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OUR VISITORS

It was on April 11th, 1885, that a meeting in Luton Town Hall discussed the formation of a local football club. The enthusiasts who attended did not need much persuading, and it was duly decided that "a Luton Town Football Club" should be established. It is an amusing sidelight on the customs of those pioneer days that the meeting also decided that the club colours should be navy blue and pink, a shirt and cap to be worn by each member when playing.

Scaffold poles were bought for goalposts, a field known as "Dallow Lane" rented and a ball provided, and the new club was off on the long road to stardom.

By 1891 amateur status had been abandoned and Luton Town was a professional club, certain of their players being paid 5/- a week, whilst others were allowed 2/6 for home games, 6d, extra for away matches and reasonable time lost prior to 12.0 noon.

In 1894 the Southern League embraced them and "friendlies" became a thing of the past. Luton Town did well in this competition, and by 1897 had found their way into the Second Division of the Football League.

The officials soon found that the life of a Football League side is not "roses, roses all the way". After two disastrous seasons Luton left the Football League and returned to the Southern League. Here they remained until the Third Divisions were formed.

It has been a long and hard struggle since then, but today the Luten Town supporters point proudly to their side at long last wearing the proud Division I label.

Luton Town only last week travelled to Spain to play a match, and on Friday returned to this country to play Sheffield Wednesday in a friendly fixture at the week-end.

With injuries causing them some little trouble the composition of the side is not certain, but here are some details of their leading players.

FRON BAYNHAM, Birmingham-born goalkeeper whom we do not remember seeing play at The Hawthorns before. He is no stranger to the ground, however, having visited us in England team training parties.

Seamus DUNNE, Eire International right back, born at Wicklow. Formerly played for Drogheda United.

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OUR VISITORS—continued

Tom AHERNE, perhaps better known as "Bud", another Irish International, once with Belfast Celtic. Born at Limerick and with Luton since 1949.

Jim PEMBERTON, from nearby Stourbridge in 1949 is quite happy to play in any position. He has appeared at full back, wing half, inside forward and outside left.

Terry KELLY is a local boy who came into the limelight with Vauxhall Motors. His father Tim Kelly has recently left Luton to manage Bedford Town. Kelly has recently played centre half in place of Sid Owen who has a pulled muscle.

Wally SHANKS, born in Malta of Scottish parents, prefers to play left half but can also show up at inside or outside forward.

Roy DAVIES, South African born has been struggling to reach peak fitness after a cartilage operation and has shared the right wing position with Michael Cullen. Cullen is a Scot from Douglasdale Juniors in 1952. He is not a one-footed player and has featured prominently on the other flank.

Gordon TURNER, goalscoring inside right who hails from Hull where his father played for Hull City with manager of Luton, Mr. "Dally" Duncan. Has had several honours but a full cap has as yet eluded him.

John GROVES, a young inside forward who has been doing well lately. He has been with Luton since he left school. Another footballer's son—his father was Mr. Duncan's colleague and contemporary at Derby County.

Bob MORTON, a most valuable man to the side, almost indispensable at centre half in Owen's absence. Sadly missed at wing half, but practically irreplaceable at centre forward. Born at Aston Clinton, Morton has been with Luton nearly ten seasons.

George CUMMINS, Eire International inside forward from Dublin. Signed from Everton in 1953 after three seasons with the "Toffeemen".

Jimmy ADAM a Scot from over the border. Adam who plays outside left has recently been down with tonsilitis. He has had just over two seasons at Luton.

Reg PEARGE, a youngster signed from Winsford United. Pearce is showing outstanding promise and can play both outside and inside left.

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CLUB NOTES

Another thrilling Cup-tie past and another hurdle over. The match against Portsmouth certainly gave us everything we could ask for in the way of thrills at either end of the field. George Lee was on the spot to score what we have recently come to call his usual goal. Since he scored his fiftieth for the club on Christmas Eve he has only missed scoring in two games out of eight. The first fifty are always the hardest we suppose.

