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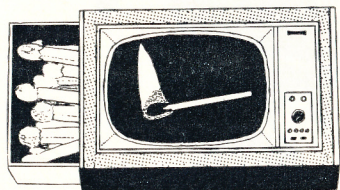
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IN our "Meet the Staff" feature in to-day's programme Jim Murphy offers a sharp reminder that many football issues cannot be thought to be settled until the very last day of a season. But even with this in mind, we must say it looks a very safe bet indeed that Luton Town—our visitors tonight—will be playing in the Third Division next season.

They have enjoyed a remarkably successful season, in having risen strikingly from a lowly situation last campaign, and their remarkable rise reflects great credit on their manager, Mr. Allan Brown, a former player of theirs.

Our last home match, against Hartlepoons United, provided such a disastrous performance and terrible defeat, by three clear goals, that we clearly have to do something tonight to restore the shattered faith of our fans.

It is impossible to offer any excuses for that Hartlepoons debacle, and just as pointless to offer reasons behind it—because there were none of a sound nature. We were beaten by, with respect, an average-looking team which deserved to win because we were second best at every aspect of the game. A humiliating experience indeed!

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IT WAS this serious setback, and the implications it had on avoiding a last-four place, that caused team changes to be made for the Good Friday visit to Luton for the first of our three holiday games.

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We went into this programme fully realising that a great improvement was needed, especially bearing in mind the tough character of the programme that now confronts us. After today's game, we are at home again on Saturday—and again to promotion challengers in Barnsley.

When Barnsley lost 1—0 at Bradford City ten days ago they were edged out of the top four, but knew that of their last seven matches five were at home and only two away. This will not make them any less determined for points on Saturday in what promises to be another formidable situation for Notts.

Meet the Staff: Jim Murphy

JIM MURPHY, the newest recruit to the Meadow Lane professional staff, comes with a lot of experience behind him in both the First and Second Divisions of the Scottish League—and with a big reputation as a goal scorer.

Born at Bathgate, about 30 miles from Edinburgh in East Lothian, he played for two minor clubs, Lesmahagow and Thistle, before joining Second Division Alloa Athletic in 1962-3. He immediately created a hit as a striker, netting 17 goals in half a season while playing mostly at centre forward.

It was on the strength of this evidence that, the following season, Hearts snapped him up. They had just been knocked out of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup by a Swiss side when their famous manager, Mr. Tommy Walker, decided to sign Jim and thus to begin a unique partnership between them.

For last October, when Jim was transferred from Hearts, it was Mr. Walker who again showed his faith in him by signing him for a second time—this time for Raith Rovers.

Jim enjoyed his time in Scottish football, never more than in the 1954-5 campaign. He had a personal triumph in registering all four goals in a 4-0 Hearts win over East Stirling, yet it was a season which finished on a heartbreaking note for the Hearts club.

In their last match of the season they faced Kilmarnock at home, and Kilmarnock had to win by a two-goal margin to pip Hearts for the Scottish First Division title. Kilmarnock did, in fact, shake the Scottish soccer world with a 2-0 victory—and Jim and his team-mates were thus denied the championship.

How is he finding English football? "The pace is about the same, but the game down here is played more to a pre-determined method. For that reason defences are tighter and harder to break down," he says.

Jim and his wife and their 15 month old daughter, Andrea,

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The Season's Ups and Downs

	August	September	October	November	December	Jan.	Feb.	March	April											
Position on	26	9	23	30	4	14	18	31	15	25	2	16	6	27	10	24	9	23	3	
Aldershot	12	3	1	1	6	3	4	6	9	9	8	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	8
Barnsley	14	16	12	11	9	8	9	7	8	8	9	7	6	3	1	3	4	3	4	4
Bradford	18	20	17	21	23	21	21	20	22	23	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Bradford C.	10	13	14	8	7	6	1	1	4	4	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	6	5	5
Brentford	13	7	10	7	6	7	7	8	7	6	7	9	10	10	10	11	11	11	12	12
Chester	7	21	16	18	19	20	20	18	19	17	19	22	19	22	23	23	23	23	23	23
Chesterfield	3	1	3	3	5	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	5	6	6
Crewe Alex.	6	5	4	2	3	1	2	2	3	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	2	4	3
Darlington	19	14	15	16	15	19	19	17	16	18	17	16	22	20	19	22	16	17	17	17
Doncaster	22	18	11	15	10	14	14	16	13	12	11	12	14	14	14	14	10	10	10	10
Exeter City	23	19	20	20	22	23	23	24	24	24	22	21	20	19	22	18	19	22	19	19
Halifax T.	4	8	5	9	13	10	11	10	11	11	12	13	18	12	13	10	10	10	11	11
Hartlepool	1	6	18	14	16	16	16	15	11	10	10	10	7	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
Lincoln C.	9	4	13	12	11	12	13	11	15	16	14	15	12	11	16	16	18	19	20	20
Luton Town	5	12	6	6	8	5	6	5	3	3	4	2	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	1
Newport C.	20	9	8	5	4	9	10	12	12	13	15	17	17	18	15	9	12	13	13	13
Notts. Co.	24	17	21	23	20	22	22	21	19	20	18	16	16	16	12	15	15	15	17	17
Port Vale	16	23	24	19	21	17	17	19	18	20	18	19	13	15	17	16	16	16	16	16
Rochdale	11	15	19	17	17	15	15	14	14	14	16	14	15	17	18	18	21	18	19	19
Southend U.	2	2	2	4	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	6	4	3	2	2	2
Swansea T.	8	11	9	13	12	11	12	13	17	15	13	11	11	13	11	12	14	14	14	14
Workington	17	24	22	22	18	18	18	23	23	22	21	20	21	19	20	19	17	20	22	22
Wrexham	21	10	7	10	14	13	8	9	6	7	6	8	9	9	9	13	13	9	9	9
York City	15	22	23	24	24	24	24	22	21	21	23	23	23	23	21	20	22	17	15	15

