



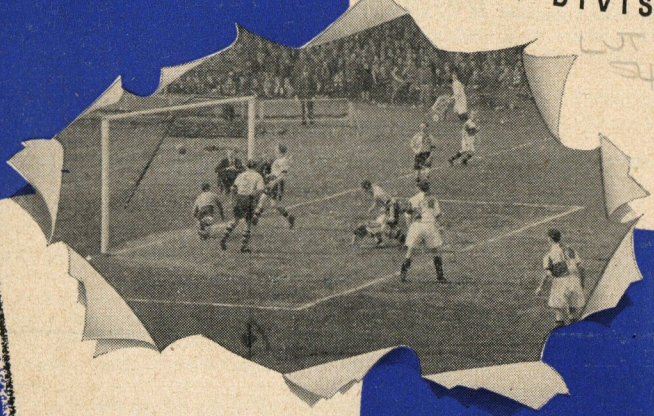
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II.

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BRISTOL ROVERS v. LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1954.

Welcome — Luton Town

Luton Town have dropped fewer points than any other Second Division club apart from Rotherham, whom we shall encounter at Millmoor next week, and "Dally" Duncan, in spite of requests for transfers from certain of his players, has every reason to believe his side will remain in the promotion race right to the very end.

Both Luton and ourselves have played 11 games and Luton have collected 16 points from these as against our 14. Everything points to this being a first class game, however.

As a matter of fact, these successive games with Luton and Rotherham United could well leave the Rovers with some prospect of reaching the top and it is interesting to recall that last season we drew both our games with Luton and took three points from Rotherham United.

STRETEN STILL GOOD.

Here are a few particulars of the Luton Town players expected to do duty at Eastville.

Bernard Streten, the goalkeeper, is still one of the best in the game, although it is five years since he was capped by England. Bernard was an amateur with Notts County and Shrewsbury before going to Luton in the 1947-48 season.

Both the Town backs are Irish players—Seamus Dunne on the right and Bud Ahearne on the left. Seamus came over from Shelbourne four seasons ago to join Luton, while Bud was signed from Linfield in 1949. Both have played for Eire, but Bud has also been in the Ireland team.

The half back line has been almost unaltered for some considerable time and consists of Bob Morton, Syd Owen and Wally Shanks, with Owen being the best known of the three, of course, because of the high place he has recently occupied in the eyes of the International Selectors.

A LUTON "LOCAL"

Morton is a "local." He was born in Buckinghamshire and played for Eaton Bray and Waterlows before signing for the Town. When required, he can fit into the centre half position just as well as right half.

Owen has been with Luton for a considerable time. It was in 1947 that they secured his transfer from Birmingham for a mere £1,500. He was a left half in those days but they converted him to centre half when they transferred Horace Gager to Nottingham Forest. Syd was England centre half against Yugoslavia last summer.

Shanks was born in Malta and had a spell with Chelsea, when Luton signed him on a month's trial.

CAPABLE FORWARDS

Roy Davies, the Town outside right, is one of the many South Africans to be found in British football in these days. It was Clyde who got hold of him in the first place, as they did Alf Ackerman, who has since been with Norwich City and Hull City. Roy is a useful forward to have around for he can play at outside right and outside left as well as in the centre. And he does not mind in the least where he plays.

Gordon Turner, the son of an old player, was converted by Dally Duncan from a wing half to an inside forward and he is neat in all he does. This is his fourth season with the Town.

Charlie Watkins is another who can play either at wing half or inside forward but Luton prefer him in the forward line. He is a Scot and played for the Rangers against the Dynamos when the Russians visited Britain shortly after the war.

Then, of course, there is Jesse Pye but at the time these programme notes were written it was not quite clear whether Jesse would still be with the Town or whether he might have been transferred to Derby County, against whom he scored last week when they won by 2-0. Pye, as most people know, returned from his Army service in Italy to play for Notts County and Wolves before going to Luton.

ROTHERHAM'S HOPES

There was a time when Rotherham United, like ourselves, relied almost entirely upon local players but of late years they have imported odd ones from "outside."

