

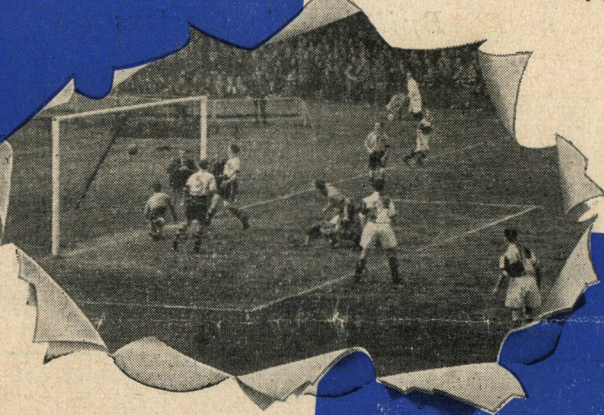


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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II.

Kick-Off 2.45 p.m.

BRISTOL ROVERS v. LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1953.

Welcome — “The Hatters.”

Luton Town and the Rovers are old rivals of both the Southern League and the Southern Section of the Third Division and they come to Eastville with an unbroken connection with the Second Division since they won promotion in 1937.

It is generally accepted that Luton are the oldest professional club in the South of England for there are records to the effect that in 1890 they paid five shillings per week to three local players and at the end of that season they decided to pay all their first team players this amount. The following season the amount of pay was ten shillings and thus Luton began the spread of professionalism from North to South.

It is worth recalling also that when an Alderman Harry Arnold joined the directorate of the club in 1893 he started a connection which saw him retain the chairmanship of the concern for forty years. Some difficult days were encountered in his early years and Luton football owes a great deal to the Alderman, who was really the backbone of the club.

“DALLY” DUNCAN’S BOYS.

Manager of Luton in these days is “Dally” Duncan, the former Derby County and Scottish International outside left. He made a great effort to win promotion to the First Division last season for it was only in the closing weeks that they fell out of the race and left things to Sheffield United and Huddersfield Town.

Best known player on the Luton books is Jesse Pye, who was obtained at the start of last season from Wolves at a record fee for the club.

Pye, as a youth, had joined Sheffield United just before the war but after a number of games in their “A” team the report was that “he did not appear to be unduly interested in football.” United did not retain him.

During his war service out in Italy, however, Stanley Callis, the present Wolves’ manager, saw him and immediately reported back to Frank Buckley, who was still the Wolves’ manager. Before Pye was demobilised, however, Major Buckley had moved to Notts County but he had not forgotten the tip sent by Stan. Thus, Pye joined Notts County to begin with and then Wolves bought him.

“JERICO” POWER MEGAPHONES supplied by
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WELL OFF FOR GOALKEEPERS.

As a club, Luton have always had a knack for picking up good goalkeepers. They had Iowerth Hughes, who was capped by Wales twice in 1951 after he had won his place from England International Bernard Streten and now, in addition to Streten, they have Baynham, whom they obtained from Worcester City.

Another outstanding player on their books is Syd Owen, who, in the opinion of many competent judges, is close to International standards for the centre half position. Syd, who hails from Birmingham, has been a capital servant to the Town.

Another well known figure in the side is Jimmy Downie, the inside forward who was secured from Manchester United during the summer. It will be remembered that Matt Busby was so taken up with Downie in his Bradford playing days that he paid £18,000 to secure his transfer.

When they are so minded, Luton can field two Irish backs in Dunne, a former Shelbourne player, and Aherne, who came to them from Linfield.

Wally Shanks, one of the wing halves—he can also play on the wing, was born in Malta. Luton fixed him up for a month's trial after he had been on Chelsea's books and he was retained.

Luton can also include Hughie McJarrow, a one time Chesterfield and Sheffield Wednesday centre, and the thrustful Bernard Moore, who has been at Eastville with Brighton prior to his transfer to Kenilworth Road in 1951.

THE VISIT TO PLYMOUTH.

