

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Versus

LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

PLAYED ON THE WEDNESDAY GROUND

SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1946. KICK-OFF 2.15 p.m.



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LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Our visitors were founded in 1885 and in their early days wore blue and pink caps. They were amateurs for five years and then it was decided to offer each of three players five shillings a week. In 1891 the whole team became professionals, half a crown being paid for a home match and three shillings for an away game. They also received payment for lost time up to 12 a.m. on a Saturday.

In this way Luton became the pioneers of professionalism in the South, though this distinction is often given to Woolwich Arsenal. It is interesting to note that Luton's first transfer of note was to obtain a player from Arsenal named Julian. This was in 1892 and he was made captain of the side.

Luton were original members of the old Southern League, and also of the Third Division (South). They had, however, three seasons in the Second Division between 1897-8 and 1899-1900, but found the opposition rather too strong. Having won the Southern Section Championship in 1936-7 they returned to their present sphere after an absence of thirty-seven years.

The present side is managed by Mr. George Martin, who was an inside forward with Hamilton, Bo'ness, Hull City, Everton and Middlesbrough, before settling down at Luton. Mr. Martin is an accomplished tenor singer and had to choose between opera and football management as a career.

The "Hatters" have created a lot of interest recently by sending two of their players, Alan Steen, an ex-prisoner of war, and

Spencer Kettleby, an ex-Serviceman who developed stomach trouble in the East, over to Dublin to be built up on the good food obtainable across the Irish Sea. Steen was one of Major Buckley's youthful discoveries and played in the Wolves' first team at the age of fifteen.

Luton have adopted the role of giant killers on their own ground this season where they have a fine record. Among their victims are Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur. Away from home they have not been so successful, but they have beaten Newport County, 3-1, and West Bromwich Albion, 2-1. They also drew with the strong Burnley side, one each.

Our visitors have two of the finest footballers of our time in the English and Scottish Internationals, Frank Soo and "Dally" Duncan. Of Chinese descent, Soo had many years with Stoke City before moving to Leicester last season, where he only stayed for a few months. Duncan is, of course, the old Hull City and Derby County left winger, who played in last year's winning Cup team. "Dally" is a cultured footballer, and his poise and balance on the field have always been a model for any young player.

The club are exceptionally strong down the middle. Gager, at centre half, and Billington, at centre forward, have both made their reputations with Luton. The latter is a dangerous leader and a consistent goalgetter. Also in the side is Allen Driver, transferred from Wednesday a few weeks ago, who will not let the side down in almost any forward position.

"This and That"

By "BENNY DIX"

All the big clubs will be disporting themselves in the Third Round of the Cup in a week or two's time, and once again the excitement of the sudden death or glory struggle will be in full blast. The home and away method played during wartime and again last season did not quite lend itself to the same tense atmosphere.

It is the one match system that brings such sensational results as a very lowly Crystal Palace beating Newcastle United at St. James Park in their Cup heyday, and Walsall defeating the mighty Arsenal. The big clubs are not likely to be caught napping a second time. Proof of this is shown in that Worksop Town once drew no goals with Tottenham Hotspur in a match at White Hart Lane, in which Jack Brown, later Wednesday's goalkeeper, performed all sorts of heroic feats. In the replay the Spurs won by nine clear goals.

Even in the Final many clubs have "counted their chickens" too soon. There is the well-known occasion when Preston North End asked to be photographed with the Cup before the game, which they lost. Many losing finalists have arranged Victory banquets, while Mr. Jimmy Catton (once "Tityrus" of the "Athletic News") told a story of the first time that Newcastle United reached the Final. In order to keep their headquarters in London a secret they engaged a villa near the Crystal Palace as a retreat from intruders, but Mr. Catton managed to find them on the morning of the match. Their captain "Andy"

Aitkin was sitting in a basket chair on the lawn with a double sheet of foolscap covered with writing in his hands. He was learning by heart the speech he was to deliver when he received the Cup. Newcastle lost.

In the eighteen-eighties Cup ties were played on the "win, tie or wrangle" principle, that is, if a club could not win on the field of play they endeavoured to do so by means of a protest. There were many protests relating to matches between the Nottingham and Sheffield clubs. In one game the Forest were beaten by the Wednesday. They were told that some of the Wednesday players were ineligible. They asked for the Wednesday's minute book and could not find that two of the Sheffield players had ever been made members. They lodged a protest, and the Forest Committee offered five pounds reward, either through the local press or by placard, for information concerning these men.

The inhabitants of Sheffield, however, were not to be tempted, and no information was forthcoming. When produced to the Football Association the Minute Book was in perfect order, and the Forest lost their appeal. Despite the intense rivalry there were times when both sides were known to play ineligible men. They sympathised with each other's dilemma. They had no more players, and they entered into an agreement before the match not to make any protest.