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" Junior Magpies " results: April 7th, Under-14's lost 6—2.

Football practice will continue on Friday evenings, 6.30 p.m., Victoria Embankment, until further notice.

Will the Junior Supporters please note that the Club Room, which is open every Friday evening, 6.30 p.m., for table tennis, table skittles, darts, etc., will close for this season on Friday, May 11th.

OUR NEXT HOME MATCHES

NOTTS. COUNTY v. BARNSELY

Saturday, 20th April

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

NOTTS. COUNTY RES. v. HALIFAX RES.

Wednesday, 24th April

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

JIM MURPHY (cont'd.)

have just moved into a Notts. club house at Wilford and he now looks forward to settling down fully—something which has not been easy for him while he has been dividing his time between England and Scotland. And he has already begun to try his hand on the English golf courses (he plays off a handicap of 12) and has enjoyed two or three rounds at Wollaton already.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Date	Day	Opponents	Venue	F	A	Goalscorers	Att.
1967							
Aug. 19	S	Chester	H	1	2	Marshall	6,599
26	S	Chesterfield	A	0	4		5,932
Sept. 2	S	Exeter C.	H	1	0	Smith, J.	3,741
6	W	Port Vale	H	0	0		4,338
9	S	Darlington	A	2	2	Smith, K., Marshall	4,642
16	S	Aldershot	H	0	1		4,451
23	S	Workington	A	1	5	Marshall	2,109
25	M	Port Vale	A	1	4	Smith, K.	4,021
30	S	Lincoln	H	0	0		6,238
Oct. 4	W	Crewe A.	H	1	0	Watson, D.	5,550
7	S	Bradford	H	0	0		7,355
14	S	Brentford	A	1	2	Elliott	7,430
21	S	Rochdale	H	2	0	Elliott, Bradd	5,832
25	W	Crewe A.	A	0	4		6,308
28	S	York C.	A	2	4	Bates, 2	4,733
Nov. 4	S	Newport C.	H	3	1	Bradd, Weaver, Collins o.g.	4,456
10	F	Hartlepoons U.	A	1	3	Weaver	4,430
15	W	Exeter C.	A	3	3	Farmer, Gibson, Weaver	4,002
18	S	Swansea T.	H	3	2	Smith, Weaver, Thompson	5,180
25	S	Barnsley	A	1	3	Marshall	8,193
Dec. 2	S	Wrexham	H	1	1	Elliott	4,878
16	S	Chester	A	3	1	Bradd 2, Farmer	3,476
23	S	Chesterfield	H	1	0	Murphy	9,990
26	Tu	Bradford C.	A	1	5	Farmer	11,013
30	S	Bradford C.	H	1	0	Bates	7,404
1968							
Jan. 6	S	(2)		0	0		4,426
13	S	Darlington	H	0	0		4,359
20	S	Aldershot	A	0	0		5,259
Feb. 3	S	Workington	H	2	1	Bradd 2	
10	S	Lincoln C.	A	3	1	Harford o.g., Farmer, Smith	6,554
17	S	(4) Halifax T.	H	1	3	Smith, K.	5,880
24	S	Swansea T.	A	0	2		5,000
Mar. 2	S	Brentford	H	2	1	Murphy, Farmer	4,486
8	F	(5) Doncaster R.	A	1	3	Pring	9,765
16	S	Rochdale	A	0	0		1,895
23	S	York C.	H	1	1	Bradd	4,174
30	S	(6) Newport C.	A	0	1		2,024
Apr. 6	S	Hartlepoons U.	H	0	3		4,976
12	F	Luton T.	A				
13	S	Bradford	A				
15	M	Luton T.	H				
20	S	Barnsley	H				
22	M	Southend U.	A				
27	S	(SF) Wrexham	A				
May 4	S	Southend U.	H				
11	S	Halifax T.	A				
18	S	(F)					

