



# **GILLINGHAM**

## **FOOTBALL CLUB**



*Official  
Programme*

# **6<sup>d.</sup>**

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III v.

# **LUTON TOWN**

**Saturday, 31st Aug, 1968 K.O. 3.00 p.m.**

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## BLUES NEWS

We extend greetings to Luton Town, champions of Division Four last May, in their first appearance at Priestfield since their disastrous season of 1964-65, our first season in the upper division.

We won at Priestfield on the 24th October, 1964 by five goals to nil and the teams were:—

Gillingham: Simpson; Stacey, Hudson; Arnott, Burgess, Farrall; Newman, Yeo (3), Green (2), Gibbs, Meredith.

Luton Town: Baynham; McBain, Jardine; Pacey, Caleb, Bramwell; McKechnie, Pleat, Chandler, Reid, Whittaker.

Robin Chandler was a late deputy for Gordon Riddick. Later in the season we won at Kenilworth Road by two clear goals and the poor Hatters descended into Division Four.

In three seasons in the lower division, Luton gathered 56 points, failing on goal-average only, 41 points and then a championship 66 points.

They have continued their good form and at the time of writing are fighting for a top place in Division III.

We met a promoted side at Oakwell, Barnsley, last Saturday, and after surviving some pressure we counter-attacked and scored the goal that mattered late in the game. At Rotherham on Tuesday night against a relegated club, we played some of our best football and succumbed to a charge-of-the-not-so-light-brigade goal.

With the departure of Tony Thear to Southern League Bedford Town and nagging injuries to Tony Weston, David Peach and Mel Machin, we are having to play weakened sides in the Football Combination Cup and the South-East Counties League, but this has had the obvious advantage of giving all our apprentices experience in the higher grade and has left vacancies for triallists in the junior side. All three sides are occupied today.

## Football Combination Cup, Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich City	4	3	1	0	8	3	7
Ipswich Town	3	2	1	0	8	5	5
Fulham	4	2	0	2	8	6	4
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
Tottenham H.	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

## South East Counties League

(up to and including 24th August, 1968)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	2	2	0	0	10	0	4
Q.P.R.	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Orient	2	2	0	0	12	2	4
Millwall	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
Ipswich T.	2	2	0	0	14	4	4
Charlton A.	3	2	0	1	8	5	4
Chelsea	3	2	0	1	8	6	4
Crystal P.	3	2	0	1	14	11	4
West Ham	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Brighton	2	1	0	1	4	6	2
Colchester	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Reading	3	0	1	2	1	17	1
Luton T.	3	0	0	3	7	14	0
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Fulham	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Oxford U.	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Watford	2	0	0	2	1	14	0

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Football Combination Cup

Saturday, 7th September v.

**NORWICH CITY RES.**

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

Football League Division III

Saturday, 14th September v.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION**

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

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## GOLDEN GOAL

v. ORIENT, 17th August, 1968

1st Prize. 47 mins. 04 secs.	£6.15.0
2nd Prize. 47 mins. 03 secs.	£4.0.0
3rd Prize. 47 mins. 05 secs.	£2.15.0

## SUPPORTERS' ASSN. NOTES

**AWAY WITH THE GILLS.** After the temporary set back at Orient, the lads are to be congratulated on the way they bounced back against Barnsley and Rotherham. Whilst there were no points on Tuesday evening, Rotherham's Millmoor crowd gave both teams a great ovation at the end of the match and more displays like this will soon see us challenging at the top. Travel arrangements are being made for the Torquay game next Saturday—full details from the Office.

**WE CONGRATULATE** Norman Collins on his election as Vice-Chairman of the Association. He succeeds Frank Cobb, who has had to resign for personal reasons.

**SALES SHOP.** The Sales Shop will not open today until half-time and Sid. Walter and his staff will also be available after the match. We have the away game programmes at Barnsley and Rotherham and also badges of their Supporters' Associations.

**MEMBERSHIP.** Our Membership drive continues today and leaflets are available giving details of the advantages of becoming a Member of this Association. Fee is 2/6d. annually with reduced rates for Juniors and Old Age Pensioners.

