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Football League Division IV

BRENTFORD v. LUTON TOWN

Saturday, 27th August, 1966

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

**VOICE OF
BRENTFORD**

We open our Fourth Division campaign at Griffin Park this afternoon with a top of the table clash against our near neighbours and good friends from Luton. While the Bees were winning at Barnsley by a Bobby Ross goal, Luton beat Halifax 2-0 at Kenilworth Road to edge us into second place. We are reasonably satisfied with our first week's work at Griffin Park. The reserves beat Brighton 3-0 in the Football Combination Cup and the Juniors got off to a grand start in the South East Counties League by beating "the auld enemy", Queen's Park Rangers, by a similar score. A Brentford goalkeeper has yet to pick the ball out of the net. Nor were we too disappointed by the goal-less draw against Millwall in the Football League Cup. We feel the Bees looked as good as (if not better) than their Second Division opponents—what a pity that one goal did not mark the difference. Congratulations to the Brentford players on their response to the instructions of the management not to argue or retaliate. Referee Haydn Davies congratulated the team on their sportsmanship and said that more performances like that would make his task much easier this season. Congratulations, too, to our young supporters for heeding the warning about sitting on the track. One minor grouse: what about a little more noise, please, you Bees fans. Finally, we would like to draw attention to our pioneering scheme to offer season tickets at half price to ladies. Charlton followed our lead with a similar plan the next day. The tickets, priced at £4, £3 10s. and £3, are on sale today at the Club Office and the reduction offer will stay in operation until Saturday, October 1st. Many supporters have queried the possibility of a ground season ticket. If there is a genuine response the club is prepared to consider operating such a scheme, but the last time we tried only 21 applicants came forward. We would need some hundreds of interested supporters to make this pay.

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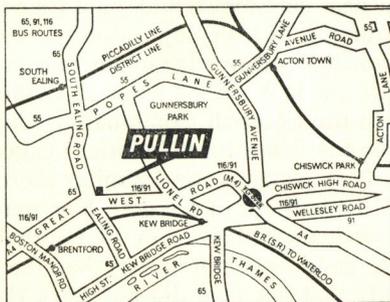
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HISTORIAN'S COLUMN

Welcome to Luton Town, like ourselves one of the teams that has played in all four Divisions of the League since the war. Despite the slump in status in both clubs, there have been some stirring encounters with the Hatters in recent seasons and skipper Peter Gelson refers elsewhere to our 6-2 home defeat at their hands. He will not be facing livewire John O'Rourke this afternoon for the Luton leader joined Middlesbrough in the close season. His replacement today is Gordon Riddick, now in his seventh season at Kenilworth Road and a real handyman. He has played in practically every position for the club. Equally versatile is goalkeeper Tony Read, who last season made six appearances in goal and 35 in the forward line. He scored 12 goals. Other Luton personalities include former Nottingham Forest wingman David Pleat, a former England youth international who has made a splendid recovery from a broken leg, and ex-Arsenal winger Ray Whittaker. London-born Ray also played for England Youth. Alan Slough and Alan Rivers are local boys, and a Scottish flavour is added by Freddie Jardine, another utility man, Bobby Thomson and John Moore. Gerry King is a Welshman who was with Cardiff and Torquay until Luton signed him two months ago.

REPLAY MONDAY

Millwall did the double over us last season, 2-1 at Griffin Park and 1-0 at The Den. Wednesday's 0-0 League Cup game means a Bank Holiday Monday replay at The Den (7.30 p.m.). Note the Bees' amazing defensive record this season—only one goal conceded in six first team matches. Team manager Billy Gray insists the goals will

come at the other end if we persist in trying to play his pattern, but the Brentford enquiries for Brighton's Jack Smith and Scunthorpe goalscorer Brian Bedford prove we have not overlooked that there may be room for improvement.