Rovers, next week, renew acquaintance with other old friends of their Southern League and Southern Section days, when they visit the Argyle at Home Park.

Argyle had the remarkable experience of finishing runners-up in the Southern Section six years in succession from 1922 to 1927. They eventually won promotion in 1930 and remained in the Second Division until 1950, but they were more fortunate then. They won promotion again in 1952.

Rovers took three points from them at Home Park in their two visits while they were down again. They made a goalless draw in 1950 and they won by the odd goal in three in 1951.

There can be hope then that the first visit in the Second Division will have just as happy a result.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which League team has played the last 13 matches unbeaten?
2. In which two First Division teams do the two Parsons operate?
3. Which League club has lost all its 8 away matches?
4. How much was Turpin's share?
5. Which three Lancashire teams have lost their last 4 matches?
6. Which ex-Wolves-Brentford-Plymouth player is now the Notts County manager?
7. V. A. Gibbons' time of 1.57.57 is the best this year: for what?
8. When did England beat the Rest of Europe 3-0?
9. Whose goals for the last 4 matches read:—1, 1, 1, 8?
10. What remarkable running feat did W. Haywars perform last Saturday?
11. Which Club did Astall, Boyd and Govan belong to and which club has them now?
12. What English championship does 70-year-old Mrs. Morland-Smith hold?

Answers on page 9.

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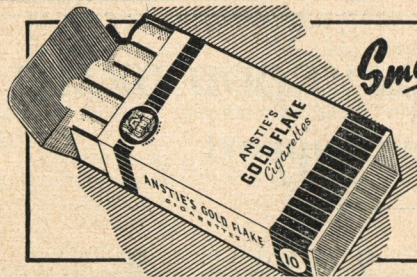
25 years ago today

BOSCOMBE 6, BRISTOL ROVERS 2.

The visit of Bristol Rovers to Bournemouth on Saturday brought vividly to mind their 6-1 defeat in the F.A. Cup match there last season.

Although they showed glimpses of good form, especially forward, where King and Taylor were often prominent, their defence was at times made to appear very poor indeed. Whatley was not to blame and both the full backs Barton and Bennett, fought courageously. But the half back line was weak. Pirie was always too far forward to give proper assistance to the defence and consequently Eyre enjoyed generous freedom of movement. He took full advantage of it and scored three good goals in the first half. Losing 3-1 at half time the Rovers tried hard in the second half to swing the game in their favour. But three more goals were scored for Bournemouth by Johnson, Hayward and Cherrett. Phillips scored once in each half for the Rovers. This is from our report of the match played 25 years ago. Today's game you have seen for yourself. Read a critical account of it in Monday's issue of . . .