Is anyone still sighing for the Good Old Days?

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Colours : Blue and White Striped Shirts, Black Knickers.

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2 WESTLAKE 3 SWIFT

4 LOWES 5 PACKARD 6 WANDS

7 FROGGATT 8 HUNT 9 DAILEY 10 WARD 11 SLYNN

Referee :

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Linesmen :

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(Red and White Flag)
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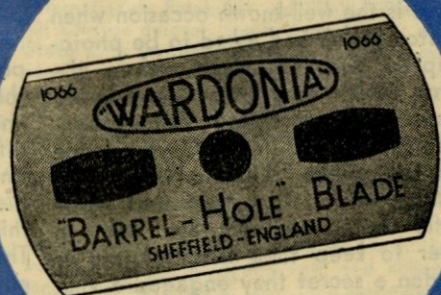
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE				CENTRAL LEAGUE			
1946-47	Day	Match	G F A	1946-47	Day	Match	G F A
Aug. 31	Sat.	Luton Town.....	A 1 4	Aug. 31	Sat.	EVERTON.....	H 1 2
Sept. 2	Mon.	BARNSELY.....	H 2 4	Sept. 2	Mon.	Blackburn Rovers.....	A 1 4
7	Sat.	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	H 2 1	7	Sat.	Huddersfield Town.....	A 1 0
9	Mon.	Barnsley.....	A 1 4	12	Thu.	BLACKPOOL.....	H 2 1
14	Sat.	Leicester City.....	A 5 3	14	Sat.	WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.....	H 0 1
16	Mon.	FULHAM.....	H 1 1	21	Sat.	Chesterfield.....	A 1 1
21	Sat.	CHESTERFIELD.....	H 0 1	28	Sat.	ASTON VILLA.....	A 2 1
28	Sat.	Millwall.....	A 2 2	Oct. 5	Sat.	Derby County.....	A 1 4
Oct. 5	Sat.	BRADFORD.....	H 1 2	12	Sat.	MANCHESTER CITY.....	H 3 1
12	Sat.	Manchester City.....	A 1 2	19	Sat.	Preston North End.....	A 1 0
19	Sat.	BURNLEY.....	H 1 2	26	Sat.	BOLTON WANDERERS.....	A 5 2
26	Sat.	Tottenham Hotspur.....	A 0 2	2	Sat.	Liverpool.....	A 2 2
Nov. 2	Sat.	SWANSEA TOWN.....	H 3 0	9	Sat.	LEEDS UNITED.....	H 4 0
9	Sat.	Newcastle United.....	A 0 4	16	Sat.	West Bromwich Albion.....	A 1 6
16	Sat.	WEST BROMWICH ALBION.....	H 2 2	23	Sat.	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	H 3 1
23	Sat.	Birmingham City.....	A 1 3	30	Sat.	Birmingham City.....	A 0 1
30	Sat.	COVENTRY CITY.....	H 4 2	7	Sat.	STOKE CITY.....	H 3 1
Dec. 7	Sat.	Nottingham Forest.....	A 2 2	14	Sat.	Manchester United.....	A 0 3
9	Mon.	COPENHAGEN COMB.Fr.	H 2 3	21	Sat.	SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	H 1 0
14	Sat.	SOUTHAMPTON.....	H 3 0	25	Wed.	BURNLEY.....	H 0 1
21	Sat.	Newport County.....	A 3 4	26	Thu.	Burnley.....	A 0 5
25	Wed.	Bury.....	A 2 4	28	Sat.	Everton.....	A.....
26	Thu.	BURY.....	H 2 5	Jan. 1	Wed.	Sheffield United.....	A.....
28	Sat.	LUTON TOWN.....	H.....	4	Sat.	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.....	H.....
Jan. 1	Wed.	WEST HAM UNITED.....	H.....	11	Sat.	BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	H.....
4	Sat.	Plymouth Argyle.....	A.....	18	Sat.	Wolverhampton Wanderers.....	A.....
11	Sat.	BLACKPOOL F.A. Cup 3rd Rd.....	H.....	25	Sat.	CHESTERFIELD.....	A.....
18	Sat.	LEICESTER CITY.....	H.....	Feb. 1	Sat.	Aston Villa.....	A.....
25	Sat.	Chesterfield (F.A. Cup 4th Rd.).....	A.....	8	Sat.	DERBY COUNTY.....	A.....
Feb. 1	Sat.	MILLWALL.....	H.....	15	Sat.	Manchester City.....	A.....
8	Sat.	Bradford... (F.A. Cup 5th Rd.) ..	A.....	22	Sat.	PRESTON NORTH END.....	A.....
15	Sat.	MANCHESTER CITY.....	H.....	Mar. 1	Sat.	Bolton Wanderers.....	A.....
22	Sat.	Burnley.....	A.....	8	Sat.	LIVERPOOL.....	A.....
Mar. 1	Sat.	TOTTENHAM (F.A. C. 6th Rd.).....	A.....	15	Sat.	Leeds United.....	A.....
8	Sat.	Swansea Town.....	A.....	22	Sat.	WEST BROMWICH ALBION.....	H.....
15	Sat.	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	H.....	29	Sat.	Newcastle United.....	A.....
22	Sat.	West Bromwich Albion.....	A.....	April 4	Fri.	BURY.....	A.....
29	Sat.	BIRMINGHAM (F.A. Cup S.F.).....	H.....	5	Sat.	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	H.....
April 5	Sat.	Coventry City.....	A.....	7	Mon.	Bury.....	A.....
12	Sat.	Fulham.....	A.....	12	Sat.	Stoke City.....	H.....
19	Sat.	NOTTINGHAM FOREST.....	A.....	19	Sat.	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	H.....
26	Sat.	Southampton.....	A.....	26	Sat.	A.....
May 3	Sat.	NEWPORT C. (F.A. Cup Final).....	H.....	May 3	Sat.	Blackpool.....	A.....
May 3	Sat.	West Ham United.....	A.....				

