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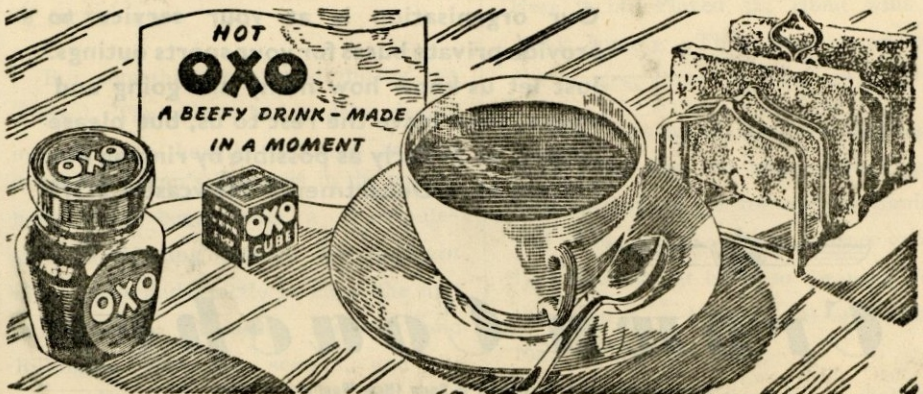
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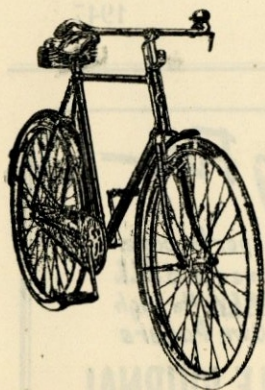


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St. James's Park Notes.

Welcome to Luton Town, the team that gave us a pretty severe shock 'way back on November 30, in a thrilling seven-goals game that ended in a totally unexpected defeat.

Newcastle United had led 3-0 at half-time. Bentley, Wayman, and Shackleton had scored the goals and the critics had enjoyed a delirious 45 mins. hunting up the adjectives to describe the forward play. They told us that Newcastle had enjoyed 80 per cent of the game and the Luton defence had struggled valiantly against a bewildering attack that seemed to have goals on tap. So far so good.

But something happened during the interval. The writers had to delve deeply into an even headier delirium to find words for Luton's forwards in the second half, which began with a 15 minutes spell of dazzling football that brought three goals and exactly reversed the first half set-up. Waugh, Daniels, and Billington were the scorers, and the 25,000 Luton fans reckoned they had never seen anything quite like it.

There were eight minutes to go when Duncan got in a shot that was only partly cleared by a Newcastle defender. Driver met the ball with a first timer and Luton Town had won this terrific game.

So this is the team we meet to-day, thirsting for a double, and with a record in the Second Division that has proved that their victory that day was no fluke.

They are ninth in the League table and have played 32 games. The home and away analysis shows that they have fared much better on their own ground at Kenilworth Road than in away games. Here it is: Played 32; Home wins 10, Away wins 3. They have drawn only five games, three of them away.

The division of their 13 defeats is three home and ten away, with a home goals record of 38 for and 25 against, and 18 for and 28 against in away games. Last Saturday at home to Swansea Town they won 3-0 Duggan (2) and Billington, scoring the goals.

So it looks as though we shall have a good game.

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	Referee : Mr. G. C. APPLEYARD, Rotherham		Linesmen : Mr. J. J. Russell, Leeds Blue Flag Mr. J. Gardner, Ormsby Red Flag	
DUNCAN 11 Outside left	CONNELLY 10 Inside left	BILLINGTON 9 Centre forward	DANIEL 8 Inside right	WAUGH 7 Outside right
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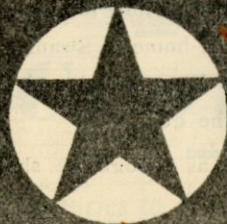
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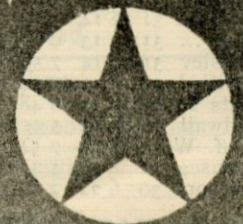
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	F	A
1946		
Aug. 31—Millwall.....A	4	1
Sept. 5—Notts Forest...A	2	0
" 7—Swansea Town H	1	1
" 11—Coventry City...H	3	1
" 14—Tottenham H...A	1	1
" 16—Coventry City...A	1	1
" 21—Burnley.....H	1	2
" 28—Barnsley.....A	1	1
Oct. 5—Newport Co...H	13	0
" 12—Southampton...A	1	0
" 19—Bradford.....A	1	2
" 26—Manchester C...H	3	2
Nov. 2—West Ham.....A	2	0
" 9—Sheffield Wed...H	4	0
" 16—Fulham.....A	3	0
" 23—Bury.....H	1	1
" 30—Luton Town...A	3	4
Dec. 7—Plymouth A...H	3	2
" 14—Leicester City...A	4	2
" 21—Chesterfield...H	2	1
" 25—West Brom. A...H	2	4
" 26—West Brom. A...A	2	3
" 28—Millwall.....H	0	2
1947		
Jan. 1—Notts Forest...H	3	0
" 4—Swansea Town A	2	1
" 11—(3) Crystal P...H	6	2
" 18—Tottenham H...H	1	0
" 25—(4) Southampton H	3	1
" 28—Burnley.....A	0	3
Feb. 1—Barnsley.....H	4	2
" 8—(5) Leicester...H	1	1
" 15—Southampton...H	1	5
" 20—replay Leicester A	2	0
Mar. 1—(6) Sheffield U. A	1	3
" 22—Fulham.....H	0	4
" 29—S.F.) Charlton	1	
April 4—Birmingham...H		
" 5—Luton Town...H		
" 7—Birmingham...A		
" 12—Plymouth A...A		
" 19—Leicester City...H		
" 26—(F) Chesterfield A		
May 3—Manchester C...A		
" 10—Bradford.....H		
" 17—Bury.....A		
" 24—Sheffield W...A		
" 26—West Ham.....H		
June 7—Newport Co...A		