**FUND RAISING.** Dr. Grossmark and Mr. Hayward both attended recent Meetings of the Association's Executive Committee. The inevitable subject of fund-raising was discussed and we again appeal for any supporter who can help the Club by buying or selling our Daily Draw and Instant Jackpot Tickets to contact our Pools Organiser Dennis Williams at the Office.

**OBITUARY.** We learn with deep regret of the passing of Mr. Len Parris. Len was an invaluable servant of the Association for many years and continued to take an active interest in the Association after he left the Committee.

**HANDBOOK.** All being well, our Handbook will be on sale today, delivery was promised during the week.

## "BLUE AND WHITES"

### JOTTINGS BY THE WAY

A valuable two points at Oakwell did the heart good and we look for similar success at Millmoor (result not known at this time).

Those who witnessed the game at Barnsley were in good spirits even though the lads left it a bit late, and it was pleasing to see Brian Gibbs back on the goal trail again.

The fixture today is full of interest, as our visitors are flying high right now, but all good things must come to an end and we look for a continuance of our good form. Two points would be more than handy at this stage.

### AWAY TRAVEL

May we remind you, contrary to all reports, that our Association will be arranging trips to most of the away fixtures. Committee man John Leeds is at the ground most evenings prior to an away game and will be pleased to advise you or book your seat. Your support away from home is appreciated by the boys.

### TEAM MASCOT

Our mascot today is Master Leslie Smith, of 78 Northwood Drive, Sittingbourne. Leslie is making his very first appearance, having just qualified, and to quote Les—"I am proud to have now become a fully qualified mascot." Well done, Leslie.

### GUEST OF THE DAY

Our guest today is Mr. William Tapp, of 1 Hereford Road, Maidstone. Bill has been a supporter many years and looks for us to consolidate this season, realising the problems in the transfer field and the highly priced players. Aged 59, Bill rates John Simpson as his favourite player.

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### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. III (up to and including 28th August)

	Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	4	3	1	0	12	2	7
Mansfield Town	4	3	0	1	7	4	6
Brighton & Hove	4	2	1	1	11	5	5
Plymouth Argyle	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Torquay United	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Rotherham Utd.	4	2	1	1	9	7	5
Walsall	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Barrow	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Swindon Town	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
Watford	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Orient	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
Bristol Rovers	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Tranmere Rovers	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Reading	4	1	2	1	5	6	4
Crewe Alexandra	4	1	2	1	4	7	4
Bournemouth & B.	4	1	1	2	7	5	3
Stockport Co.	4	0	3	1	5	6	3
Gillingham	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
Shrewsbury Town	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
Hartlepool	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Northampton Town	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Barnsley	4	0	1	3	4	10	1
Oldham Athletic	4	0	1	3	1	12	1
Southport	4	0	0	4	3	10	0

## APPEARANCES, GOALSCORERS

(Up to and including Tues., 27th August)

### Division III Appearances

Bailey, Gibbs, Quirke, Meredith, Williams, Woodley all 4, Simpson T. 3(1), Green, Machin, Riddick all 3, Bellotti, Yeo, Simpson J. all 2, Gilbert 1, Thear 1, Folds—(1).

### and Goalscorers . . .

Gibbs 1, Simpson T. 1, Woodley 1.

### League Cup Appearances

Bailey, Gibbs, Green, Machin, Meredith, Quirke, Simpson J., Thear, Williams, Woodley all 2, Riddick 1(1), Simpson T 1(1).

### and Goalscorer . . .

Quirke 2.

### Football Combination Cup Appearances

Arnott 4, Bellotti, Folds, Gilbert, A. Gough, Harrison, Thear all 3, G. Chapman, Green, D. Peach, J. Ribbins, R. Tydeman, Weston, Yeo all 2, Osborn 1(1), Bailey, G. Bray, B. Ede, Meredith, Riddick, Simmons all 1.

### and Goalscorers . . .

Gilbert 2, G. Bray 1, Thear 1.

