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SHAY GROUND ATTRACTIONS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION IV

Monday, 26th December

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

Town v. Barrow

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DIVISION IV

	P	W.	L.	D.	Goals		Pts.
					For	Ag.	
Stockport County	20	14	3	3	29	11	31
Southport	21	12	5	4	35	19	28
Wrexham	20	8	2	10	39	20	26
Barrow	21	9	4	8	40	29	26
Southend United	20	10	7	3	34	23	23
Aldershot	22	8	7	7	32	28	23
Tranmere Rovers	19	7	4	8	24	17	22
Hartlepoons United	20	9	7	4	28	24	22
Chesterfield	19	8	6	5	26	22	21
Bradford City	20	9	8	3	33	28	21
Newport County	20	8	7	5	29	25	21
Crewe Alex	19	7	6	6	26	29	20
Brentford	20	8	8	4	27	32	20
Halifax Town	20	7	8	5	31	34	19
Barnsley	21	7	10	4	28	30	18
Exeter City	20	5	7	8	24	28	18
Port Vale	19	6	7	6	20	24	18
Chester	19	6	8	5	23	38	17
Bradford (P.A.)	20	5	9	6	29	38	16
York City	20	5	10	5	31	38	15
Luton T.	21	6	12	3	25	43	15
Rochdale	19	4	9	6	22	32	14
Notts County	20	4	10	6	28	41	14
Lincoln City	20	3	11	6	29	39	12

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NORTHERN FLOODLIT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

League Championship Table after games played 7th December

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Halifax Town	8	4	3	1	16	9	11
Oldham Athletic	9	4	1	4	19	17	9
Wigan Athletic	8	4	1	3	16	21	9
Bradford City	9	2	4	3	15	10	8
Crewe Alexandra	9	3	2	4	17	18	8
Port Vale	9	2	3	4	14	22	7

The Wigan Athletic v Halifax Town game postponed on 30th November, will be played on Wednesday, December 21st. Kick-off 7-30 pm.

Subject to confirmation by Club Reports.

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Club Comments . . .

Seven league and cup matches without defeat. With that record we prepare for this afternoon's match against Luton Town, one of the Division's indifferently placed clubs, who will be keen to avoid a hat-trick of away reverses against Yorkshire sides. They have lost on the grounds of Barnsley and Bradford City.

Our boys are confident. But they had their own belief confirmed a week ago when Crewe Alexandra, who were beaten by 1-0, offered such dogged resistance. There is no such thing as an "easy match" in any Division. For that reason we do not attach too much significance to the statistic that Luton have still to win an away match, while we are unbeaten at home.

Five successive league wins have taken us from 22nd to 14th place in the table. After to-day's game we have another Shay fixture—against Barrow on Boxing Day—before three away Division Four matches, against Aldershot, Barrow and Southend United. After last weekend's games, those clubs were placed sixth, fourth and fifth, an indication of the task ahead of us. And, between the matches at Barrow and Southend, comes the F.A. Cup second-round tie at Bishop Auckland's ground.

Team spirit is high. Our side is proving that the critics who suggested earlier in the season that it merited better results than were being achieved were right. And—most important, this—you, the public, are responding by giving the support so essential if the club is to progress rather than to survive.

You will notice, on another page, that match balls are being presented to the club by individuals, firms and sports organizations. For this assistance we are grateful. Besides being a considerable saving so far as Halifax Town are concerned, this type of gesture reflects a new and continuing enthusiasm from those on the outside looking in, at this important time in our history.

Our Visitors

Luton Town, who were among the promotion challengers last season, are one of only three clubs which have played in all four Divisions of the Football League since the war, the others being Brentford and Northampton Town.

Managed by one of their former players, Scottish inside forward Alan Brown, they entered the transfer market recently in an attempt to boost the defence's power. Max Dougan, a Leicester City centre-half, was recruited, and made his debut last Saturday in a 3-2 victory against Chesterfield.

On their previous Division Four visit to the Shay—last May—Luton were beaten by 3-0, a setback that contributed importantly to their failure to regain Division Three status at the first attempt. They gained some revenge in the opening game of the present season, which we lost by 2-0 at Kenilworth Road.