UNITED'S GOAL SCORERS

Wayman.....24
Shackleton.....15
Bentley.....14
Stobbart.....5
Milburn.....4
Pearson.....3
Woodburn.....2
Harvey.....2
Stubbins.....1
<i>Total</i>70

F.A Cup

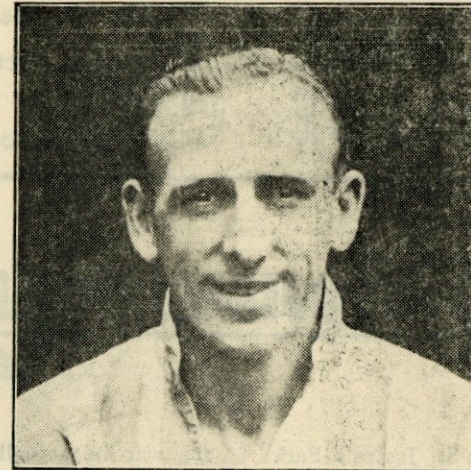
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<i>Total</i>14

Goal Scorers—Div. 2

Wayman, N/c U.....24
Waish, W. B. A.....20
Thomas (D.) P'mouth 20
Shackleton, N/c U 19
Robledo, Barnsley...16
Lee, Leicester.....16
Trigg, Birmingham...16
Rawlings, Plymouth 16
Billington, Luton...15
Forman, Spurs.....15
Bentley, N/c U.....14
Carr, Newport Co...14
Constantine, Man. C 13
Ward, Sheffield W...13
Thomas (R.) P'mouth 12
Carter, Bury.....10
Black, Man. C.....10

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

	F	A
1946		
Aug. 31—Stoke City.....H	4	1
Sept. 4—Leeds U.....H	2	2
" 7—Manchester U...A	3	9
" 9—Chesterfield...A	1	1
" 14—Sheffield U...H	1	1
" 21—Burnley.....A	0	2
" 28—Preston N.E...H	2	2
Oct. 5—Bolton W...A	1	0
" 12—Liverpool...H	1	2
" 19—Wolves.....H	1	0
" 26—Huddersfield T.A	1	2
Nov. 2—Everton.....H	8	4
" 9—Bury.....A	4	4
" 16—Blackpool...H	2	1
" 23—Sheffield Wed...A	1	5
" 30—Blackburn R...H	3	3
Dec. 7—Manchester C...A	0	3
" 14—Derby County...H	2	6
" 21—Aston Villa...A	4	0
" 25—West Brom. A...A	0	2
" 26—West Brom. A...H	3	3
" 28—Stoke City.....A	0	1
1947		
Jan. 4—Manchester U...H	2	6
" 18—Sheffield U...A	1	2
Feb. 1—Preston N.E...A	0	0
" 15—Liverpool...A	2	1
" 22—Wolves.....A	2	2
Mar. 22—Blackpool...A	1	1
" 29—Sheffield Wed...H	1	1
April 4—Birmingham...A		
" 5—Blackburn R...A		
" 7—Birmingham...H		
" 12—Manchester C...H		
" 19—Derby County...A		
" 26—Aston Villa...H		
May 3—Bury.....H		
" 10—Leeds U.....A		
" 17—Huddersfield T...H		
" 24—Bolton W...H		
" 31—Everton.....A		
June 7—Burnley.....H		
" 14—Chesterfield...H		



JIMMY WOODBURN

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Newcastle United's Left Half Back—hails from Rutherglen—has played in several other positions for the "Magpies"—is Football Coach for Newcastle Education Committee—Height 5 ft. 8½ ins. Weight 10 st. 6 lbs.

