

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB



LOFTUS ROAD GROUND

SHEPHERDS BUSH. W12



TURKEY TOUR, 1949.

The Q.P.R. party photographed on arrival at Izmir.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10th, 1949.

KICK-OFF 3.15 P.M.

Q.P.R. v. LUTON TOWN - Division II.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 3d

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC CLUB, LTD.

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COMMENT ON THE COVENTRY MATCH BY THE MANAGER

It is always a good achievement to get a point away from home, but the circumstances connected with our match last Saturday have to be recorded before spectators can fully appreciate the full value of the team's performance.

Skipper Jefferson had been suffering from a mild form of food poisoning since the previous Thursday morning and although he travelled with the team, Bill Heath was also taken because it was very doubtful whether Arthur would be fit enough to play. An hour before the match Jeff came to me and said that he still felt very groggy and would have to cry off, so Heath was given the left back position. Some ten minutes later the trainer reported that Charlie Hill had so far not arrived and as the minutes ticked by without him showing up my worries increased. Fifteen minutes before the kick-off I learned that there had been a train accident on the line which Hill would have to travel by to get to Coventry from his home in Cardiff, so a hurried dressing-room conference was held and Jeff was asked to strip in readiness to turn out if the worst came to the worst. It did, and the team took the field with Jeff occupying his position as Captain and left back, and Bill Heath at left half in place of the missing Charlie Hill.

When the game was a few minutes old Jeff, realising his own weakness, told Bill Heath to keep well back so that Bill would be in a position to tackle the wing man on any occasion should he get away. This left a gap between the defence and the attack on our left flank but that had to be put up with in the circumstances.

Next setback was an injury to Cyril Hatton. He received a very hard dig from an opponent's elbow which caught him in the kidney region and for quite a long while Cyril had to play on the wing. Weakened as the team was, both in attack and defence, it was only natural that our Skipper, well under the weather physically but ever-alert mentally, decided on the policy of "holding on to what you have." Coventry couldn't win unless they scored, was the logic of our Yorkshireman captain and, knowing our limitations which unfortunate circumstances had brought about, he deployed his forces accordingly. It was a rearguard action which was highly successful and full praise must be given to the whole team for "playing to instructions."

From a spectator's point of view the match was not up to Second Division standard. Each keeper had an average amount of work to do, but it was all of the routine variety and I think I am right in saying that neither of them was called on to do anything brilliant. Each side had their chances, however (or should I say half-chances?) and of the two sides I would say that we went nearest to scoring when a shot from Stan Hudson hit the wrong side of the upright. To sum up, the strategy of an old head, together with the full co-operation of the forces under his command, brought back a very useful point.

Charlie Hill, by the way, was travelling in the train immediately following the one which met with an accident and was stranded for a long time about five miles outside Birmingham. He made desperate efforts to get to the Coventry ground but at 3 p.m., the advertised time of the kick-off, his efforts had been unavailing. A bus shuttle service back to Birmingham from the place of the hold up had by this time been organised and Charlie, after many fruitless efforts to telephone the Coventry ground, had no alternative but to go back to Birmingham.

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OUR VISITORS

"If League position is anything to judge by, the game this afternoon should be a very close affair." With these words we welcomed Luton Town when they visited Loftus Road last season. Luton won 3-0, so we make no such comment this time.

Our friends "The Hatters" have this in common with ourselves—both our clubs were born of humble origin in the year 1885 under circumstances remarkably similar, a union between two rival clubs. Christchurch Rangers and St. Jude's Institute joined forces to bring into being Queen's Park Rangers, whilst the Wanderers and the Excelsiors amalgamated to form Luton Town Football Club.

One of the first rules of the newly-formed Luton Club is rather amusing according to present day standards. It was "that the club shall unanimously adopt navy blue and pink halves for both shirts and caps, and both shirt and cap shall be worn by each player on the field." For the first twelve years the Luton club used the field of the now disbanded Excelsiors.

