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versus

LUTON TOWN

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ODAY'S fixture with Luton Town is our last Second Division match at home this season, We, therefore, take the opportunity of thanking our supporters for good and consistent support throughout the season. The old club is happy in the possession of so many loyal friends, who stick to the ship through both bad and good times.

Naturally, we should have liked to see the team win promotion to the First Division. We entered upon the campaign with high hopes and kept in the race until a few weeks ago.

Where we have slipped back has been in away matches. Time and again, the side have played well enough only to be beaten by an odd goal. Beaten at Bury 2-1, at Luton 2-1, at West Bromwich I-0, at Brentford 2-1. Southampton I-0 and so on.

IT was at Luton where Eddie Kilshaw, our new outside-right, made his debut in Wednesday colours; at Luton where Doug. Witcomb tore his groin muscle. The date was 4th December -an awkward time with Christmas matches so near. Jordan got a knock on Christmas Day at West Bromwich and one way or another we have have a run of injuries, from which we had been almost immune in the opening months of the campaign.

Easter festival matches exacted a heavy toll. At one point, we had no fewer than 14 players on the "hospital list."

We have tried at various time to increase our playing resources.

RECENTLY, we secured Eddie Gannon from Notts County and you will agree the money was well spent. Gannon played for Ireland against Belgium last Sunday and was the outstanding player on the field. The wing-half is going to be very useful to us next season.

Successful team building is not a simple task. Lots of factors have to be taken into account, of which the public know very little. Resources have to be ample and at all times players have to be studied. Again, opinions differ. Diplomacy and compromise sometimes have to be brought into play.

And, of course, luck is something that cannot be ignored. Despite all arguments to the contrary, luck does play a part in a team's success; the run of the ball and so on.

-OWEVER, we feel that we have given you good entertainment. You want that as well as a successful side. We have endeavoured to give you quality football and we trust that next season we shall also be able to give you improved results. Promotion as soon as possible is the objective.

At one time or another each of our men has done well. McIntosh has given some brilliant displays in goal and justified his promotion. Swift and Westlake have done good work in the back division, taking their partnership for all first team matches to 108. Swift is earmarked for honours sooner or later.

Our city left wing of Froggatt and Woodhead has vied with Quigley and Kilshaw for honours and Jordan has been a keen non-stop centre-forward, not always having the returns his work has merited.

Indeed, we have had an attack as good as any in the Division.

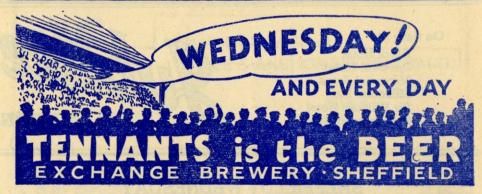
We believe that Eddie Kilshaw, making good progress in hospital from his injury, will return to action next season as fit and confident as

IT is not possible to mention all our players individually. All have done their best and had their outstanding days, including Turton, who has had his best days away from home. Witcomb, Bannister and Locherty too, have pulled their weight, and Packard now recovered from the cartilage trouble which has kept him out of action for most of the season is proving

Our reserves have had a good season in the Central League and will finish in a commendable position. The Yorkshire League and Hatchard League teams, in which many youngsters have been tried, have performed satisfactorily. We have promising material steadily maturing.

On Monday evening next our Colts play Stocksbridge Works F.C. on the Wednesday Ground, kick-off 6.15 p.m. The players, most of whom were at school 12 months ago, are capable of good football and an entertaining game is assured. All are amateurs and the line up will be: Cook; Browse, Twelvetrees; Owen, Hussey, Dorman; Wright, Quixall, Sleigh. Garside, Whiteley. Come along and have an enjoyable evening with the future stars.

Don't forget the game on Wednesday night between a Sheffield XI and Eindhoven (Holland) XI, kick-off 6.30 p.m., and next Saturday's Central League game with Barnsley.



THE POPULAR "HATTERS"

UTON TOWN, our visitors this afternoon, come in a more cheerful frame of mind than they would have done prior to last Saturday. For before beating Lincoln City 6-0 they had gone through seven consecutive matches without gaining a single point.

Manager Duncan re-shuffled the side and poor Lincoln went through the hoop and had their descent into the Northern Section confirmed and sealed. Unfortunately, Luton had men injured. They had seven men unfit at the beginning of the week. Mulvaney, full-back who was placed at centre-forward, scored two goals, pulled a tendon and may not play again this season.