Since Andy Smailes, the old Bristol City player, became Rotherham United manager, he has transferred Len White to Newcastle United, Jack Shaw to Sheffield Wednesday, and Colin Rawson to Sheffield United. These three transfers brought Rotherham United £32,000.

His replacements have been Ronnie Burke, the former Huddersfield Town centre, "Jock" Henderson, the Third Lanark inside right, and Ian Wilson, who cost a modest fee from Chesterfield as an outside left—Rotherham therefore, showed a profit of £16,000 on their transfer deals and now Andy Smailes says there is a better playing staff at Millmoor than during the 25 years he has been there as player, trainer and now manager.

His reserve side are near the top of the Midland League and they do not appear to have much to worry about at the moment. Football, however, can be a strange game. You just do not know when and where difficulties will arise.

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During this season Phillips has been the only forward to impart any deadliness into his shooting. Of the ten goals Rovers have scored Phillips has scored seven. After half-an-hour's play he scored his first goal, a fierce left foot drive, against Gough, the old international goalkeeper. His second goal came 20 minutes from the end of the game after he had swerved past three defenders.

Both of his goals were those of an opportunist who knows how to impart just that touch of the unexpected into his shot that is the bogey of the best goalkeepers.

Torquay were a better side than their record suggests, but both teams lacked cohesion and skill. The Rovers insisted upon ballooning the ball, and the inside men rarely had a good ground pass.

This is from our report of the match played 25 years ago. Today's game you will see for yourself. For a critical account of it, read Monday's issue of

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	Colours—Blue and White Quarters, White Shorts.					
	RADFORD					
	BAMFORD (2)		WATKINS (3)			
	6' 12st. 4lbs.		5' 8" 10st. 10lbs.			
	PITT (<i>Capt.</i>) (4)		MUIR (5)		ANDERSON (6)	
	5' 9" 11st.		6' 3/4" 12st.		5' 8 1/2" 10st. 12lbs.	
	PETHERBRIDGE (7)	BRADFORD (8)	MEYER (9)	ROOST (10)	HOOVER (11)	
	5' 7 1/4" 10st. 2lbs.	6' 11st. 10lbs.	5' 11" 12st.	5' 9" 10st. 12lbs.	5' 10" 11st. 11lb.	
	<i>Referee :</i> Mr. J. McCANN (Preston.)					
	<i>Linesmen :</i> Mr. G. H. LEWIS (Red Flag) Mr. T. K. DOWRY (Yellow Flag)					
	ADAMS (11)	WATKINS (10)	PYE (9)	TURNER (8)	DAVIES (7)	
	SHANKS (6)	AHEARNE (3)	OWEN (5)	MORTON (4)	DUNNE (2)	
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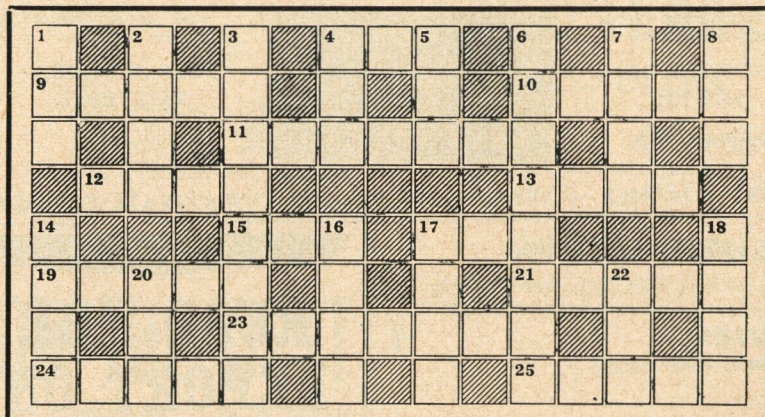
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SOCCERWORDS No. 7

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Clues Across.

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| 4—Once round track (3). | 17—One post (3). |
| 9—Prepared for shot (5). | 19—Find enjoyment in (5). |
| 10—See 25 (5). | 21—Had a stiff game? (5). |
| 11—Often goalkeeper's direction (7). | 23—Look at closely (7). |
| 12—Fees are an expensive (4). | 24—Clean pair often shown (5). |
| 13—Nil-nil (4). | 25—Avoid tackle (5). |
| 15—Effort (3). | |

Clues Down.