Next point of interest in the history of Luton Town is the fact that they were the first Southern club, if not the first in the land, to give benefits to their players. Two years after the club's formation it was decided to distribute the proceeds from a match between three of their players. Luton Town can also claim to be the first Southern club to go over to professionalism, although Woolwich Arsenal have usually been given this credit. On December 13, 1890, H. Whitby was offered and accepted the sum of 5/- per week. At the General Meeting the following close season it was decided to pay the whole team, and a resolution put by a Committee-man, and seconded by a player, makes curious reading now—"It was resolved that players be paid 2/6 per week with an extra 6d. for away matches."

On October 27, 1897, Luton Town Football Club became a limited liability company and were admitted to membership of the Football League, Second Division, and after three seasons Luton dropped to the lowest position in the table and did not seek re-election. With the formation of a Third Division of the League, Luton applied for and obtained membership, but not until the 1936-37 season were they able to get back to the Second Division and full League membership.

It is true that Luton Town, like ourselves, have a history which is less glamorous than many other teams whom we now meet, but it is a record of triumph over adversity and one of which our respective clubs can be justly proud.

THOSE CLOSE SEASON IMPROVEMENTS

Many letters have been received from supporters who use the South Africa Road terrace expressing their appreciation of the way in which the terracing has been relaid. "No more standing in mud or pools of water" is the chief point expressed. From the club's point of view, however, these alterations mean very much more. **THE GROUND CAPACITY HAS BEEN MATERIALLY INCREASED AND IS NOW CAPABLE OF HOLDING ABOUT 35,000 SPECTATORS.** Despite the progress which has been made the club officials very frequently hear remarks made by supporters that "It's no use going down to Loftus Road because the ground is so small we probably won't get in anyway." Knowing all that has been done in the last three years, this despondent attitude has puzzled the Directors and Management quite a lot, and they are now convinced that because these improvements have been made gradually and without a lot of "Banging the big drum," a vast number of potential supporters don't realise the full extent of the developments which have been made so far. Had all the work been undertaken in one bite it would have been of such a spectacular nature as to create widespread interest and consequent higher attendances.

It just could not be done that way, so the club earnestly appeals to supporters to tell all their friends, particularly the "doubting Thomases", that they need no longer be afraid of being "shut out." The club wants every supporter it can get because there is in being a very costly scheme for the further development of the ground which will materially increase the comfort and convenience of supporters, but this can only be achieved if the money is coming into the club to help finance the project. We make no apology for stressing once again that this drive to increase revenue is directly in the interests of the club and its supporters, any surplus of revenue over expenditure is ploughed back into the club in the way of securing better players or ground and stand development.

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The Football Combination Tables, published for the first time after last Saturday's games, are interesting. Our lads then filled second place to Fulham on goal average. Naturally the many mid-week games will have altered the placings quite a lot, but it is high time that Q.P.R. established themselves as a force to be reckoned with in this competition. Give them your full support and we are sure the lads will respond in unmistakable fashion.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

On Sale from the Clubroom

The Official Handbook—64 pages—6d.

High Gloss Individual Photographs (Postcard Size) of all our Players—1/- each.

Blue and White Club Ties, 7/6d. each (No Coupons).

The Football Publication "Know the Game," Price 2/-.

"Q.P.R." Bicycle Pennants, 2/6d. each.

Membership Badges, Rules and Fixture Book, 2/- adults, and 1/- for the youngsters.

Details of our coach trip to Barnsley on September 17 are obtainable from any member of the Committee. May we again remind you that these coach facilities are available for members only.

LEAGUE, DIVISION II.

