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GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTES

After the hullabaloo, tension and excitement of the Football League Cup, we today return to the comparative calm of the Fourth Division. Nevertheless, the result of today's game with Luton Town is equally, if not more important to us than the outcome of the Blackpool Cup-tie.

Cup football can have a tremendous bearing on a Club's fortunes during any given season and provides that extra spice and variety to break up the all important task of accumulating League points. I've always considered that Cup and League football, whilst totally different in their approach are complimentary to each other during a long and arduous football season.

Clubs safely placed in the League tables pray for a Cup run to stimulate interest and also swell the coffers. Others, finding themselves in the promotion or relegation zones are happy to concentrate on winning vital points without the distraction of too many Cup commitments. The ideal, of course, is success in both League and Cup simultaneously but this is only experienced on such rare occasions as was enjoyed by Queens Park Rangers last season or when the mighty Spurs pulled off the much vaunted "double."

It is as true in football as it is elsewhere, to say that success begets success but such is the keeness of modern soccer that a glut of extra fixtures can prove a tremendous burden on a Club's playing resources. Hence, season after season, we witness clubs "falling between two stools."

Clubs, like ourselves, in the lower divisions must seek a modicum of success and glory in all competitions to survive if not to prosper. Cup competitions bring in much needed revenue and gives us the opportunity to win friends as I'm sure we did against Blackpool on Tuesday night. Be that as it may, if we have to discuss priorities then ours, of necessity, must be promotion to the Third Division. This I strongly feel, must be achieved within the next two seasons as playing to small crowds and travelling to play matches in the remote North can be financial suicide.

More important it has to be acknowledged that the long suffering Newport public will not be waded back to Somerton Park in any numbers until we give them better class football—this is our aim.

GENERAL MANAGER

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TODAY'S GAME

A warm welcome is extended to the Directors, Manager, Players and Supporters of Luton Town F.C. After closely missing promotion in 1965/66, Luton finished in 17th position last season, one position above the County. This season Luton have gained 6 points from 5 games, having beaten Barnsley and Hartlepools at home and drawn with Wrexham and Swansea away. Their only defeat to date was at Southend.

LUTON TOWN F.C. — PEN PICTURES

Tony Read Goalkeeper. Born at Haydock. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday, later going to Peterborough from whom we secured him in March, 1965. Is equally well at home in the Centre Forward position.

Tommy Hare Right Back. Signed from Southampton in July, 1967. A Scot whose birth place is Motherwell.

Freddie Jardine Left Back. Another Scot, from Edinburgh, he played for Dundee before coming South to Luton in 1961. Although originally an Outside Left he has now settled into the left back position.

Billy McDerment Right Half. Born at Paisley, was transferred from Leicester City in July, 1967, and comes with a reputation as being a rugged type player.

Terry Branston Centre Half. Signed in June from Northampton Town for whom he played regularly and has appeared in all four divisions of the Football League.

John Moore Left Half. His third season at Luton, being a regular member of our first team. Previously played for Motherwell. Was born at Hart Hill (Scotland).

Micky Brown Right Wing. Was born at Slough and made his League debut for Fulham where he spent five seasons followed by two seasons at Millwall, joined Luton, July, 1967.

Max Dougan Centre Forward. Cost Luton a sizeable transfer fee in December, 1966. His two previous clubs were Queens Park (Scotland) and Leicester City. Gained five Amateur International Caps whilst with the former.

Ray Whittaker Left Wing. A Londoner from Bow, he played for the Arsenal with whom he gained England Youth International Caps before coming to Luton in March, 1964. He has been a regular member of our first team ever since.

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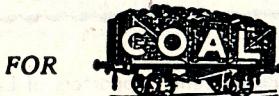
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JOHN ROWLAND

Born in Newport John Rowland commenced his football career at Corporation Road School. He joined the County as an Amateur in 1951, but in 1954 he went to Lovells Athletic for whom he signed professional in 1957. He returned to Somerton Park in 1958 and since that date has been a familiar figure in the league side, making over 400 appearances to the commencement of the present season.

A consistent player, John who has performed for the County at full back and inside forward prefers the half back position where this season he is playing as well as ever.

He was the first Newport County player to be awarded an Under-23 International Cap when he played for Wales against Scotland.