CLUB DIRECTORY

NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Date	Day	Opponents	Venue	F	A	Date	Day	Opponents	Venue	F	A
LEAGUE											
1967						1968					
Aug. 30	W	Halifax T.	H	2	3	Jan. 17	W	Lincoln C.	A	0	3
Sept. 6	W	Bradford City	A	3	1	24	W	Bradford C.	H	2	2
20	W	Mansfield Town	A	1	2	7	W	Rotherham U.	H	1	0
27	W	Chesterfield	H	3	3	14	W	Halifax T.	A	2	0
Oct. 4	W	Bradford P.A.	A	3	1	21	W	Bradford P.A.	H	3	4
11	W	Rotherham U.	H	2	3	28	W	Chesterfield	A	0	4
18	W	Lincoln C.	H	1	3	6	W	Chesterfield	H	0	1
25	W	Lincoln C.	A	0	7	13	W	Doncaster R.	H	1	4
30	M	Doncaster R.	A	4	7	20	W	Mansfield T.	A	1	0
Nov. 1	W	Doncaster R.	H	1	3	27	W	Lincoln C.	H	1	2
8	W	Halifax T.	A	0	1	Apr. 3	W	Bradford City	A	3	1
15	W	Chesterfield	A	1	0	8	M	Mansfield T.	H	0	1
22	W	Bradford City	H	1	0	17	W	Rotherham U.	A		
Dec. 6	W	Mansfield T.	H	2	2	24	W	Halifax T.	H		
13	W	Rotherham U.	A	1	3	May 1	W	Bradford P.A.	A		
20	W	Bradford P.A.	H	4	1						

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THE LEAGUE—DIVISION IV

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	
					F.	A.
LUTON T. ..	38	23	10	5	74	36
Crewe Alex. ..	39	18	15	6	68	41
Southend U. ..	38	19	12	7	67	45
Bradford C. ..	39	20	8	11	57	39
Barnsley	39	18	12	9	51	41
Hartlepoons ..	38	18	9	11	47	44
Aldershot	39	15	14	10	61	50
Wrexham	38	15	10	13	61	51
Doncaster	37	14	11	12	55	49
Halifax T.	37	12	14	11	47	42
Brentford	39	16	6	17	55	53
Newport Co. ..	37	13	11	13	50	52
York City	38	11	12	15	57	51
Swansea T.	37	12	10	15	55	64
Oldham A.	38	14	5	19	51	56
Port Vale	38	10	12	16	54	63
Rochdale	38	9	14	15	43	59
NOTTS. C. ..	37	11	10	16	40	63
Darlington	38	8	15	15	41	50
Lincoln C.	38	11	8	19	57	64
Exeter City	38	10	10	18	40	61
Chester	38	9	11	18	51	66
Workington	38	9	10	19	48	76
Bradford	37	4	13	20	26	63

Up to & including Saturday, 6th April, 1968

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP 1967-68 1st ROUND

Aug. 23	W	Rotherham Utd.	H	0	1	4,492
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F.A. CUP 1967-8 1st ROUND

Dec. 9	S	Runcorn	A	0	1	6,246
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Here Today

TEAM SELECTED FROM—

- KEITH ALLEN—Joined Luton from Stockport, in exchange for Derek Kevan in March, 1967, and quickly became a favourite. Previously played for Grimsby and Portsmouth. A native of the Isle of Wight.
- TERRY BRANSTON—Signed in June from Northampton Town for whom he played regularly in all four divisions of the Football League. He was born at Rugby.
- MICKY BROWN—Was born at Slough and made his League debut for Fulham where he spent five seasons followed by two seasons at Millwall. Joined Luton in July 1967.
- MAX DOUGAN—Cost Luton a sizeable transfer fee in December 1966. His two previous clubs were Queen's Park (Scotland) and Leicester City. Gained five amateur international caps whilst with the former.
- GRAHAM FRENCH—Born at Wolverhampton. Has previously played for Shrewsbury, Swindon, Watford and Wellington before joining Luton in October, 1965. Has several youth international caps for England.
- TOMMY HARE—Signed from Southampton in July, 1967. A Scot whose birthplace is Motherwell.
- FREDDIE JARDINE—Another Scot, from Edinburgh, he played for Dundee before coming south to Luton in 1961. Although originally an outside left he has now settled into the left back position.
- BRIAN JOHNSON—Born at Newcastle. Played for Sunderland before signing for Luton in July, 1966. Only 19 years of age, he has already made appearances in the first team.
- JOHN MOORE—His third season at Luton, being a regular member of our first team. Previously played for Motherwell.
- BILLY McDERMENT—Born at Paisley, was transferred from Leicester City in July, 1967, with a reputation as being a rugged type player.
- TONY READ—Born at Haydock. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday, later going to Peterborough from whom we secured him in March, 1965. Is equally well at home in the centre forward position!
- BRUCE RIOCH—Born at Aldershot, but has lived in Luton most of his life. First signed for Luton as an apprentice in 1963, taking the full time ticket in September, 1964. Is a regular member of the first team.
- ALAN SLOUGH—Born at Luton, he has graduated through the ranks of schoolboy, amateur and apprentice before accepting full terms in May, 1965. Can also play with distinction at wing half or inside forward.
- RAY WHITTAKER—A Londoner from Bow, he played for Arsenal, with whom he gained England youth international caps, before going to Luton in March, 1964. Has been a regular member of the first team ever since.



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