### Youth Team Goalscorers . . .

S. Hunn 1, R. Jones 1, A. Sherman 1.

## TEAMS AND RESULTS

### Saturday, 17th August

Lge. Div. III v. Orient (H) drew 2-2.  
Simpson J.; Machin, Green; Quirke, Williams, Bailey; Woodley (1), Gibbs, Simpson T. (1), Thear; Meredith. Att. 5,524.

Comb. Cup v. Ipswich Res. (A) lost 2-3.  
Bellotti; Weston, G. Chapman; A. Gough, Arnott, Folds; Harrison, Yeo. Simmons, Gilbert (2), D. Peach. Att. 1,597.

### Tuesday, 20th August

Football League Cup First Round Replay v. Orient (A) lost 0-3.  
Simpson J.; Machin, Green; Quirke, Williams, Bailey; Woodley, Gibbs, Simpson T., Thear (Riddick), Meredith. Att. 7,289

### Wednesday, 21st August

Comb. Cup v. Ipswich Res. (H) lost 0-2.  
Bellotti; Weston, Green; Riddick, Arnott, Bailey; Thear, Yeo, Gilbert, Meredith, Folds. Att. 791

### Saturday, 24th August

Lge. Div. III v. Barnsley (A) won 1-0.  
Bellotti; Machin (Folds), Simpson T.; Quirke, Williams, Bailey; Woodley, Gibbs (1) Riddick, Yeo, Meredith. Att. 8,470

## SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

### RAY BAILEY

Ray was born at Bedford in May, 1944 and as well as being captain of his school rugby team, he represented Bedfordshire Schools as a goalkeeper. He worked for four years as an accountant, playing for Bedford Town as an amateur before turning professional, and also had a trial with Southampton. Northants C.C. offered him a place in their cricket side as a right arm fast bowler and on his debut, in June 1963, he took 5 for 82 against Kent. The cartilage operation he underwent at the end of last season prevented him from playing at all this summer.

Ray recently celebrated his first wedding anniversary with his wife Jane, who is a teacher by profession and watches him play regularly. An all round sportsman, he enjoys golf and billiards, collects coins and stamps, and is now taking courses in both football and cricket.

His most memorable game, he recalls, "was against Exeter City in the Cup, when I scored the winning goal to put Bedford through to the next round." This was the start of a run that ended against Everton in the Fourth Round following which Ray signed on for the Gills on Friday, 13th May, 1966. When his playing days come to a close he aims to return home and take up dairy-farming.



## FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1968-69

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III

1968		F. A.
<b>August</b>		
Sat. 10	Tranmere Rovers	0 2
Wed. 14	<b>ORIENT (L.C.I.)</b>	2 2
Sat. 17	<b>ORIENT</b>	2 2
Tue. 20	<b>ORIENT (L.C.I.)—Replay</b>	0 3
Wed. 21		
Sat. 24	Barnsley	1 0
Tue. 27	Rotherham United	0 1
Wed. 28		
Sat. 31	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	
<b>September</b>		
Sat. 7	Torquay United	
Wed. 11		
Sat. 14	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; H. ALB.</b>	
Mon. 16	Barrow	
Fri. 20	Southport	
Sat. 21		
Sat. 28	<b>MANSFIELD TOWN</b>	
<b>October</b>		
Fri. 4	Reading	
Sat. 5		
Wed. 9	<b>ROTHERHAM UNITED</b>	
Sat. 12	<b>STOCKPORT COUNTY</b>	
Sat. 19	Briscol Rovers	
Sat. 26	<b>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</b>	
<b>November</b>		
Sat. 2	Watford	
Tue. 5	Northampton Town	
Sat. 9	<b>WALSALL</b>	
Sat. 16	F.A. Cup 1st Round	
Sat. 23	<b>SHREWSBURY TOWN</b>	
Sat. 30	Bournemouth & B. Ath.	
<b>December</b>		
Sat. 7	F.A. Cup 2nd Round	
Fri. 13	Stockport County	
Sat. 14		
Wed. 18		
Sat. 21	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	
Thur. 26	<b>READING</b>	
Sat. 28	Plymouth Argyle	
<b>1969</b>		
<b>January</b>		
Sat. 4	Swindon Town	
Sat. 11	<b>WATFORD</b>	
Sat. 18	Walsall	
Sat. 25	<b>NORTHAMPTON TOWN</b>	
<b>February</b>		
Sat. 1	<b>HARTLEPOOL</b>	
Sat. 8	Shrewsbury Town	
Sat. 15	<b>BOURNEMOUTH</b>	
Sat. 22	Crewe Alexandra	
<b>March</b>		
Sat. 1	<b>TRANMERE ROVERS</b>	
Wed. 5	<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	
Sat. 8	Orient	
Mon. 10	Hartlepool	
Fri. 14	<b>BARNLSLEY</b>	
Sat. 15		
Wed. 19	<b>CREWE ALEXANDRA</b>	
Sat. 22	Luton Town	
Sat. 29	<b>TORQUAY UNITED</b>	
<b>April</b>		
Tues 1		
Fri. 4	Oldham Athletic	
Sat. 5	Mansfield Town	
Mon. 7	<b>BARROW</b>	
Sat. 12	<b>SOUTHPORT</b>	
Wed. 16	<b>OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b>	
Sat. 19	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Sat. 26		