But Luton will find us a different proposition this afternoon. To them our side will be almost unrecognisable from the one they defeated in August. It is likely to include only six players who did duty on that occasion.

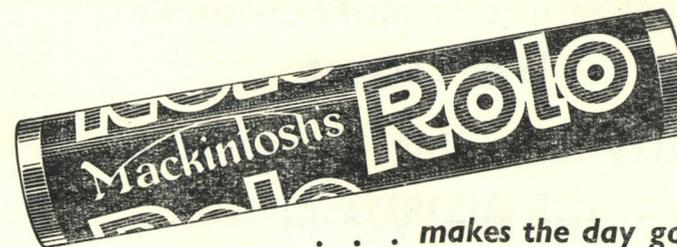
Luton's away record has been disappointing. They are seeking their first triumph on tour. A goalless draw at Chester in the League, and a 1-1 draw in the F.A. Cup first-round at Exeter represent the only variation from defeats at Brentford (0-1), Rochdale (0-3), Barnsley (1-2), Wrexham (0-2), Southport (1-4), Newport (0-2), Bradford City (1-2), Barrow (0-3) Port Vale (0-1), and Lincoln (1-8).

Their 25 League goals are credited to Riach (eight), Thear (five), Whittaker (four), Riddick (two), and King, Moore, Pleat, Rivers, Conboy and Slough (one each).

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Right	2	3	Left
	Russell	Bodell	
	4	6	
	Smith	Holt	
	5	Lee (J.)	
	8	10	
	Hutchinson	Atkins	
7		11	
Taylor		Holmes	



Referee:

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Linesmen:

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Yellow Flag

11	10	9	8	7
Whittaker	Rioch	Riddick	Pleat	French
	6	5	4	
	Moore	Dougan	Slough	
Left	3	2	Right	
	Jardine	Thomson		

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LUTON T.

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PEN PICTURES

READ, Tony (Goalkeeper). Born Haydock. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday, and was transferred from Peterborough in March 1965.

THOMSON, Bobby (Right Back). A Scot from Munstrie. Was transferred to Liverpool from Partick at a big fee. Signed for Luton in 1965.

JARDINE, Freddie (Left Back). Another Scot, played 2 seasons with Dundee before coming South to sign for Luton in 1961.

SLOUGH, Alan (Right Half). A Luton boy who has graduated through the ranks before signing full-time terms in 1965. Can also play inside.

MOORE, John (Left Half). Is in his second season at Luton. Was signed from Motherwell, and scored five goals last season.

FRENCH, Graham (Outside Right). Won Youth caps for England with Shrewsbury, and played for Swindon and Watford before Luton.

PLEAT, David (Inside Right). Born Nottingham. Played for England Youth team and also Notts Forest, from whom Luton signed him in 1964.

RIDDICK, Gordon (Centre Forward). Turned professional in 1961. He has been with Luton all his career, making many first-team appearances.

RIOCH, Eddie (Inside Left). Born in Aldershot, but brought up in Luton, and signed professional terms with them in 1963.

WHITTAKER, Ray (Outside Left). A Londoner from Bow. His only other club was Arsenal. Signed for Luton in March 1964.

