALIFAX T. ...	A	
20		ASHINGTON ...	H	
27		MIDDLESBRO ...	A	
Dec. 4		CARLISLE U. ...	A	
11		BRADFORD ...	H	
18		GATESHEAD ...	H	
25				
1966				
Jan. 1		WORKINGTON ...	A	
8		HALIFAX T. ...	H	
15				
22		OLDHAM A. ...	H	
Feb. 5		SUNDERLAND ...	A	
12		CARLISLE U. ...	H	
19		SOUTH SHIELDS ...	H	
26		DARLINGTON ...	A	
Mar. 5				
12		ROTHERHAM ...	H	
19				
26		HULL CITY ...	H	
Apl. 2		DONCASTER ...	A	
9		YORK CITY ...	H	
16		ASHINGTON ...	A	
23		MIDDLESBRO ...	H	
30		YORK CITY ...	A	
May 7		BRADFORD ...	H	
14				
21				
28				

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Colin Tinsley (goalkeeper) is a native of Middlesbrough. He has been with Grimsby Town and Exeter City from whom Luton secured him in August 1963.

Bobby Thomson (right back) first came into prominence with Partick Thistle and was transferred to Liverpool. Joined Luton in August this year. Hails from Menstrie, Clackmannanshire.

Freddy Jardine (left back) is also a Scott, being born in Edinburgh. Played for Dundee for two seasons before coming as an outside left to Luton in 1961.

John Reid (right half) needs no introduction to Valley Parade. He joined Bradford City from Hamilton, being transferred later to Northampton Town. Joined Luton in November 1963.

Alan Rivers (centre half) is a native of Portsmouth and was recommended to Town in 1961. Progressed through the junior sides, signing full pro. forms in January 1964.

John Moore (left half) was signed from Motherwell in May this year after being

recommended by the club's Scottish representative.

Billy Harber (outside right) was born at Hitchin, Herts, and his home is in Stepney, London. Joined Luton from Swindon Town on a free transfer in September, 1964.

Tony Read (inside right) can also play in goal and centre forward. Was born at Haydock, Lancs., and was with Sheffield Wednesday and Peterborough United before signing for Town in March this year.

John O'Rourke (centre forward) was previously with Arsenal and Chelsea, from whom Town signed him on a free transfer. Has also played for London schoolboys and the England Youth side.

Billy Stark (inside left) hails from Airdrie and was with Carlisle United before moving to Colchester United. Joined Town last month.

Ray Whittaker (outside left) started his League career with Arsenal. Gained England Youth International honours and joined Town in March 1964.

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