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

F. A.		F. A.
	<b>TOTTENHAM (Cup)</b>	1 1
	Ipswich Town (Cup)	2 3
	<b>IPSWICH TOWN (Cup)</b>	0 2
	<b>FULHAM (Cup)</b>	1 2
	Norwich City (Cup)	2 3
	Fulham (Cup)	
	<b>NORWICH CITY (Cup)</b>	
	Tottenham Hotspur (Cup)	
	Crystal Palace (Cup)	
	<b>C. PALACE (Cup)</b>	
	<b>NORTHAMPTON T.</b>	
	Tottenham Hotspur	
	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b>	
	Swindon Town	
	<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	
	Bournemouth & Bosc. Ath.	
	Leicester City	
	Birmingham City	
	<b>WEST HAM UNITED</b>	
	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	
	<b>WALSALL</b>	
	Plymouth Argyle	
	<b>CHELSEA</b>	
	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	
	<b>ARSENAL</b>	
	Q.P.R.	
	Peterborough United	
	Luton Town	
	<b>SOUTHAMPTON</b>	
	<b>READING</b>	
	Ipswich Town	
	<b>FULHAM</b>	
	Swansea Town	
	Oxford United	
	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	

### S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

(Home Games are played at the Garrison Ground, K.O. 11 a.m.)

F. A.		F. A.
	Tottenham (LC)	2 5
	Colchester United	1
	Charlton Athletic	
	<b>BRIGHTON &amp; H. ALB.</b>	
	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	
	West Ham United.	
	<b>MILLWALL</b>	
	<b>FULHAM</b>	
	Reading	
	<b>CHELSEA</b>	
	Crystal Palace	
	Luton Town	
	<b>Q.P.R.</b>	
	Q.P.R.	
	<b>TOTTENHAM</b>	
	Watford	
	<b>CHARLTON ATH.</b>	
	<b>IPSWICH TOWN</b>	
	Chelsea	
	<b>COLCHESTER UTD.</b>	
	Millwall	
	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE</b>	
	<b>READING</b>	
	Brighton Hove Albion	
	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	
	<b>WATFORD</b>	
	Orient	
	<b>ORIENT</b>	
	Fulham	
	<b>WEST HAM UNITED</b>	

## TALKING ABOUT LUTON...

Luton Town, the beaten F.A. Cup Finalists of 1959, were formed in 1885 by the amalgamation of Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior. Since those early halcyon days the club has known many vicissitudes and there have been times when even the existence of the club was in grave doubt.

The 'Hatters' are the oldest professional club in the South of England, because in 1890 an offer of 5/- per week was made to three local players. At the end of that season it was decided to pay the whole of the team the sum of 2/6 per week, plus an extra sixpence for away games and payment for working time lost before noon on Saturday.

