

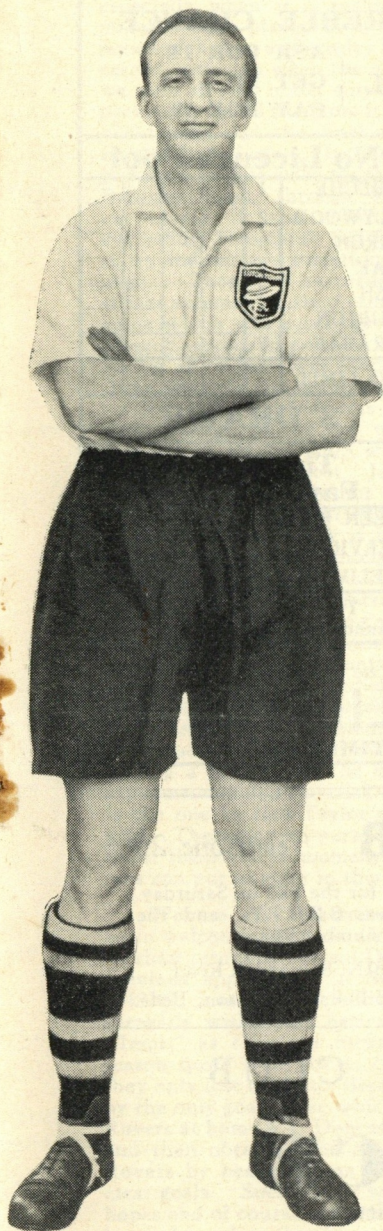
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CLUB NOTES

TO have picked up nine points out of the last six matches is indeed something to crow about, especially when it is realised that four of those matches were played away from home. The two points picked up at Barnsley last Saturday were well earned, although when the final score came through we were all very much surprised for when we had previously heard the score it was three clear goals in our favour and the final result then seemed a foregone conclusion. It was not that our defence panicked to give away those two goals but that the Barnsley team, through sheer desperation and encouraged by the crowd, just put absolutely everything into those last few minutes in an effort to try and retrieve something from their desperate plight. That they succeeded as well as they did speaks volumes for their tenacity and never-say-die spirit which will surely get them away from their present precarious position if they can keep it up. As far as football was concerned we can safely say there was only one team in it, for some of the moves carried out by our lads was a treat to watch. On several occasions the ball was passed from man to man ten or eleven times without a Barnsley man being able to intercept it. Jesse Pye scored another goal which everybody but the Referee thought a picture goal and which would have earned him a well-deserved hat-trick if it had been allowed to stand, but the Referee thought otherwise and there it rests. A pity though for it would have been a thrill to hear that our centre forward had scored a hat-trick on an opponent's ground, which set us wondering if a Luton player had accomplished such a performance. Only twice can we recall to mind this happening, one when scored by Hughie Billington at Brentford in a mid-week match, August, 1947—in the return match incidentally here the following Wednesday, Hughie repeated the performance of scoring a hat-trick. The only other occasion we can remember of a hat-trick scored away from home is the one by Jack Taylor at Leicester, September, 1951. There may of course be others but we cannot recall them at the moment. Perhaps some of you fans can put us right in this respect.

We are very pleased of the opportunity of again welcoming Lincoln City to Kenilworth Road on their return to Second Division football. Their previous appearance in this Division in season 1948/49, was of the shortest duration but we earnestly wish them better luck this time. The "Imps," as they are nicknamed, started off this season quite well, for in their first four matches they only lost once, to Brentford, at Griffin Park, by the only goal, after which they beat Blackburn Rovers at home 4-1, Doncaster Rovers at home 2-0 and then obtained the double against Blackburn Rovers by beating them at Ewood Park, by two clear goals. Such a start was beyond their wildest hopes and of course enthusiasm was at its height, but sad to relate they have not won a match since

and in fact have been beaten at home by Notts. Forest and Rotherham United. Strangely enough they have done what very few teams have been able to do so far this season and that is to bring a point away with them from Plymouth, where they played a goalless draw. In an effort to improve their goal-scoring potentialities, Lincoln have acquired for a considerable fee, the services of Joe Johnson, Inside Right of Glasgow Rangers, who is hoted in Scotland for his hard-hitting of a ball. This is the fourth time already this season when we have played a team who have included a new player and who is playing for them for the first time. On the first two occasions the new player scored against us but the new player signed by Barnsley last week, from Arsenal, did not manage to do so. We wonder what will be the effect on today's match of this particular signing.

It was a great pity the Stiffs did not produce their usual high standard of football last Saturday, before the best attendance so far this season when we entertained Crystal Palace Reserves. It was a great opportunity to show how good they really are but unfortunately after a bright beginning the football very much deteriorated, despite the efforts of the players to improve it for they felt they were not showing their best. Undoubtedly the nasty injury sustained by the visitors' Outside Right, when the game was just about ten minutes old, had a most unsettling effect on the players for they heard the bone crack, a very unpleasant experience. The player is progressing as well as can be expected and speaks well of the treatment and friendliness he has received while lying in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. We at Luton all sincerely hope he will soon be out and about again without any repercussions and that his football career has in no way been impaired.

We are asked to inform you that both the British Railways and United Counties Bus Company are running an excursion to Nottingham on Saturday, November 22nd next on the occasion of our match with Nottingham Forest. Details are as follows:

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Return Fare 12/3.

Bus Company

Depart Park Square 8 a.m., Dunstable 8.15 a.m.
Return Fare 16/3.

Any of you interested in making the journey by one of these routes are asked to contact your local Office and to purchase your tickets as soon as possible to give the authorities some idea of the required accommodation.

The Coverman—LESLIE FREDERICK HALL

Les Hall signed Amateur Forms for Luton Town in 1941, turning Professional August, 1942. He is therefore our longest playing member, and what an asset he has been. Makes no difference whether called upon for First Team or Second Team duty, takes both with equal calm. Was selected for the Schoolboy International Trial Match in 1936, joining St. Albans City 1940 and thence to Luton Town. Played in many First Team matches for Luton in War-time football until called abroad 1944, being demobilised 1946 when he immediately resumed with us. Was

called upon to play against Plymouth Argyle in the F.A. Cup, January, 1948, when it was found Horace Gager could not play through illness. Although this was the first appearance of Les in the senior side he never put a foot wrong and was one of the main reasons we came away from Home Park victors to the tune of four goals to two. Has played 15 times out of possible 17 in Reserve side this season, the two missing being due to First team calls, or as Les himself puts it—with tongue in cheek—"when being relegated to the other team Luton has."

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Outside Left
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Inside Left
6 **Owen**
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Streten
Goal

5 **Owen**
Centre Half

9 **Pye**
Centre



9 **Graver**
Centre

5 **Emery**
Centre Half

Jones
Goal

Football League—Division II

3 **Aherne**
Left Back

6 **Shanks**
Left Half

10 **Watkins**
Inside Left

11 **Mitchell**
Outside Left

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