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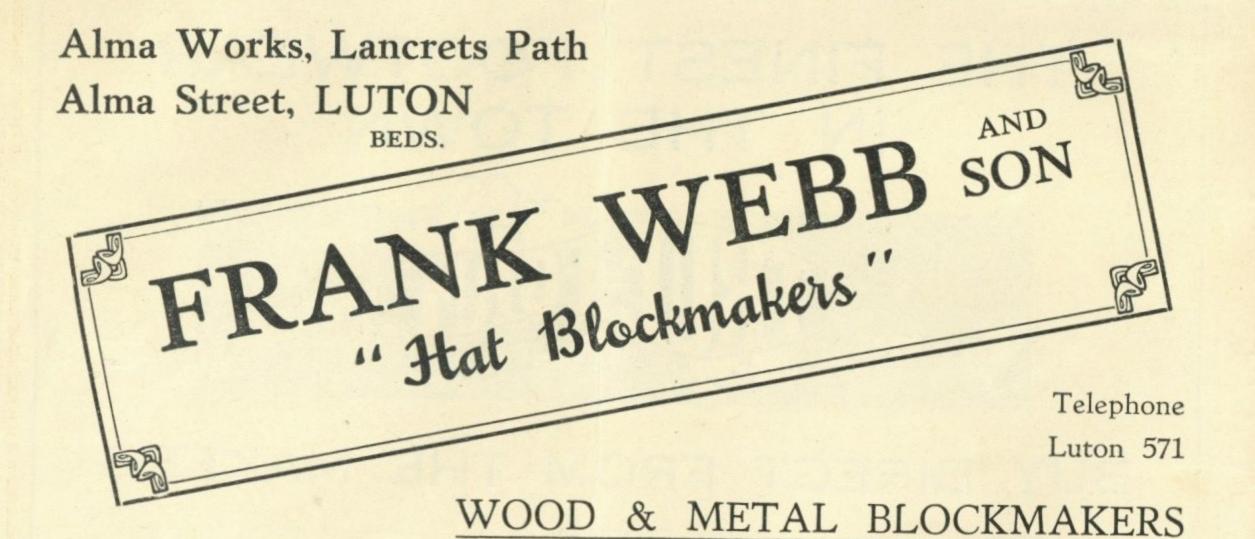
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TODAY, the final match of the season, we entertain Torquay United, and we extend to them our sincere cordialities as our guests. They have not had such a successful season as usual this term and are in fact in danger, should they lose today, of having to apply for re-election. Our previous game with them was on a Wednesday evening in September last, and a thrilling tussle ended in a drawn game of two goals each. Everyone who witnessed the game will long remember Torquay's fighting rally in the last few minutes of the match when they equalised a two goal deficit.

What does today hold in store for us? A victory will mean Division II football next term, and although soccer fans in Luton consider the result a foregone conclusion, just remember that a match is not won, lost or drawn until the final whistle blows. The players have given us excellent service, the football has been a delight to watch, and it can be truthfully said they have earned their vacation. Shall we leave it then here and await further comments until after the match.

#### UP, THE STRAW HATS!

By the Programme Editor (Mr. A. G. Berry) Norwich City F.C.

If the united wishes of 20,000 Norwich City supporters can do it, Luton Town will be in the Second Division tonight. When the "Canaries" ventured into professional football thirty-two years ago Luton Town was one of the eighteen clubs competing in the Southern League and the association has continued unbroken until the last three years.

But it is not only our affection for old friends that makes us anxious to see the Town promoted, our concern is much more selfish. With the exception of the London clubs, Norwich has not a near neighbour in the League but you are in our district, we look on you as one of the same family and the trip by road to Luton will be a pleasant little journey for us.

I happen to know that from my house to Luton is 101 miles, because I bought a Vauxhall car and collected it from the works myself and that is an easy run for the teams and, above all, for us, the keen supporters of both clubs. When it looked as though Notts County must win on the post many Norwich supporters expressed their disappointment at the loss of a very handy away game, but the attack of nerves on the part of the County last Saturday has raised our hopes again.

We know you are going to win today and when you are actually champions of the League the three cheers given at Norwich should be heard easily at Luton. You have good gates and you play good football, but you are popular in Norwich because you have always had the reputation here of playing a sporting game. We like to keep old friends and when you come to Carrow Road next season we will greet you with "Boos" as heartily as ever we did in the old days.

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As there seems some little amount of controversy regarding the inclusion of the number of Season Ticket Holders in the attendance figures, the Editor wishes to state that the total number of Season Ticket Holders (whether present or otherwise) IS included in the League III attendances but NOT in the London Combination attendances.

#### PLAYERS' APPEARANCES

	League III	London Combination	F.A. Cup	Other Matches	Total
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Ball J. T	15 8			6 2	36 23
Beresford, F. E		11 3		7 6	18 9
Booton, H		35 2		7 2	18 9 42 3 19 3
Childs, C		13		6 2	
Coen, J. L	11	33		9	53
Cox, G		7 2			7 2
Crompton, W	1	9 1		5 1	7 2 15 2 20 8
Dawes, A. G	20 8				
Dolman, H. W	30	7	4	6	47
Fellowes, W. J	40 1		4	7	51 1
Finlayson, J	39 2		4	7 1	50 3
Godfrey, W. P. B	1	23		12 1	36 1
Gooney, W. H		12		5	17
Hall, L		5 1		9	14 1
Hancock, E	17	6 6	1	2 1 2	26 8
Hodge, J	16	21 6	2	8 2	47 9
Hogg, F		12 3 19 3		7 1	19 4
Hosier, F. J				10 5	29 8
Hubbard, A	2	21		7	30
Kidd, G. I		36		6	42
King, T. P	10	2			12
Kingham, H. R		19		15 1	34 1
Lutterloch, B	2	32 3		11 3	45 6
McGinnigle, H	1	35		7	43
McGowan, P		2		1	3
Mackey, T. S	29	1 1	4	5	39 1
Martin, G. S	3	17 5	1	5 3	- 26 8
Mills, H	2	17 2		10 14	29 16
Nelson, J	40		4	5	49
Parris, J. E	2	6 1			8 1
Payne, J	38 53		4 3	3 9	45 65
Rich, L. T	10 2	27 9	1	12 2	50 13
Roberts, F	41 8		4 3	5 1	50 12
Sloan, F	2	34 6	3 1	4 3	43 10
Smith, T. S	41		4	5	50
Stephenson, G. H	36 16		4 1	4 1	44 19
Stevens, R. F	2	15 4		7 3	24 7
Amateurs and Others		16 9		50 12	66 21