Up to Wednesday, Sept. 7th (inclusive)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Spurs	6	5	0	1	14	5	10
Q.P. Rangers .. .	6	2	4	0	7	4	8
West Ham .. .	6	3	2	1	13	8	8
Blackburn .. .	5	4	0	1	11	8	8
Cardiff .. .	6	3	1	2	5	3	7
Sheffield Wed. .. .	6	3	1	2	11	7	7
Swansea .. .	6	3	1	2	7	6	7
Hull .. .	6	3	1	2	13	13	7
Grimsby .. .	6	3	1	2	8	9	7
Preston .. .	6	2	2	2	7	5	6
Barnsley .. .	6	2	1	2	10	10	6
Chesterfield .. .	5	3	0	2	8	8	6
Leicester .. .	5	2	1	2	9	8	5
Luton .. .	6	1	3	2	6	6	5
Sheffield Utd. .. .	6	1	3	2	9	9	5
Southampton .. .	6	2	1	3	5	6	5
Leeds .. .	6	1	3	2	7	9	5
Bradford .. .	6	1	3	2	9	13	4
Coventry .. .	6	1	1	4	8	13	3
Brentford .. .	5	1	1	3	6	11	3
Bury .. .	5	1	0	4	7	9	2
Plymouth .. .	5	0	1	4	2	12	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION "A"

Up to Tuesday, Sept. 6th (inclusive)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Fulham .. .	5	3	1	1	12	5	7
Q.P. RANGERS .. .	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
Swansea Town .. .	5	3	1	1	11	7	7
Millwall .. .	4	3	0	1	13	7	6
Coventry City .. .	6	3	0	3	10	14	6
Birmingham .. .	3	2	1	0	10	1	5
Luton Town .. .	5	1	3	1	8	7	5
Arsenal .. .	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Reading .. .	5	1	3	1	9	9	5
Bristol Rovers .. .	5	2	1	2	7	11	5
Crystal Palace... ..	5	1	2	2	7	11	4
Cardiff City .. .	5	1	2	2	4	6	4
Southend Utd. .. .	5	1	2	2	6	9	4
Leicester City .. .	5	0	3	2	2	6	3
Leyton Orient .. .	4	1	0	3	5	11	2
Northampton .. .	4	0	1	3	7	12	1

SUPPORTERS' CLUB ENROLMENT FORM

I hereby apply for Membership of the Queens Park Rangers Supporters' Club and enclose my subscription of s. d.

Name

Address

Hand in this form to one of our Huts on the ground or post (with S.A.E.) to Membership Secretary, c/o Ellerslie Road, W.12.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS 3

(Royal Blue & White Hoops)

A diagram showing the Queen's Park Rangers 3 team formation. The players are arranged in a 3-2-2-2 formation. The players are: Allen (Goal), Dudley (Right Back), Jefferson (Left Back), Parkinson (Right Half), Woodward (Centre Half), Hill (Left Half), Duggan (Outside Right), Ramscar (Inside Right), Addinall (Centre Forward), Hatton (Inside Left), and Hudson (Outside Left). There are handwritten notes next to some players: "A very good game" near Allen, "Rangers but it was this" near Jefferson, and "to go" near Hudson.

Referee:
W. LING
(Stapleford)



Linesmen:
A. C. WILLIAMS (Red Flag)
L. A. HILL (Blue Flag)

A diagram showing the Luton Town team formation. The players are arranged in a 3-2-2-2 formation. The players are: Burtenshaw, C. (Outside Left), Taylor (Inside Left), Arnison (Centre Forward), Kiernan (Inside Right), Watkins (Outside Right), Gardiner (Left Half), Bowen (Centre Half), Cooke (Right Back), Ahearne (Left Back), and Streten (Goal). There are handwritten notes: "SHANKS" above Kiernan, "WAGH" above Watkins, and "SMALL" above Kiernan.

HALF - TIME SCORES

A	Bradford v. Brentford	
B	Bury v. Cardiff City	
C	Chesterfield v. Hull City	
D	Grimsby T. v. Barnsley	
E	Leicester v. Blackburn	
F	Plymouth v. Sheff. Wed.	
G	Preston N.E. v. Coventry	
H	Sheffield U. v. West Ham	
J	Swansea v. Southampton	
K	Tottenham v. Leeds Un.	
L		
M	Chelsea v. Manch. Un.	

Campaign for a Fourth Division

By BERNARD JOY

The fact that Queen's Park Rangers have always favoured progress in football will soften the blow, I am sure, of losing centre-half Joe Millbank to Gillingham, the Southern League club, without a fee being paid.