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE			
1946-47	Day	Match	G F A
Aug. 31	Sat.	Ossett Town.....	A 0 1
Sept. 4	Wed.	Yorks Amateurs.....	A 4 1
7	Sat.	York City.....	A 0 3
9	Mon.	Halifax T. (Y.L. Cup).....	A 4 1
14	Sat.	YORKS. AMATEURS.....	H 3 2
16	Mon.	HARWORTH COLLIERY.....	H 2 1
21	Sat.	Huddersfield Town.....	A 3 1
25	Wed.	Gainsborough Trinity.....	A 5 2
Oct. 5	Sat.	YORK CITY.....	H 1 3
12	Sat.	UPTON COL. (S. & H. Cup).....	H 3 0
19	Sat.	Keighley Town.....	A 0 4
26	Sat.	LEEDS UNITED.....	H 4 1
Nov. 2	Sat.	Halifax Town.....	A 0 0
9	Sat.	S'TH KIRKBY (S. & H. Cup).....	1 1
16	Sat.	Upton Colliery.....	A 3 3
23	Sat.	HALIFAX TOWN.....	H 1 1
30	Sat.	Leeds United.....	A 0 3
Dec. 7	Sat.	WOMBWELL ATHLETIC.....	H 4 0
14	Sat.	Wombwell Athletic.....	A.....
21	Sat.	CHESTERFIELD.....	H.....
25	Wed.	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	H 2 5
26	Thu.	Bradford United.....	A 4 9
28	Sat.	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY.....	H.....
Jan. 4	Sat.	THORNE COLLIERY.....	H.....
11	Sat.	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.....	H.....
18	Sat.	A.....
25	Sat.	Scunthorpe United.....	A.....
Feb. 1	Sat.	OSSETT TOWN.....	H.....
8	Sat.	Hull Amateurs.....	A.....
15	Sat.	Chesterfield.....	A.....
Mar. 1	Sat.	Harworth Colliery.....	A.....
8	Sat.	Thorne Colliery.....	A.....
29	Sat.	SELBY TOWN.....	H.....
April 4	Fri.	South Kirkby Colliery.....	A.....
5	Sat.	GOOLE TOWN.....	H.....
7	Mon.	BRADFORD UNITED.....	H.....
12	Sat.	SOUTH KIRKBY COLLIERY.....	H.....
19	Sat.	KEIGHLY TOWN.....	H.....
26	Sat.	Selby Town.....	A.....
May 3	Sat.	Goole Town.....	A.....



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HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	LEICESTER CITY
C BOLTON WANDERERS	N NEWCASTLE UNITED
CHELSEA	MILLWALL
D CHARLTON ATHLETIC	O NOTTS. FOREST
STOKE CITY	BARNLEY
E DERBY COUNTY	P SOUTHAMPTON
SUNDERLAND	NEWPORT COUNTY
F GRIMSBY TOWN	Q WEST BROM. ALB.
MANCHESTER UNITED	SWANSEA TOWN
G LEEDS UNITED	R WEST HAM UNITED
PRESTON N.E.	PLYMOUTH
H LIVERPOOL	S ROCHDALE
SHEFFIELD UNITED	DONCASTER ROVERS
J BRADFORD	T ROTHERHAM UNITED
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K COVENTRY CITY	U EVERTON RESERVES
BURNLEY	SHEFFIELD WED. RES.

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