PRESENTATION

Secretary Denis Piggott was presented with a gold watch after Wednesday's game to mark his 20 years' service at Griffin Park. Although we did not invite contributions from outside, in fact donations came from the Supporters' Club and the Press as well as directors, vice-presidents, management, players and staff. In thanking everyone concerned, Mr. Piggott said that his 20 years at Griffin Park had been a happy association. The first 20 are the worst, Denis.

QUIZ CORNER

Which present player has scored most goals for the Club? Answers on a postcard please and sender of first correct solution wins two stand tickets for a future home game.

RESERVES WIN

Our Reserves got off the mark with a fine 3-0 win over Brighton on Tuesday in the Combination Cup. Our marksmen were Tom Curley, Eddie Reeve and Phil Basey. The Combination Cup which starts the Reserve season is played initially on a League basis with the winner going into the quarter finals. We appear in the B's section, namely Brighton, Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers, Bristol City and Brentford. Our home Combination fixtures will this season be played on Tuesday evenings and you have another chance to see the lads next Tuesday when Bournemouth are the visitors.

Next Home Games

TUESDAY, 30th AUGUST
BRENTFORD v. BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE
Football Combination Cup
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER
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- 4 Ron CRISP
- 5 Peter GELSON
- 6 Mel SCOTT
- 7 Billy COBB
- 8 Tom HIGGINSON
- 9 John DOCHERTY
- 10 Ian LAWThER
- 11 Bobby ROSS

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- 3 Freddy JARDINE
- 4 Bobby THOMSON
- 5 Alan RIVERS
- 6 John MOORE
- 7 David PLEAT
- 8 Gerry KING
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Our new skipper Peter Gelson sends you an early season message "We are trying to play a game completely foreign to that we have played in the past. We hope you the supporter will give us every encouragement especially when things go wrong." Peter takes his new duties as captain seriously and I was most impressed to see him at Watford



Photo by courtesy of MIDDLESEX COUNTY TIMES

**PETER GELSON—
The Bees' New Captain**

congratulate every team-mate as they came off the field having fought hard for a 0-0 draw. Gelson is a local boy who was approached seven years ago by Dennis Heath who lived in the same block of flats, to come along and play for the Juniors. His debut was at inside-right against Chelsea but he dropped back to right half when a colleague was injured and subsequently turned out at right back and centre forward as well as the centre half berth which was obviously

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his true niche. Peter quickly turned professional and made his Combination debut against Gillingham on March 21st, 1960. Another season's apprenticeship with the Reserves and then Ian Dargie was injured in the opening game of the 1961/2 season at Loftus Road and Malcolm MacDonald called up 19 year old Gelson to fill the breach—the first of his 132 League games to date. Peter is too modest to nominate his best game but freely confesses his worst 90 minutes was when Luton came here in February, 1964 and hit us for six with John O'Rourke netting four. Peter even married into football as his wife is the daughter of Bobbie Briggs, former Hounslow stalwart.

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
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TO
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Issued by order of the Council of The Football Association,

**DENIS FOLLOWS,
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The Bees Club

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SUNDAY	SING-A-LONG Jack Allen and The Club Trio	Members free Members' Guests 2/6
MONDAY Bank Holiday	FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE CLUB TRIO	Members free Members' Guests 2/-

IN A LINE

We have been drawn away to Wimbledon in the first round of the London Challenge Cup on October 3rd.

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All our three teams won their first game of the season without conceding a goal.

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Bobby Ross' goal at Barnsley was his first for us in 18 League outings.

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The new Brentford Handbook should be on sale in the next fortnight.

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We have not lost the opening League game of the season since 1961.

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There are three trainee taxi drivers on our staff—Chic Brodie, Ron Crisp and Mike Block.

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In winning at Barnsley we equalled our number of away victories last season.

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Hughie McLaughlin scored in his first Southern League game for Gravesend.

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Our former manager, Malcolm MacDonald, attended the Millwall Cup-tie.