The wholesale cornering in the last few weeks by non-League sides of men on the transfer list of League teams is the first shot in the campaign for extending the League. It gives the bigger clubs what they have never had before, an interest in giving outsiders League status.

At the Annual General Meeting in the summer the Management Committee promised to examine ways and means of extending the League. In the past it has been the indifference of the First and Second Division clubs, who have 44 of the 48 votes, to what they regard as reshuffles of the minor members of the League that has enabled the Third Division clubs to carry the day against those outside the fold.

Now they have a financial stake. Over £60,000 worth of footballers are today with non-League sides, who on entry to the League would have to pay transfer fees or return the players. Chelmsford, under Jack Tresarden, the old West Ham half back, have made the biggest capture in Cecil McCormack, Middlesborough's deputy to Wilf Mannion. He nearly came to Rangers last season but too big a fee was asked and when he was listed at £12,000 in May no League team was prepared to do business. So Chelmsford stepped in and signed him for nothing. They also secured Joe Crozier, Brentford's Scottish international goalkeeper and Oscar Hold (Notts County). Both were listed at £8,000.

Colchester United's captures were:—Bill Layton (Bradford), £4,000; Douglas Beach (Southend), £1,500; Ron Sales (Leyton Orient), £2,000; and Reg Stewart (Sheffield Wednesday), £1,500. To Guildford have gone Frank Clack (Bristol City), £1,500, and Cyril Toulouse (Spurs), £2,000; and to Yeovil, C. Mansley (Chester), £1,500. Dartford have three Hull City men in A. Corbett, J. Wright and A. Conway, and R. Din from Bradford. Total value is about £7,000.

A week ago, Clacton signed Alec Davidson the former Chelsea inside left, who is on the Crystal Palace list at £1,000. Gillingham have, of course, Joe Millbank.

When a League club do not retain a player and put him on the open-to-transfer list, he is no longer registered as their man with the Football Association. He is free, therefore, to go to any club as long as it is outside the League. If he moved to another League team then, or at a subsequent date, a transfer fee must be paid to the original club.

It is even more complicated if the player, while serving a non-League club, is transferred into League football again. Then two fees have to be paid, one to the original League team and the other to the present side. Last season Aston Villa had to pay the two fees when they secured Ambrose Mulraney, the right winger from Worcester City. He was still retained by Birmingham.

It is little wonder that people even inside football become muddled over these legal intertwinings. Recently Sheffield United protested vigorously when Chingford approached Jack Chisholm, the former Spurs and Brentford centre half. As Chisholm is still retained by Sheffield, Chingford had no right to approach him without permission.

Quiet fellow during the Luton Town rail journeys is Joe Arnison, the six foot, broad shouldered centre forward. He is studying in London to be a physio-therapist and uses the spare time on the train to continue his studies. It was because he saw there would be greater opportunity for his work that he was willing to leave Glasgow Rangers a year ago. He is built on the same lines as Jock Dodds, the Scottish international who is now with Lincoln City, and both men have the surprising ability to show very dainty football on occasion.

Arnison was born in South Africa. With Tommy Kiernan, one of the Scottish contingent, and Bud Ahearne, one of the several Irish signings, Luton are assuming an international flavour.

An English international in the Luton team is Bernard Streten, the goalkeeper. He has won several amateur caps for England. Considering his fine form this season it is strange to think that he was at one time advised to give up goalkeeping. Advice

