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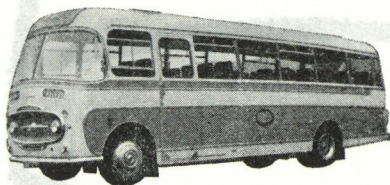
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					For	Ag.	
Doncaster Rovers	45	23	11	10	84	53	58
Torquay United	45	24	12	9	72	49	57
Colchester U.	44	23	11	10	69	43	56
Tranmere Rovers	46	24	14	8	93	66	56
Darlington	44	24	12	8	70	53	56
Luton T.	42	23	12	7	85	61	53
Chester	43	20	13	10	75	65	50
Southport	46	18	16	12	68	69	48
Notts County	44	18	15	11	56	49	47
Barrow	45	16	14	15	70	73	47
Bradford (P.A.)	45	20	20	5	99	90	45
Newport County	41	15	15	11	64	67	41
Stockport County	43	17	20	6	77	64	40
Crewe Alex	45	16	20	8	60	62	40
Barnsley	46	15	21	10	74	78	40
Port Vale	46	15	22	9	48	58	39
Halifax Town	45	14	20	11	64	75	39
Chesterfield	46	13	20	13	62	78	39
Aldershot	45	14	21	10	73	77	38
Hartlepoons United	44	16	22	6	61	75	38
Lincoln City	46	13	22	11	57	82	37
Rochdale	44	16	25	3	68	84	35
Bradford City	43	12	20	11	60	90	35
Wrexham	45	13	24	8	70	102	34

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Club Chatter . . .

Another season is almost over. Luton Town's appearance here tonight provides the end of the 1965-66 campaign, and the question uppermost in all our minds is whether this is the end of league soccer at the Shay. The board wish only that they could give a definite answer before the curtain comes down with this important game against one of the sides driving for promotion to Division Three.

Unfortunately, and through no fault of the club, it is not yet possible to do so. Today, the appeal launched for £25,000 by the Mayor of Halifax, Coun. H. Ludlam, J.P., closes, its results have been less satisfactory than we had expected.

But other fund raising avenues are being explored remorselessly and methodically. In several instances we have had disappointments, acute ones, yet the directors are determined that, if at all possible, Division Four football should be continued here next August.

Exactly how that ambition might be fulfilled we do not know. The situation is complex. It demands courage, commonsense and care in good measure. We hope that the decision which the board will take quite soon will be the one for which you, our supporters, are so earnestly hoping, and that, if it is, the public generally will respond more readily to our appeals for support in the future.

Meanwhile the club wish to thank everyone connected with their affairs for the efforts made, particularly since news of the cash crisis broke so dramatically in the local press on Tuesday, February 22nd, a fateful day in the eventful annals of Halifax Town Football Club.

The players and the behind the scenes staff have responded magnificently to the call, and taken one important worry away from the board, that of whether a second successive re-election application would be necessary. The fact that they have done so well is an additional encouragement to the directors at this critical time.

You our loyal followers - a few of you with memories of Sandhall and Exley days before and immediately after the first world war, have demonstrated a faith and allegiance to the club, which is an inspiration, too.

Finally we thank the advertisers in this programme, and the club's well-wishers in general who have underlined their concern about the situation by sending donations, often anonymously, or promising cash guarantees if town go on.

Rest assured the board, upon whose actions so much depends, do not want to fail you. As well as anyone else versed in soccer policies and politics they know that, once Football League status has been surrendered, the odds against its being regained are astronomical.

Our Visitors

At a time when so many folk are recalling Town's history the name of Luton Town crops up frequently. When they visited us last in 1932-33 it was for an F. A. Cup fifth-round tie.

The game attracted a then record crowd of 29,235 and produced record receipts at the time of over £1,600. Town lost the match by 2-0 after play had been interrupted by a snowstorm.

More recently, last month, Luton arrived for the original fixture, but it was postponed because of snow. Tonight their aim is to clinch promotion 12 months after being relegated, and to begin the return journey to Division One, of which they were members only six years ago.

One of their best known players is John O'Rourke, the former Chelsea centre forward, a scorer when town lost by 4-1 at Kenilworth Road last November. Another notability is John Reid, ex-Bradford City inside forward, who has also been with Northampton Town. His current position is wing half.