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**COMBINATION RESULTS
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| Date | Opponents | Ground |
|---------|----------------------|--------|
| 1953 | | |
| AUG. 22 | BOURNEMOUTH & B.A. | H 1-1 |
| " 26 | SOUTHAMPTON | A 1-1 |
| " 29 | BRISTOL CITY | A 0-0 |
| SEPT. 5 | CARDIFF CITY | H 2-3 |
| " 10 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | H 1-4 |
| " 12 | SWINDON TOWN | A 0-0 |
| " 14 | BRISTOL CITY | H 0-2 |
| " 19 | SWANSEA TOWN | A 0-0 |
| " 21 | SOUTHAMPTON | H 5-0 |
| " 26 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | A 6-3 |
| " 28 | SWINDON TOWN | H 2-1 |
| OCT. 3 | | |
| " 7 | BOURNEMOUTH & B. A. | A 0-2 |
| " 10 | SWANSEA TOWN | H 1-0 |
| " 14 | CARDIFF CITY | A 0-2 |
| " 17 | SWANSEA TOWN | A 1-3 |
| " 24 | ALDERSHOT | H 7-1 |
| " 31 | QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS | A |
| NOV. 7 | CRYSTAL PALACE | A |
| " 14 | SWINDON TOWN | A |
| " 21 | BRISTOL CITY | A |
| " 28 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | A |
| DEC. 5 | SOUTHAMPTON | H |
| " 12 | | |
| " 19 | | |
| " 26 | LEYTON ORIENT | H |
| 1954 | | |
| JAN. 2 | NORTHAMPTON T. | H |
| " 9 | LEYTON ORIENT | A |
| " 16 | BRENTFORD | A |
| " 23 | COVENTRY CITY | H |
| " 30 | WATFORD | A |
| FEB. 6 | BRIGHTON & HOVE A. | H |
| " 13 | NORTHAMPTON TOWN | A |
| " 20 | WATFORD | H |
| " 27 | | |
| MAR. 6 | SWANSEA TOWN | H |
| " 13 | ALDERSHOT | A |
| " 20 | QUEEN'S PARK RAN. | H |
| " 27 | CRYSTAL PALACE | A |
| APRIL 3 | SWINDON TOWN | H |
| " 10 | BRISTOL CITY | A |
| " 16 | COVENTRY CITY | A |
| " 17 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | A |
| " 19 | SOUTHEND UNITED | A |
| " 24 | SOUTHAMPTON | A |
| " 28 | BRIGHTON & HOVE A. | A |
| MAY 1 | BRENTFORD | H |
| | Undated | |
| | SOUTHEND UNITED | H |

BRISTOL ROVERS v. LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

KICK-OFF 2.45 P.M.

R.

BRISTOL ROVERS

Colours—Blue and White Quarters, White Shorts.

ANDERSON

6ft. 2ins. 12st.

BAMFORD (2)

6ft. 12st. 8½lbs.

PITT (4)

5ft. 8ins. 9st. 13lbs.

WARREN (Capt.) (5)

5ft. 11ins. 10st. 7½lbs.

PETHERBRIDGE (7)

5ft. 5ins. 9st.

LEONARD (8)

5ft. 10ins. 11st. 4lbs.

BRADFORD (9)

6ft. 11st. 10lbs.

WATKINS (3)

5ft. 8ins. 10st.

SAMPSON (6)

5ft. 9½ins. 11st. 7lb.

BUSH (10)

5ft. 8½ins. 11st.

WATLING (11)

5ft. 9ins. 11st.

Referee :

Mr. F. READ (Staffs.)

Linesmen :

Mr. N. W. DAVIS (Red Flag).

Mr. R. J. INGRAM (Yellow Flag).

MITCHELL (11)

CUMMINS (10)

PYE (9)

DOWNIE (8)

DAVIES (7)

WATKINS (6)

OWEN (Capt.) (5)

MORTON (4)

AHERNE (3)

DUNNE (2)

STRETEN

L.

LUTON TOWN

Colours—White Shirts, Black Shorts.