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| 1—Spoil (3). | 8—Supplied with ball (3). |
| 2—..... of the moment (4). | 14—One way in ! (4). |
| 3—Almost falls (8). | 16—Nil-nil (4). |
| 4—Rule of game (3). | 17—Oh ! to with the penalty ! (4) |
| 5—Standard (3). | 18—Goalkeeper doesn't mind being (4). |
| 6—Ground on Sunday (8). | 20—Emulate (3). |
| 7—A for the ball (4). | 22—" Get !" (3). |

Answers to Soccerwords—No. 7 will appear in the next 1st Team programme on October 23rd (BRISTOL ROVERS v. LEEDS UNITED).

SOLUTION TO SOCCERWORDS—No. 6 (Oct. 2nd).

Across.

1—Date. 6—Imps. 9—Deflate. 10—Coin. 11—Blur. 12—West End. 16—Support. 17—Adapted. 18—Aft. 19—Our. 20—Ray. 21—Eel. 22—nil 23—Spy. 24—Sun. 25—Yet.

Down.

1—Decision. 2—Trippers. 3—Defer. 4—Plot. 5—Stand. 7—Militant. 8—Straddle. 12—Worry. 13—Stays. 14—Eaten. 15—Dally.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES



In my last notes I appealed for 30 volunteers to assist the Supporters' Club in a new Fund Raising Scheme. I stated that volunteers would only be required to give one hour or so of their time before the game on the occasion of First Team matches. Unfortunately, at the time of writing we have only received offers of assistance from two volunteers. It seems to be a common failing that in a Club as large as ours, when a call goes forth for volunteers everyone seems to assume that the Committee will be immediately flooded with offers of help. This invariably proves to be a totally incorrect assumption. **In making this further appeal for help I hope that Club Members will come forward and not leave it for someone else.** Please contact Chairman Eric Godfrey at the Enquiry Kiosk at the main entrance to the

Stadium after the match to-day or if this is not convenient write to the Club Headquarters, 468 Stapleton Road, Bristol, 5.

Club Members are reminded that all Subscriptions for the current season were due on 15th May last and to be entitled to participate in the ballot for Cup Final Tickets or International Tickets, Subscriptions must be paid by the date of the first round of the Cup, *i.e.* 20th November next.

The tickets for our dance at the Berkeley, Queens Road, Bristol, on Monday, 18th October, are now selling very rapidly. Members will recollect that this first dance of the season will follow the pattern of previous dances, *i.e.* in one Ballroom there will be Old Tyme Dancing and in the other, Modern Dancing. Tickets are 5/- each and can be obtained from Mr. Leslie Moody, 5 Ingmire Road, Eastville, Bristol, 5 (Tel. No. 53803), from any Member of the Committee or from the Club Headquarters. Club Members should make early application for tickets as in the past we have had to refuse late comers as the number of tickets issued is strictly limited. We are pleased to say that the Players will be Guests of the Club at this dance.

The new gangways which were provided by the Supporters' Club at the Muller Road end of the ground are proving very satisfactory. I should like to take this opportunity to thank those Members of the Supporters' Club who are carrying out their duties as Stewards most efficiently.

Congratulations to Geoff Bradford on heading the list of Goal Scorers in the Football League to date.

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Two Numbers will be announced at Half-time to-day. A stand ticket for the Leeds United match (Saturday, 23rd October) will be given to the persons with the lucky number programmes. Application with complete programme must be received by the Secretary not later than Thursday next.

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	Bury			Leicester City	
D	Fulham		N	Charlton Athletic	
	Birmingham City			Burnley	
E	Liverpool		O	Huddersfield Town	
	Rotherham United			Chelsea	
F	Notts County		P	Manchester United	
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G	Plymouth Argyle		R	Colchester United	
	Hull City			Brighton & Hove A.	
H	Port Vale		S	Watford	
	Lincoln City			Leyton Orient	
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