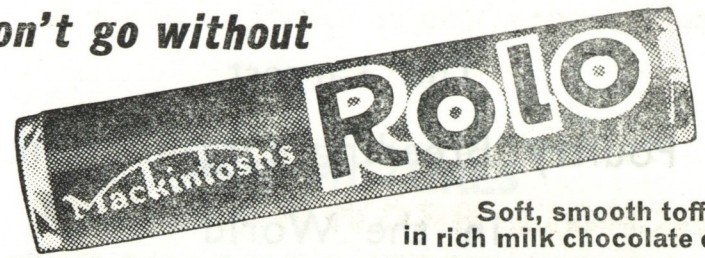
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			10
			Fidler
			11



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11	10	9	8	7
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	6	5	4	
	Moore	Woods	Riddick	
	3	2		Right
Left	Slough	Thomson		
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PEN PICTURES

RIDDICK, Gordon (Right Back) After a short period of apprenticeship, turned professional in 1961. Much is expected of this lad as he gains experience.

JARDINE, Freddy (Left Back) Born in Edinburgh, and played for Dundee for two seasons before coming to Luton in 1961. Originally an outside left, he was successfully converted to a full-back.

GIBSON, Jimmy (Right Half) Born Belfast, and his first English club was Newcastle United. Came to Luton in 1965, and was a regular member of the first team for the remainder of the season.

MOORE, John (Left Half) Signed from Motherwell in May, 1965. He was recommended to us, and a bright future is forecast for him.

WOODS, Matt (Centre Half) A Lancashire man, his first club was Blackburn Rovers, for whom he played 126 times, including the Cup Final, before going to Australia in 1963. Came to Luton on his return.

EDWARDS, Richard (Inside Right) Came to Luton as an amateur in 1963, and was offered professional terms in 1964.

O'ROURKE, John (Centre Forward) Previous clubs Arsenal and Chelsea, from whom Luton signed him. Scored 22 goals in 23 appearances, but last season he was dogged by injuries.

REID, John (Inside Left) Was previously with Bradford and Northampton, from whom Luton signed him in 1963 at a substantial fee. A tireless and energetic worker, he has settled down well at Luton.

WHITTAKER, Ray (Outside Left) A Londoner from Bow, his only other club was Arsenal. Gained England Youth honours in 1962-3 (with John O'Rourke), and joined Luton in 1964. Has been a first team regular ever since.

Football League Division IV

1965 FIRST TEAM		F	A
Sat.	Aug.21—TRANMERE ROVERS	2	2
Mon.	23—Colchester United	0	1
Fri.	27—Stockport ..	0	3
Fri.	Sept. 3—DARLINGTON ..	2	2
Sat.	11—Lincoln ..	3	3
Tues.	14—COLCHESTER U. ..	1	1
Sat.	18—NOTTS COUNTY	0	1
Sat.	25—Chester ..	0	1
Fri.	Oct. 1—BRADFORD ..	1	0
Tues.	5—BRADFORD CITY	3	2
Sat.	9—Newport County ..	1	3
Sat.	16—TORQUAY UNTIED	0	2
Sat.	23—Chesterfield ..	2	3
Fri.	29—ROCHDALE ..	4	1
Sat.	Nov. 6—Luton Town ..	1	4
Sat.	13—(1) Southport ..	0	2
Sat.	20—Hartlepoons United	2	1
Fri.	26—DONCASTER ROVERS	P	P
Fri.	Dec. 3—BARROW ..	P	P
Fri.	10—WREXHAM ..	4	0
Sat.	18—Torquay United ..	P	P
Mon.	27—Barnsley ..	2	1
Tues.	28—BARNSELY ..	2	2
Fri.	31—NEWPORT COUNTY	4	4
Sat.	Jan. 8—Barrow ..	0	3
Fri.	14—CHESTERFIELD ..	P	P
Sat.	22—BARROW ..	2	1
Fri.	28—Tranmere Rovers ..	2	5
Fri.	Feb. 4—STOCKPORT ..	0	1
Sat.	12—(4)CHESTERFIELD	4	1
Sat.	19—Darlington ..	P	P
Wed.	23—Crewe Alexandra ..	0	3
Fri.	25—LINCOLN ..	2	2
Sat.	Mar. 5—CREWE ALEXANDRA	1	0
Tues.	8—DONCASTER R. ..	2	3
Sat.	12—Notts County ..	1	1
Wed.	16—Bradford City ..	1	0
Fri.	18—CHESTER ..	2	0
Sat.	26—(6) Bradford ..	1	2
Fri.	April 1—LUTON TOWN ..	P	P
Fri.	8—Aldershot ..	0	0
Sat.	9—Southport ..	0	1
Tues.	12—ALDERSHOT ..	3	4
Tues.	19—Rochdale ..	1	0
Fri.	15—HARTLEPOOLS U.	1	0
Fri.	22—(S.F.) Doncaster R...	2	2
Wed.	27—Port Vale ..	0	2
Fri.	29—SOUTHPORT ..	1	2
Mon.	May 2—Torquay U. ..	0	1
Thurs.	5—Bradford W.R. Cup	2	5
Sat.	7—Wrexham ..	2	2
Tues.	10—PORT VALE ..	2	0
Mon.	16—LUTON TOWN ..		