Football League Division Four

Reserves Northern Floodlit League

1966		FIRST TEAM		F	A	Oct.		12—Crewe Alexandra ...		3	2
Sat.	Aug.	20—Luton Town ...	0	2					26—BRADFORD CITY ...	0	0
Sat.	Aug.	27—ALDERSHOT ...	2	2	Nov.				2—Port Vale ...	1	3
Sat.	Sep.	3—Wrexham ...	0	4					9—Oldham Athletic	4	1
Mon.		5—York City ...	3	4					16—CREWE ALEXANDRA	1	0
Fri.		9—SOUTHEND UNITED	2	2					23—Bradford City ...	1	1
Fri.		16—Tranmere Rovers	0	1					30—Wigan Athletic		P
Fri.		23—BRADFORD CITY	2	2	Dec.				7—PORT VALE ...	1	1
Tues.		27—YORK CITY ...	2	0					14—OLDHAM ATHLETIC	0	0
Sat.	Oct.	1—Exeter City ...	2	3					21—Wigan Athletic		
Fri.		7—Lincoln City ...	3	3							
Sat.		15—CHESTERFIELD ...	1	0							
Tues.		18—Brentford ...	0	1							
Fri.		21—Stockport County ...	1	2	Jan.						
Sat.		29—ROCHDALE ...	1	1							
Sat.	Nov.	5—Southport ...	0	2							
Sat.		12—NOTTS COUNTY ...	5	2	Feb.						
Tues.		15—BRENTFORD ...	3	2							
Sat.		19—Chester ...	2	0							
Sat.		26—(1)DONCASTER	2	2							
Tues.		29—(Replay)—Doncaster	3	1							
Sat.	Dec.	3—Port Vale ...	1	0	Mar.						
Sat.		10—CREWE ALEXANDRA	1	0							
Sat.		17—LUTON TOWN ...									
Sat.		24—									
Mon.		26—BARROW ...									
Sat.		31—Aldershot ...									
1967											
Mon.	Jan.	2—Barrow ...									
Sat.		7—(2) ...									
Sat.		14—Southend United ...									
Sat.		21—TRANMERE ROVERS									
Sat.		28—(3) ...									
Sat.	Feb.	4—Bradford City ...									
Sat.		11—EXETER CITY ...									
Sat.		18—(4) Newport County									
Sat.		25—LINCOLN CITY ...									
Sat.	Mar.	4—Chesterfield ...									
Sat.		11—(5) NEWPORT COUNTY									
Sat.		18—STOCKPORT COUNTY									
Sat.		25—Bradford ...									
Mon.		27—Barnsley ...									
Tues.		28—BARNLSLEY ...									
Sat.	Apr.	1—SOUTHPORT ...									
Sat.		8—(6) Notts County ...									
Tues.		11—HARTLEPOOLS UNITED									
Sat.		15—CHESTER ...									
Sat.		22—Rochdale ...									
Mon.		24—Hartlepoons United									
Sat.		29—(S.F.) PORT VALE									
Sat.	May	6—Crewe Alexandra ...									
Sat.		13—BRADFORD ...									
Sat.		20—(FINAL)									
Sat.		27—WREXHAM ...									

Knock-out Competition

Jan.	11—
	18—
	25—
Feb.	1—
	8—
	15—
	22—
	22—(S.F.)
Mar.	1—(S.F.)
	8—(F)
	15—(F)

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

SEASON 1966/67

		GOALS	
		League	F.A. Cup
RAYNOR	2		
RUSSELL	24		
CLARKE	7		
SMITH	23	1	
LEE R.	5		
McMILLAN	11		
TAYLOR	23	1	
ATKINS	24	15	1
WESTLAKE	7	1	
LEE J.	19	1	
WOOLER	3		
FIDLER	10	3	
PICKERING	12		
BALMER	3		
WHITE	22		
McCARTHY	13		1
HOLT	19		
CLIFF	1		
PARKS	16	4	1
BODELL	11		
HOLMES B.	2		
HUTCHINSON	7	4	2

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Assistant Secretary—Mr A. Hodgson
Treasurer—Mr J. R. Eastwood

To-day we extend a warm welcome to Luton Town supporters to the Shay. We would like to inform them that there is a cordial welcome in the Supporters' Club, which is open to all. All popular brands of beer and spirits are on sale at the bars.

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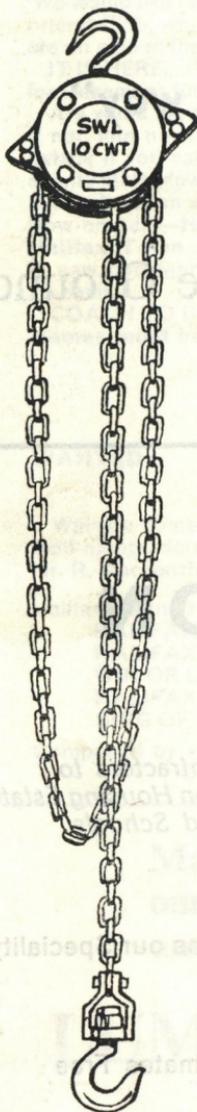
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