HALF-TIME SCORES
SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1966

DIVISION I

- A—Arsenal v. Aston Villa
- B—Chelsea v. Sheffield Wednesday
- C—Leicester City v. West Ham United
- D—Newcastle United v. Notts. Forest
- E—Stoke City v. Fulham

DIVISION III

- F—Leyton Orient v. Scunthorpe United
- G—Watford v. Queen's Park Rangers

DIVISION IV

- H—Bradford City v. Tranmere Rovers
- J—Chester v. Bradford
- K—Chesterfield v. Lincoln City
- L—Exeter City v. Southend United
- M—Halifax Town v. Aldershot
- N—Hartlepoons United v. Wrexham
- O—Newport County v. Barnsley
- P—Notts. County v. Port Vale
- R—Rochdale v. Barrow

ERIC WHITE WRITES

Do you believe in "horses for courses"? Team manager Billy Gray has certain reservations about this old adage. My old friend George Sands of the *Middlesex Chronicle* who has only missed two Brentford games in over 30 years suggests that unusual sequences are due to the long arm of coincidence. Maybe he's right but we would certainly

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like to play all our away games—and last season's home ones—at Barnsley. For in 13 trips to Oakwell we have lost just once. Think how both teams have changed in these games but it is still the best bet on the pools to mark Barnsley v. Brentford as x, 2. We have a peculiar sequence with Leicester City with each club winning or drawing on the others ground. It reached such a state that a Leicester director once said "Don't come up next year, we will parcel the points up and send them down." Then Leicester ended the sequence by whipping us 6-0 at home.

TWICE IN A DAY

Alan Hawley probably set up some kind of a record in the pre-season match with Portsmouth. He lined up at centre forward and was replaced at half-time by John Docherty. Into the bath went Alan to join Jimmy Sirrel on the trainer's bench. Off went George Thomson and back came Alan at right back thus probably becoming the first player to sandwich a bath between two sessions on the field in different positions.

Which reminds me that Billy Gray is probably the only person to have played in League and Combination soccer in the *same* day. 'Twas on the morning of Monday, December 27th, 1948, that he turned out in an away Combination match for Leyton Orient Reserves and in the afternoon he played for Orient against Port Vale in a home Third Division game.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

TWO LOCAL DERBY MATCHES

Luton and Brentford are both fancied by the experts as promotion candidates, so we can expect this afternoon's game to have all the excitement and tension of previous encounters. A good start to the season is essential and fans will need to be in good voice if we are to roar the Bees on to victory.

Our next assignment is at Aldershot next Saturday, in what is again virtually a local derby. This is a great chance for all Bees fans to give their support away from home, with special excursion fares

of 5/- adults and 4/- juniors, we expect a record number to be on the coaches when they leave St. Paul's Hall at 12.45 p.m.

MID WEEK TO LINCOLN

For the match at Lincoln on Wednesday, 7th September, coach fares will be 16/- adults and 14/- juniors. Departure time is 1.30 p.m. and we are unlikely to arrive back in Brentford much before 2 a.m. Thursday morning.

We wish to impress on members that bookings for the trip should be made no later than Saturday, 3rd September.

OUR NEW CLUB ROOM

As from the beginning of September, Friday night will be Supporters' Club Night. Members will be welcomed at The Braemar Hall (Princess Royal) between 7.30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Amongst facilities available will be a licensed bar. Bookings for coach travel, theatre trips and other social events can be made during the evening. The darts section has already moved in, why don't you?

GENTLEMEN ONLY

A limited number of tickets (25/- each) are available for our next smoking concert on Tuesday, 13th September at the Boathouse Hotel, Kew. Contact a committee member as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

THE SOUTHEND LIGHTS, AND FIREWORKS?

Our annual trip to see the Southend Lights has been planned for Saturday, 17th September, so that we can also take in the Southend v. Brentford game. For members not wishing to stay for the lights, express coaches will return immediately after the match.

MILLWALL REPLAY

Coaches for supporters wishing to travel to The Den on Monday evening will leave at 5.30 p.m. **BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER TODAY'S MATCH OR NOT AT ALL!**

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