A married man with a son and daughter, John would like to continue in football in a Managerial or Coaching capacity when his playing days are over, but considers he has a few seasons left yet. Having seen most of the Fourth Division sides, he believes that the present side have a good chance of finishing in the top four.

He loves watching football and his favourite singer is Sammy Davis Junior.

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Programme Jottings

League Div. IV v. Doncaster (Away)

Drew 1-1

Timson, Williams D., Wilson, Wood, Williams A., Rowland, Thomas, Mellings, Jones D., Hill, King. Sub. Stark. Scorer—Hill. Attendance 6,207

League Cup (Round 2) v. Blackpool (Home) Lost 0-1

Timson, Williams D., Wilson, Wood, Williams A., Rowland, Thomas, Mellings, Jones D., Hill, King. Sub. Stark. Attendance 13,157

Welsh League (Premier Division) v. Cardiff City (Home) Drew 1-1

Ware, Cook, Collins, Smith A., Deacy, Walters, Haines, Pugh, Smith G., Robinson, Wooley. Sub. Cooper. Scorer—Wooley.

Last season the honours were shared with Luton Town, the County winning 2-0 at home, but losing 3-1 at Luton.

v. Luton (Home) Won 2-0

Beswick, Williams D., Bird, Wood, Rathbone, Rowland, Smith G., Fraser, Jones D., Hill, Morgan. Scorers—Fraser, Morgan

v. Luton (Away) Lost 1-3

Beswick, Williams D., Bird, Wood, Rathbone, Hill, Thomas, Pugh, Fraser, Jones D., Morgan. Scorer—Thomas.

Forthcoming Matches

Saturday, 23rd September PEMBROKE (Welsh League) 3.0 p.m.

Saturday, 30th September WREXHAM (Div. IV) 3.0 p.m.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Congratulations to the County team on the magnificent fight they put up last Tuesday. Not one of the crowd could have left Somerton Park without feeling that the County at least deserved a draw. Let us hope the team will now get the support they deserve in League matches.

Today we welcome our very good friends from Luton Supporters' Club and a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shephard who have done so much to foster the closeness of the two Supporters' Clubs. We shall be holding a Social evening after the match in the Social Club and all Members are most welcome to attend.

Membership is going very well this season but there are still lots of you who have not renewed or joined. We hope to make this a record year so why not register today?

We would like your suggestions or constructive criticism, drop the Secretary a line or contact any Member of the Council they will be only too glad to have your comments.

The County has made a very successful start to the season, why not tell your friends about this and persuade them to come along to Somerton Park.

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RESERVE TEAM APPEARANCE

TABLE AND GOAL SCORERS

(Up to and including Saturday, 9th Sept.,

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		Appearances	Goals
Chesterfield	...	5	4	1	0	11	3	9	Weare	...
Southend	...	5	4	1	0	10	3	9	Cook	6
Aldershot	...	5	3	2	0	12	3	8	Collins	3
Lincoln	...	5	3	1	1	9	6	7	Walters	5
Crewe	...	5	2	2	1	10	5	6	Smith (A)	6
Hartlepools	...	5	2	2	1	4	2	6	Haines	6
Brentford	...	5	3	0	2	9	5	6	Pugh	5
Halifax	...	5	2	2	1	6	4	6	Davies (P)	4
Newport	...	5	2	2	1	9	6	6	Robinson	5
Wrexham	...	5	2	2	1	8	6	6	Smith (G)	6
Swansea	...	5	2	2	1	7	6	6	King	2
Luton	...	5	2	2	1	6	6	6	Young	2
Bradford C.	...	5	2	1	2	7	8	5	Deacy	3
Darlington	...	5	1	3	1	7	8	5	Wookey	2
Rochdale	...	5	1	1	2	6	10	4	Cooper	5
Barnsley	...	5	1	2	2	3	6	4		
Notts C.	...	5	1	2	2	4	8	4		
Doncaster	...	5	0	3	2	4	6	3		
Exeter	...	5	1	1	3	6	9	3		
Bradford	...	5	0	3	2	3	8	3		
Chester	...	5	1	1	3	4	11	3		
York C.	...	5	0	2	3	5	8	2		
Port Vale	...	5	0	2	3	3	7	2		
Workington	...	5	0	1	4	4	13	1		

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