SCOREBOARD

A	Barnsley	H	Tottenham Hotspurs
	Millwall		Leicester City
B	Birmingham City	J	West Brom. Albion
	Fulham		Bury
C	Burnley	K	Middlesbrough
	Chesterfield		Everton
D	Coventry City	L	Preston North End
	Sheffield Wednesday		Sunderland
E	Notts Forest	M	Stockport County
	West Ham Utd.		Gateshead
F	Southampton	N	Wrexham
	Manchester City		Hartlepoons United
G	Swansea Town	P	ABERDEEN
	Plymouth Argyle		RANGERS

Football League Table.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Man. C.	31	20	3	8	63	27	48
Burnley	31	17	3	11	47	21	45
Bir'ham	32	18	11	3	55	27	39
N'cle U.	30	15	9	6	70	44	36
T'enhm	32	13	9	10	54	45	36
W.B.A.	30	15	10	5	62	53	35
Leic'ter	30	15	11	4	54	48	34
Ch'field	29	11	7	11	34	31	33
Luton T.	32	13	14	5	56	53	31
S'h'pton	32	12	13	7	62	62	31
Plym'th	32	13	14	5	68	72	31
Fulham	29	12	11	6	52	54	30
C'ventry	31	9	11	11	42	46	29
W. Ham	31	12	14	5	50	54	29
Bury ...	31	9	13	9	60	59	27
B'rnslry	31	10	14	7	59	71	27
Pradfrd	29	8	11	10	44	46	26
Notts F.	29	10	13	6	48	51	26
Millwall	30	10	15	5	41	57	25
Sheff. W	32	8	17	7	54	60	23
Swansea	32	8	19	5	41	66	21
Newport	30	6	22	2	44	104	14

Compiled up to and including Thursday, Apr. 3rd

F.A. Cup Wins

Aston Villa	6
Blackburn R.	6
The Wanderers	5
Sheffield U.	4
Newcastle U.	3
Bolton Wand.	3
Sheffield W.	3
West Brom Alb	3
Bury	2
Everton	2
Manchester C.	2
Spurs	2
Wolves	2
Arsenal	2
Preston N. E.	2
Old Etonians	2

Central League Table.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Man. U.	33	22	5	6	97	50	50
Blackp'l	32	18	9	5	73	43	41
Man. C.	31	17	7	7	70	44	41
Bolton ..	33	15	7	11	75	55	41
Wolves ..	34	15	9	10	71	57	40
Burnley	30	17	10	3	66	40	37
Liverp'l	31	12	7	12	59	35	36
Sheff U.	33	13	13	7	62	71	33
Everton	30	13	11	6	53	52	32
Aston V.	30	14	13	3	66	52	31
Hud'fld	30	12	12	6	68	62	30
Bir'ham	31	12	14	5	40	57	20
Sheff W.	31	12	15	4	40	63	28
N'cle U.	29	9	11	9	53	57	27
West B.	30	12	15	3	60	75	27
Stoke C.	31	9	14	8	48	70	26
Blackb'n	31	11	17	3	59	78	25
Preston	30	7	14	0	52	63	25
Bury ...	30	8	16	6	43	58	22
Ch'field	27	5	12	10	47	61	20
Derby C	31	8	20	3	60	84	10
Leeds U	28	6	16	6	44	88	18

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A warm welcome at St. James's Park awaited Dave Fairhurst, now trainer to Birmingham City. Dave was a P.T. instructor during the war and got the Birmingham job from among a long list of applicants. He is very popular at St. Andrews. Dave, of course, has a Cup winner's medal.

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There should be some excitement this summer when the Footballers' Sprint Championship is run in the north. From the Midlands comes a tip that goalkeeper Bert Williams, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, has more than an outside chance . . . if he enters. They say he is the fastest runner on the Wolves' books and has clocked just over even time. Jackie Milburn, Jim Harley, the Liverpool back, and Laurie Scott, Arsenal, are all expected to enter.

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Frank Neary, now doing well at centre forward for West Ham United, was at one time an amateur on the London club's books. During the war he became an amateur with Fulham and took his first professional job with Queen's Park Rangers. It was from the Rangers that West Ham recently signed him. Before

the war he actually had a job in the building and contracting business of West Ham chairman Mr. W. J. Cearns.

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Mr. George Reader, referee for the Great Britain v. the Rest of Europe game at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on May 10, is a Southampton schoolmaster. He played as an amateur for Exeter City and became a professional with Southampton. He has refereed many continental games.

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Walter Ardron, goalscoring centre forward of Rotherham United, is a locomotive fireman. He joined the Millmoor club from Denaby United and hopes to help Rotherham into the Second Division next season.

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Ramscar, the successful Wolverhampton Wanderers inside forward, was secured on a free transfer from Stockport County. He was a paratrooper during the war and played several games for Queens Park Rangers. Mr. Ted Vizard was at that time manager of the club and later when he went to Wolverhampton got in touch with Ramscar and the transfer was arranged.

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