L.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION II

| | | | |
|---------|----------------------|---|-----|
| AUG. 20 | FULHAM | A | 4-4 |
| " 22 | BLACKBURN ROVERS | A | 1-1 |
| " 24 | DONCASTER ROVERS | H | 0-1 |
| " 29 | DERBY COUNTY | H | 3-0 |
| SEPT. 2 | DONCASTER ROVERS | A | 0-1 |
| " 5 | BRENTFORD | A | 3-0 |
| " 7 | BURY | H | 2-0 |
| " 12 | WEST HAM UNITED | H | 2-2 |
| " 16 | BURY | A | 1-3 |
| " 19 | LINCOLN CITY | H | 0-1 |
| " 26 | NOTTS COUNTY | A | 5-1 |
| OCT. 3 | HULL CITY | A | 4-2 |
| " 10 | LEEDS UNITED | A | 3-3 |
| " 17 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | H | 1-1 |
| " 24 | NOTTINGHAM FOREST | A | 1-3 |
| " 31 | LUTON TOWN | A | |
| NOV. 7 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | A | |
| " 14 | SWANSEA TOWN | A | |
| " 21 | (1) ROTHERHAM UNITED | A | |
| " 28 | LEICESTER CITY | A | |
| DEC. 5 | STOKE CITY | A | |
| " 12 | (2) FULHAM | A | |
| " 19 | BLACKBURN ROVERS | H | |
| " 25 | EVERTON | A | |
| " 28 | EVERTON | A | |
| JAN. 2 | DERBY COUNTY | A | |
| " 9 | (3) | | |
| " 16 | BRENTFORD | H | |
| " 23 | WEST HAM UNITED | A | |
| " 30 | (4) | | |
| FEB. 6 | LINCOLN CITY | A | |
| " 13 | NOTTS COUNTY | A | |
| " 20 | (5) HULL CITY | A | |
| " 27 | LEEDS UNITED | A | |
| MAR. 6 | BIRMINGHAM CITY | A | |
| " 13 | (6) NOTTINGHAM FOR. | A | |
| " 20 | LUTON TOWN | A | |
| " 27 | ROTHERHAM UNITED | A | |
| APRIL 3 | LEICESTER CITY | A | |
| " 10 | PLYMOUTH ARGYLE | A | |
| " 16 | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | H | |
| " 17 | SWANSEA TOWN | A | |
| " 19 | OLDHAM ATHLETIC | A | |
| " 24 | STOKE CITY | H | |

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Recently, the Supporters' Club presented the Football Club with a cheque for £1,072 14s. 6d., as a gift. Mr. Hampden Alpass has since acknowledged this gift in the following terms:—

"Your cheque was accepted by the Directors at our Board Meeting, and I was requested to convey to your Club our very sincere thanks for this generous donation towards the Football Club.

This gift will be of great assistance to us at the present time when so much is necessary to be done at Eastville in order to make the Stadium adequate to our requirements."

On October 21st last, members of the Bristol Committee attended a Meeting at Frampton Cotterell and as a result of this a new Branch was formed, the name of which is "The Frampton Cotterell, Coalpit Heath and District Branch."

This is the fourth branch to be formed and we take this opportunity of wishing it every success.

We are running a special train to Plymouth next Saturday, the fare being 15/-. Members, or their friends, wishing to make the trip are advised to obtain tickets quickly—these will be available at the Enquiry Kiosk after to-day's game.

On January 23rd next, the Rovers are playing West Ham United in London. We have secured a block of one hundred half-guinea seats for the Ice Pantomime "Sinbad the Sailor" at the Empress Hall. Early application is advised.

Our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Tom Spiller, has suffered a bereavement in the death of his father. We respectfully offer sincere condolences.

"THE PIRATE."

ROVERS GOALSCORERS, 1953-54

(Up to and including October 24th, 1953, excluding Friendly Games).

Football League.

| | | | | | |
|------------------|----|-------------|---|--------------|---|
| Bradford ... | 14 | Watling ... | 2 | Bush ... | 1 |
| Roost ... | 4 | Lambden ... | 1 | Own Goal ... | 1 |
| Meyer ... | 3 | Cairney ... | 1 | | |
| Petherbridge ... | 2 | Fox ... | 1 | | |

Football Combination.

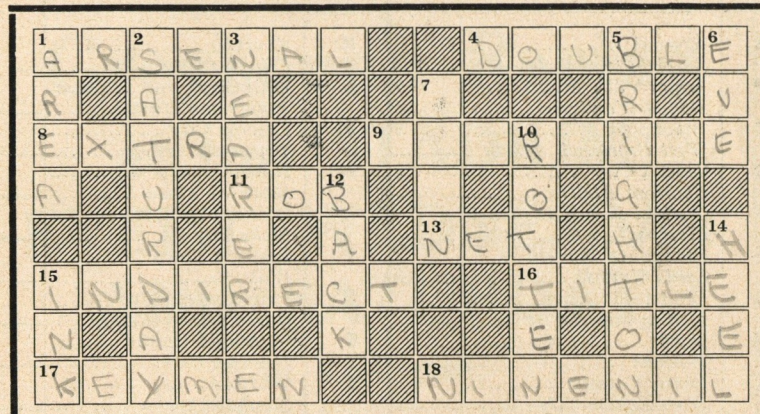
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|--------------|---|------------|---|--------------|---|
| Lyons ... | 5 | Bush ... | 2 | Roost ... | 1 |
| Meyer ... | 4 | Biggs ... | 2 | Lambden ... | 1 |
| Bradford ... | 3 | Jones ... | 2 | Own Goal ... | 2 |
| Leonard ... | 3 | Steeds ... | 2 | | |