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Ron Allen hammered home another penalty kick. He has had a fair amount of practice at this art this season. This latest one was his sixth since the campaign started.

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Monday's draw set the tongues a-wagging in the Midlands. The Albion v. Birmingham City tie should prove easily as attractive a match as our two previous ties with Wolves and Portsmouth and will be eagerly looked forward to.

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Looking through the old records is always interesting and we found that our Cup-tie clashes with Birmingham City go back as far as 1885-6. At that time, for those of us who cannot go back so far, Birmingham City were known as Small Heath Alliance. We append the full list for those who like to know.

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1894-5	Small Heath 1 Albion 2	1st Round at Birmingham.
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and of course 1930-1. Albion 2, Birmingham 1 in the Cup Final at Wembley.

The Central League side had no match last week—the date is left open for fourth round Cup-ties. The Birmingham League team, however, were in action and did well to beat Hereford United 4-2 in a hard game.

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As a result of our Cup-tie success we have exchanged one local derby game for another. On February 18th we were due to play Aston Villa at Villa Park—and incidentally Villa Reserves at The Hawthorns. Both these games will now need new dates.

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Right SANDERS Left HOWE MILLARD (2) (3) DUDLEY KENNEDY SUMMERS (4) (5) (6) SETTERS ALLEN (10) GRIFFIN BARLOW LEE (7) (9) (11) Linesmen: Messrs. Referee: The HOWELL WILLIAMS, Mr. J. W. TOPLISS, Birmingham Mail Hirwaun, Nr. Aberdare Grimsby. (red flag) SPORTS FINAL W. F. R. NAYLOR, Kick-off 3.0 p.m. Chesterfield (yellow flag) ADAM MORTON CULLEN (11) (9) (7) CUMMINS TURNER (10) (8) SHANKS KELLY PEMBERTON (6) (5) (4) AHERNE DUNNE (3) (2)

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JOHN REASON

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CLUB NOTES—continued

Two boys who do not need new dates are Brian Whitehouse and Donald Howe. Brian Whitehouse just about now should be turning in his Army kit to resume his "soccer" career. Donald Howe joined the Services about a month after Brian so should not be long before he too is demobbed. Both these players have been fortunate in that they have been able to play with reasonable regularity since joining up for National Service.

A last-minute request from the referee caused Portsmouth and ourselves to appear "in disguise" last Saturday. The misty conditions may have made identification difficult between Portsmouth's blue and our stripes.

Next Wednesday the Midland Mid-Week League side entertain Port Vale at The Hawthorns. This should be an interesting match—both sides field plenty of youngsters.

TICKET ANNOUNCEMENTS

F.A. AMATEUR CUP COMPETITION FINAL TIE

This will be played at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, April 7th, 1956. Admission will be by ticket only.

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At The Hawthorns, on Saturday, the 28th January, 1956.

Scorers: Albion-Lee, Allen.

Teams:-

Albion-Sanders; Howe, Millard; Dudley, Kennedy, Summers; Griffin, Setters, Barlow, Allen, Lee,

Portsmouth-Uprichard; McGhee, Mansell; Pickett, Gunter, Dickinson; Harris, Gordon Henderson, Barnard, Dale.

Referee : Mr. L. Howarth, Beverley, Yorks.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

ALBION "A" 4, HEREFORD UNITED 2

At Dudley on Saturday, the 28th January, 1956.

Albion scorers-Kevan 2, D. Parnell 2.

Albion team-Barnsley; R. Bradley, Rawlings; Horne, Hughes, Cooke, Cutler, Kevan, Whitehouse B., Campbell, D. Parnell.

WARWICKSHIRE COMBINATION

ALBION "B" 4, ROOTES ATHLETIC I

At Coventry on Saturday, the 28th January, 1956.

Albion scorers-S. Jones 2, D. Morrall, B. Ord.

Albion team-Woodward; Mack, Willetts; P. Bunch, T. McHale, Hadley; D. Morrall, Jackson, S. Jones, D. Burnside, B. Ord.

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