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F.A. CUP FINAL Sunderland v. Preston LEAGUE GAMES

B Aldershot v. Swindon Town Bournemouth v. Watford

D Brighton v. Clapton Orient

E Bristol City v. Cardiff City

F Exeter City v. Reading G Gillingham v. Millwall

H Newport Co. v. Bristol Rovers ......

Northampton v. Southend U.

Q.P.R. v. Crystal Palace

M Walsall v. Notts County N Arsenal v Bolton Wanderers ......

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West Ham U. v. Sheffield U.

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Now let us give to the boys three cheers and also repeat it for the Board of Directors and all those who have helped to do their bit for what we hope will be our achievement. Of course you all know we shall want your support more than ever now, so that we can assist the Board in any work they undertake to do. Don't delay therefore in joining the Club and also watch the papers for our different schemes that we have on hand during the summer recess.

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#### LEAGUE TABLES

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	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.	
LUTON TOWN	41	26	11	4	101	53	56	
Notts County		23	8	10	73	50	56	
Brighton & Hove A.	41	24	13	4	73	42	52	
Watford	41	19	11	11	82	56	49	
Reading		19	11	11	76	58	49	
Bournemouth		19	13	9	62	57	47	
Millwall	-	18	13	10	64	53	46	
Queens Park Rangers		18	14	9	72	49	45	
Southend United		17	13	11	75	63	45	
Northampton	41	19	16	6	81	65	44	
Clapton Orient	41	14	13	14	51	51	42	
Gillingham		17	16	8	51	66	42	
Swindon Town		14	16	11	74	71	39	
Crystal Palace		12	17	12	59	60	36	
Bristol Rovers		16	22	3	69	78	35	
Cardiff City		14	20	7	50	84	35	
Bristol City		14	21	6	56	69	34	
Walsall		12	19	10	61	84	34	
Newport County		12	20	9	65	96	33	
Torquay United		11	20	10	56	76	32	
Exeter City	100		20	12	57	88	30	
Aldershot	41	6	26	9	48	88	21	

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	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Arsenal	46	30	8	8	139	39	68
West Ham United		30	9	6	124	53	66
Charlton Athletic		25	10	11	99	47	61
Coventry City	4 ***	25	13	7	114	62	57
Chelsea		23	14	9	97	81	55
	45	20	13	12	88	64	52
	45	22	15	8	89	68	52
Tottenham Hotspur		21	15	9	113	79	51
	45	21	17	6	81	73	48
Queens Park Rangers		21	19	5	75	76	47
	45	17	17	11	84	91	45
Crystal Palace	4 ***	16	17	12	71	82	44
Brighton & Hove A		15	19	11	69	87	41
Southend United		17	21	7	83	100	41
Bournemouth		17	22	7	61	94	41
Leicester City		17	22	6	69	89	40
Watford		15	23	7	81	100	37
LUTON TOWN		14	23	9	80	111	37
	4-	14	23	8	61	83	36
Bristol City	4-	13	21	10	58	85	36
Swansea Town		15	24	6	75	108	36
Reading	11	12	24	10	75	104	34
Southampton	4-		26	6	71	111	32
Millwall	45	13		7	49	109	29
Clapton O	. 45	11	27	1	49	109	49

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### The Chairman's Message

TODAY we close yet another chapter in the history of Luton Town Football Club.

At the moment of writing we dare not express all we hope for from today's game with Torquay United. We shall be more than content if we have won, for it will mean not only a happy ending to the chapter for 1936-37, but the closing of the Third Division Book of the old Club, and the opening, or the re-opening, of the Book of the Second Division.

Thirty-nine years have elapsed since the Club resigned from the Second Division and returned to the old Southern League.

For the last seventeen years there has been a long struggle to return to the Second Division. If we are successful this afternoon we shall have earned the honour.

The end of the season is a trying time for officials and players of every club. That this season should end on a happy note, as we hope it will, does not relieve any of us from the anxieties that are impossible of evasion.

Players come and players go. It is in the nature of their calling, and while we should like to retain all our players we and they recognise that we cannot do so.

To all of them we can express our thanks for the splendid football they have given us during the season. Every man has done his best, and the football has been of a quality as high as any we have had in Luton for many, many years.

To those players who are leaving us we extend our best wishes for success in other circles, and if we can reasonably assist them we shall do so.

To those who remain we wish a more successful time than they have had this season, and we hope that all the players will enjoy the vacation, and will find themselves happily situated in every respect when August comes.

To the loyal supporters we also extend our heartiest thanks for their attendance and for the encouragement they have given to us as well as to the players, and we trust that next season they will see better football than ever.

Personally I have to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors for the magnificent support and confidence they have given to me at all times. Differences have been necessary, but they have been educative differences, and there has been team work in the Board Room as well as on the field of play.

May that spirit remain is the sincere wish of

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CHAS. JEYES, Chairman.