Luton's team does not consist of men with famous names but they usually work with a will and they will not stand on ceremony today. Duke kept goal against Lincoln, but the goalkeeper who played here a year ago was Streten, the amateur international, a colourful goalkeeper who usually makes spectacular saves.

THEY MOVED ON.

Gager, the centre half-back, was transferred to Nottingham Forest and Hughes, the Welsh international back, went to a London club, while Soo is now with a non-League club in the South.

Cooke still figures in the back division and Gardiner remains at left-half, while Owen is pivot. Brennan and Waugh are lively left wing forwards: Burtenshaw and Taylor were the right wings against Lincoln.

Luton were founded in 1885 and in their early days the players were 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.

SOUTHERN PIONEERS.

In 1891, the whole team became professionals, half-a-crown being paid for a home match and three shillings for an away match. They also received payment for lost time up to 12 noon on a Saturday.

Times have changed a lot since then. Old stagers of those days will think present-day players are like millionaires. Of course, the game has grown up and has become big business.

Well, Luton were among the pioneers of professional football in the South and, incidentally, their first transfer of any importance was the acquisition of a player from Woolwich Arsenal, named Julian, in 1892. He was made captain of the team.

Original members of the old Southern League, they had three seasons in the Second Division of the Football League between 1897 and 1900. The opposition was too strong for them.

They eventually became original members of the Southern Section of the Third Division and won the Section Championship in 1936-37, and it speaks well for the enthusiasm and shrewdness of those in authority that Luton have managed to retain their position in the Second Division.

WERE OLD STAR PLAYERS.

Mr. George Martin, now manager of Newcastle, did good work with Luton before going to the North-east and Mr. Dally Duncan, his successor has carried on very capably.

In these days of strenuous competition, it is no easy matter to compete successfully with the senior clubs of the League, clubs that have greater financial resources. However, Mr. Duncan served a first-class apprenticeship as a player, being one of Scotland's finest outsidelefts and winning fame with Derby County, too. He was always a delightful player to watch.

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	16	Sat.	GRIMSBY TOWN		4	1	16	Sat.			Away	8	1
	23	Sat.	Nottingham Forest	(0 0) Away	2	1	23	Sat.			Home	6	1
	30	Sat.	FULHAM	(2 0) Home	1		30	Sat.	Derby County	$(1 \ 2)$	Away	1	0
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Portsmouth		24	7	8	78	36	56			
Newcastle United	40	20	9	11	70	55	51			
Derby County	39	19	11	9	62	53	47			
Manchester United		17	10	11	69	40	45			
Arsenal	40	16	11	13	69	42	45			
Manchester City	41	15	11	15	47	50	45			
Wolverhampton W		16	11	11	76	59	43			
Charlton Athletic	40	15	13	12	62	60	42			
Sunderland	40	12	12	16	47	57	40			
Aston Villa	40	15	16	9	58	75	39			
Stoke City		15	16	9	62	62	39			
Liverpool		12	13	14	51	38	38			
Burnley		12	15	13	42	47	37			
Blackpool		11	14	15	51	63	37			
Chelsea	39	12	15	12	67	65	36			
Birmingham City	40	11	15	14	35	36	36			
Everton	40	12	17	11	40	62	35			
Bolton Wanderers	39	13	18	8	56	66	34			
Sheffield United	39	11	18	10	54	72	32			
Middlesbrough		10	18	11	42	54	31			
Preston North End	39	10	19	10	58	72	30			
Huddersfield Town	39	10	19	10	35	67	30			

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

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	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Southampton	41	23	9	9	69	35	55			
Fulham	40	23	9	8	74	36	54			
West Bromwich Albion	39	22	9	8	64	38	52			
Cardiff City	40	19	10	11	61	46	49			
Tottenham Hotspur	40	16	9	15	66	43	47			
West Ham United	40	18	12	10	56	51	46			
Chesterfield	40	13	10	17	49	45	43			
Sheffield Wednesday	40	15	14	11	62	55	41			
Barnsley	40	14	14	12	62	58	40			
Bury	39	16	17	6	61	72	38			
Luton Town	39	13	15	11	52	55	37			
Grimsby Town		13	16	10	68	70	36			
Leeds United	40	12	16	12	55	61	36			
Coventry City	40	15	19	6	54	61	36			
Bradford P.A	40	13	17	10	64	74	36			
Queen's Park Rangers .		13	17	10	41	61	36			
Blackburn Rovers		14	19	8	51	62	36			
Brentford	40	11	16	13	39	49	35			
Plymouth Argyle	40	12	17	11	47	57	35			
Leicester City	39	9	15	15	59	74	33			
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