North Regional League

RESERVES		F	A
Aug.	21—Workington ..	0	3
28—	—		
Sept.	4—Oldham ..	1	3
11—	SUNDERLAND	1	4
18—	—		
25—	DARLINGTON	2	1
Oct.	2—Rotherham ..	1	1
9—	BRADFORD (P.A.)	3	2
16—	Hartlepoons	1	3
23—	GATESHEAD	0	1
30—	Doncaster ..	2	5
Nov.	6—ASHINGTON ..	1	2
13—	BRADFORD CITY	2	1
20—	YORK CITY ..	3	4
27—	South Shields..	P	P
Dec.	4—DONCASTER	P	P
11—	CARLISLE	0	2
18—	HARTLEPOOLS	0	3
25—	—		
Jan.	1—Bradford (P.A.)	1	2
8—	Bradford City ..	0	2
15—	Gateshead ..	P	P
22—	South Shields ..	2	5
29—	WORKINGTON	3	3
Feb.	8—DONCASTER	P	P
12—	Hull City ..	P	P
19—	OLDHAM ..	P	P
26—	Sunderland ..	P	P
28—	DONCASTER	1	1
Mar.	5—Carlisle ..	P	P
12—	Middlesbrough	1	3
19—	Darlington ..	3	4
22—	OLDHAM		
26—	ROTHERHAM	2	0
April	2—Ashington ..	1	4
9—	HULL CITY ..	1	0
16—	York City ..	1	1
18—	Sunderland ..	2	1
23—	STH. SHIELDS	0	6
30—	Gateshead	0	0
May	4—Carlisle	0	4
7—	MIDDLESBRO'	0	1
10—	Hull City	0	3

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES GOALS

Up to and including

10/5/66

RAYNOR	18	
RUSSELL	44	
CLARKE	44	1
SMITH	47	4
BRIER	14	
McMILLAN	40	7
TAYLOR	41	4
ATKINS	45	20
WESTLAKE	37	3
LEE	31	
BAMBRIDGE	5	1
WOOLER	10	2
FIDLER	42	14
PICKERING	42	
FIELD	6	
BALMER	27	9
WHITE	30	
MITTEN	1	
McCARTHY	4	1

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NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Tables up to and including matches played 23rd April, 1966

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Middlesbrough	30	19	5	6	74	40	43
Carlisle United	29	20	3	6	69	37	43
Hull City	25	19	3	3	74	22	41
South Shields	29	18	4	7	100	43	40
Sunderland	28	18	1	9	89	57	37
Rotherham United	27	13	5	9	52	43	31
Ashington	26	12	6	8	52	41	30
Hartlepoons United	28	9	6	13	58	69	24
Oldham Athletic	28	9	5	14	43	60	23
Darlington	29	10	3	16	49	77	23
Gateshead	24	9	4	11	40	48	22
Workington	28	8	5	15	48	81	21
Bradford City	27	9	3	15	27	49	21
Doncaster Rovers	27	6	6	15	39	54	18
Halifax Town	27	6	4	17	36	68	16
Bradford Park Avenue	24	6	3	15	32	65	15
York City	25	5	4	16	42	70	14

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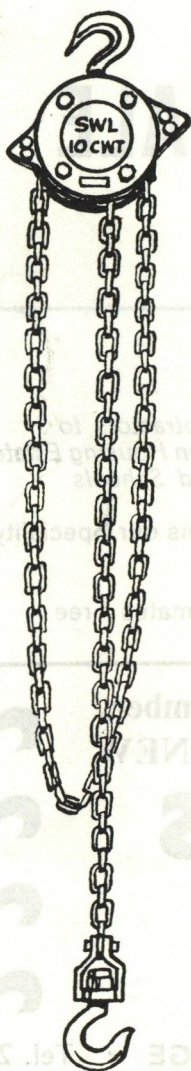
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