Western League.

| | | | | | |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|------------|---|
| Lyons ... | 4 | Humphreys ... | 2 | Hooper ... | 1 |
| Bayly ... | 4 | Clark ... | 2 | Sykes ... | 1 |
| Ovington ... | 3 | Hamilton ... | 2 | | |
| Wilshire ... | 3 | Moss, T. J. ... | 1 | | |

SPORTSWORDS—No. 1

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Across.

- 1—Famous London club (7).
- 4—Accomplished after second win (6).
- 8—Time often played in cup-ties (5).
- 9—Where Sunderland's followers live (8).
- 11—Dispossess (3).
- 13—Destination of scoring shots (3)
- 15—Kind of free-kick (8).
- 16—What the leading club wins (5).
- 17—Important players (3, 3).
- 18—9 - 0 (4, 3).

Down.

- 1—Where fouls are fatal (4).
- 2—When big crowds cheer (8)
- 3—Closer (6).
- 5—Third Division South team (8).
- 6—Night before game (3).
- 7—Best kind of supporter (4).
- 10—Very disappointing (6).
- 12 & 14—Smart reverse pass (4, 4).
- 15—Signing liquid (3).

Answers to Sportswords—No. 1 will appear in the next 1st team programme on November 14th (ROVERS v. SWANSEA TOWN).

SPORTS QUIZ—ANSWERS.

1. Leicester.
2. Aston Villa and Chelsea.
3. Newport County.
4. £20,000.
5. Man. City, Bury, Oldham Ath.
6. G. Poyser.
7. 50 miles road cycling.
8. 1939.
9. Wrexham.
10. 100 miles in 12 hrs. 20 mins. 28 secs.
11. Plymouth : Birmingham.
12. Women's billiards.

Code for Half-Time Scores

| Letters on Board | TEAMS | SCORES | Letters on Board | TEAMS | SCORES |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| A | Arsenal | | K | Everton | |
| | Sheffield Wednesday | | | Leicester City | |
| B | Aston Villa | | L | Hull City | |
| | Bolton Wanderers | | | Rotherham United | |
| C | Blackpool | | M | Lincoln City | |
| | West Bromwich Albion | | | Plymouth Argyle | |
| D | Cardiff City | | N | Notts County | |
| | Charlton Athletic | | | Swansea Town | |
| E | Chelsea | | O | Oldham Athletic | |
| | Liverpool | | | Stoke City | |
| F | Blackburn Rovers | | P | Ipswich Town | |
| | Leeds United | | | Walsall | |
| G | Brentford | | R | Brighton & Hove A. | |
| | Nottingham Forest | | | Queen's Park Rangers | |
| H | Bury | | S | Southend United | |
| | Fulham | | | Norwich City | |
| I | Derby County | | T | Watford | |
| | Birmingham City | | | Southampton | |
| J | Doncaster Rovers | | V | Gillingham | |
| | West Ham United | | | Bristol City | |

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. II

SWANSEA TOWN

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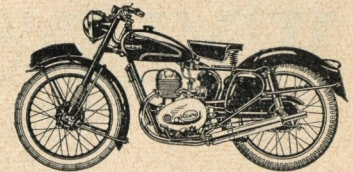
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