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FIXTURES, 1949-50

LEAGUE, DIVISION II					FOOTBALL COMBINATION				
Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result		Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result	
			For	Ag't.				For	Ag't.
1949					1949				
Aug. 20	Leeds United ..	Away	1	1	Aug. 20	SWANSEA TOWN	HOME	1	2
" 24	BRENTFORD ..	HOME	3	3	" 22	Coventry City ..	Away	3	1
" 27	SOUTHAMPTON	HOME	1	0	" 27	Arsenal ..	Away	2	0
" 31	Brentford ..	Away	2	0	" 31	CRYSTAL PAL.	HOME	1	1
Sept. 3	Coventry ..	Away	0	0	Sept. 3	COVENTRY C..	HOME	2	0
" 7	PRESTON N. E.	HOME			" 7	Luton Town ..	Away		
" 10	LUTON TOWN	HOME			" 14	Crystal Palace ..	Away		
" 14	Preston N. E. ..	Away			" 17	MILLWALL ..	HOME		
" 17	Barnsley ..	Away			" 21	NORTHAMPTON	HOME		
" 24	WEST HAM U.	HOME			" 24	Birmingham City	Away		
Oct. 21	Sheffield United ..	Away			Oct. 1	LUTON TOWN	HOME		
" 8	HULL CITY ..	HOME			" 3	Millwall ..	Away		
" 15	Sheffield Wednesday	Away			" 8	Cardiff City ..	Away		
" 22	PLYMOUTH A.	HOME			" 15	READING ..	HOME		
" 29	Chesterfield ..	Away			" 22	Southend ..	Away		
Nov. 5	BRADFORD ..	HOME			" 29	LEICESTER C.	HOME		
" 12	Leicester City ..	Away			Nov. 5	Leyton Orient ..	Away		
" 19	BURY ..	HOME			" 12	FULHAM ..	HOME		
" 26	(1) Tottenham H.	Away			" 19	Bristol Rovers ..	Away		
Dec. 3	CARDIFF CITY	HOME			" 26	LEYTON O. ..	HOME		
" 10	(2) Blackburn ..	Away			Dec. 3	Fulham ..	Away		
" 17	LEEDS UNITED	HOME			" 10	BRISTOL R. ..	HOME		
" 24	Southampton ..	Away			" 17	Swansea Town ..	Away		
" 28	Grimsby Town ..	Away			" 24	ARSENAL ..	HOME		
" 27	GRIMSBY TOWN	HOME			" 26	Northampton Town	Away		
" 31	COVENTRY CITY	HOME			" 31	Brighton & Hove	Away		
1950					1950				
Jan. 7	(3)					FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP			
" 14	Luton Town ..	Away			Jan. 7	BRIGHTON & H.	HOME		
" 21	BARNSELY ..	HOME			" 14	ARSENAL ..	HOME		
" 28	(4)				" 21				
Feb. 4	West Ham U. ..	Away			" 28	Chelsea ..	Away		
" 11	(5)				Feb. 4	CHELSEA ..	HOME		
" 18	SHEFFIELD U.	HOME			" 11	CRYSTAL PAL.	HOME		
" 25	Hull City ..	Away			" 18	Southend United ..	Away		
Mar. 4	(6) SHEFFIELD W.	HOME			" 25	TOTTENHAM H.	HOME		
" 11	Plymouth Argyle	Away			Mar. 4	Brentford ..	Away		
" 18	CHESTERFIELD	HOME			" 11	SOUTHEND U.	HOME		
" 25	(S.F.) Bradford ..	Away			" 18	Crystal Palace ..	Away		
April 1	TOTTENHAM H.	HOME			" 25	BRENTFORD ..	HOME		
" 7	SWANSEA TOWN	HOME			April 1	Tottenham H. ..	Away		
" 8	Cardiff City ..	Away			" 7	Arsenal ..	Away		
" 10	Swansea Town ..	Away			" 8	CARDIFF CITY	HOME		
" 15	LEICESTER C.	HOME			" 10	BIRMINGHAM	HOME		
" 22	Bury ..	Away			" 15	Reading ..	Away		
" 29	(F) B'BURN R.	HOME			" 22	SOUTHEND ..	HOME		
					" 29	Leicester City ..	Away		

LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

1949	Opponents.	Ground.	Result	1950	Opponents.	Ground.	Result
			For Ag't.				For Ag't.
Sept. 28	BRIGHTON & H.	HOME		Jan. 4	Watford ..	Away	
Oct. 12	Brighton & Hove	Away		" 18	Millwall ..	Away	
" 19	LEYTON ORIENT	HOME		" 25	PORTSMOUTH	HOME	
" 26	Portsmouth ..	Away		Feb. 1	Charlton ..	Away	
Nov. 2	Southend United ..	Away		" 8	Brentford ..	Away	
" 9	READING ..	HOME		" 16	Leyton Orient ..	Away	
" 16	CRYSTAL PAL.	HOME		" 22	MILLWALL ..	HOME	
" 23	Arsenal ..	Away		Mar. 1	Reading ..	Away	
" 30	CHARLTON ..	HOME		" 8	BRENTFORD ..	HOME	
Dec. 7	SOUTHEND ..	HOME		" 15	Luton Town ..	Away	
" 14	Crystal Palace ..	Away		" 22	ARSENAL ..	HOME	
" 21	Fulham ..	Away		" 29	LUTON TOWN	HOME	
				April 19	WATFORD ..	HOME	
				May 3	FULHAM ..	HOME	

NEXT HOME MATCH - SATURDAY NEXT at 3.15 p.m.

MILLWALL RES. - Football Combination

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came from his schoolmaster in Norfolk, who thought he was too small. Harry Hibbs was on the short side as well, but that did not prevent him becoming the finest goal-keeper of his generation. Both men make up for their lack of inches by great agility and jumping powers. Hibbs's positional sense, however, was superior, with the result that most shots seemed to be straight at him. Streten is more spectacular and there is almost a touch of the Continental keeper in his work. Many judges consider that the England selectors could do worse than to choose him as the successor to Frank Swift. If they did, Streten would join a select band of men who have won both full and amateur international caps.

I am glad to see that there are some footballers who like the recent spell of hot weather and, in consequence, the hard dry grounds. They are the Nigerian players who are at Ilford today. They were afraid that the usual wet English climate would force them to play in boots. The Indian Olympic team also played barefooted in the Games last year. In their match against France, nine decided to be conventional and wear boots, but one by one they discarded them and long before half time only the goal-keeper was properly shod.

Barefooted players usually wear adhesive plaster over the toes and sometimes an elastic anklet. They do not shirk even the hardest tackle. The lightness on their feet enables them to have a very quick burst of speed and they are nimble on the turn. When dribbling, they have a most disconcerting habit of curling their toes over the top of the ball and pulling it back from the opponent. That is a trick which is not even in Stan Matthews's repertoire!

RAIL EXCURSIONS

From PADDINGTON

Sunday, Sept. 18th

Depart 9.30 a.m.

CHEDDAR ... 16/9

WELLS ... 15/9

WOOKEY ... 15/9

Due back 10.35 p.m.

Depart 10.15 a.m.

CARDIFF ... 19/-

BARRY ISLAND 20/-

NEWPORT ... 17/6

Due back 11.05 p.m.

Depart 10.35 a.m.

BATH ... 14/-

BRISTOL ... 15/-

WESTON-S-Mare 17/6

Due back 10.45 p.m.

From EUSTON

Sunday, Sept. 18th

Depart 9.35 a.m.

BIRMINGHAM... 15/-

COVENTRY ... 12/9

NORTHAMPTON 9/6

WOLVRH'PTON 16/6

Due back 10.30 p.m.

From ST. PANCRAS

Sunday, Sept. 18th

Depart 9.30 a.m.

BEDFORD ... 6/-

KETTERING ... 9/-

NOTTINGHAM... 15/3

WELLINGBORO' 8/3

Due back 10.17 p.m.

From VICTORIA

*Tues. Weds. & Thurs.

Depart 11.18 a.m. and
12.18 p.m.

†**BOGNOR REGIS** 9/3

LITTLEHAMPTON

8/6

*Suns. Tues. Weds. and

Thurs., Depart 11.28 a.m.

12.28 p.m.

†**BRIGHTON** ... 7/-

Depart 11.25 a.m.

WORTHING C'trl 8/3

*Tues. Weds. and Thurs.

Depart 11.45 a.m. and
12.45 p.m.

*Sundays depart 12.45 pm

BEXHILL Central 8/9

EASTBOURNE ... 8/9

HASTINGS ... 8/9

*Until Sept. 25th inclus.

† NOT RACE DAYS

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