On the formation of the club the colours worn were navy blue and pink halves for caps and shirts, both of which, it was recorded in the minutes, "shall be worn by each player on the field". The colours changed to 'cochineal', then to sky blue before the present scheme was adopted in 1920.

The Town's home ground is at Kenilworth Road, where recently multi-coloured seating was introduced and the record attendance of 30,069 was established against Blackpool in a F.A. Cup tie on 4th March, 1959.

Ten Luton players have represented their countries whilst with the club and these include J. Payne who holds the Football League record for the most goals scored in a game when he netted ten in the 12-0 victory over Bristol Rovers in 1936.

Man in charge at Luton is Allan Brown who added the Fourth Division title to their honours list last season; previously they won the Division Three (South) championship in 1936-37.

League History:—Division One: 1955-60; Division Two: 1897-1900, 1937-39, 1946-55 and 1960-63; Division Three (South): 1920-37; Division Three: 1963-65; Division Four: 1965-68; Southern League: 1894-97 and 1900-20.

POST WAR RECORD BETWEEN THE CLUBS (Gillingham's score first): 1964-65 Home: Won 5-0; Away: Won 2-0; F.A. Cup (Away) lost 0-1.

## SCRAPBOOK OF TEN YEARS AGO...

Season 1958-59, the first of the Fourth Division, did not get underway until 23rd August; there was the interesting prospect of new opponents, but also the less inspiring thought of the long financially unrewarding journeys north. There were no pre-season friendlies with other clubs in those days, so the strength of the team could not be assessed until after the season had begun. We opened our programme with a local derby visit from old rivals—Millwall, but it was a bad start and the Lions won 2-1, with goals from Crowshaw and Pacey. Dave Laing netted the Gills solitary reply. The Gillingham line up on that day was—Simpson; Parry, Hannaway; Proverbs, Hughes, Laing; Bacon, Patrick, Saunders, Edgar, Pulley. Manager Harry Barratt blamed the defeat on, "bad marking from corner kicks." However the club won 2-1 both at faraway Carlisle, in a midweek clash, and 2-1 at Walsall, (which in those days was a happy hunting ground). They followed this by drawing the next two home games with Darlington (0-0) and Carlisle (1-1). Thus so far they had a 100% away record but had yet to win at Priestfield! They occupied 7th position in the Division Four table.

The Reserves, playing in the last season of the old Kent League had drawn 2-2 with Sheppey, 3-3 at Faversham and won 3-1 at Chatham.

## GILLINGHAM

Blue shirts, White shorts,  
White socks

- 1 **Derek BELLOTTI**  
15 League and Cup games
- 2 **Terry SIMPSON**  
4 games, 1 goal
- 3 **Mike GREEN**  
6 appearances
- 4 **Dave QUIRKE**  
8 games, 2 goals
- 5 **Bill WILLIAMS**  
42 appearances
- 6 **Ray BAILEY**  
84 games, 1 goal
- 7 **Derek WOODLEY**  
25 games, 2 goals
- 8 **Brian GIBBS**  
284 games, 110 goals
- 9 **Gordon RIDDICK (Capt.)**  
66 games, 12 goals
- 10 **Brian YEO**  
107 games, 33 goals
- 11 **John MEREDITH**  
206 games, 7 goals
- 12 **Bobby FOLDS**  
1 appearance as substitute

Referee: **Mr. R. L. JOHNSON**  
(Lowestoft, Suffolk)

Linesmen: **Mr. A. F. MYERS**  
(Red Flag)

**Mr. F. W. WEBB** (Yellow Flag)

## LUTON TOWN

White shirts, Black shorts, Red socks

- 1 **John READ**  
Born Haydock and saw service with Sheffield Wed. and Peterborough before joining Luton 3½ years ago.
- 2 **Max DOUGAN**  
An ex-Scottish amateur International when with Queens Park and was transferred for £7,000 from Leicester City.
- 3 **Freddie JARDINE**  
A conversion from outside left and joined the Town eight years ago from Dundee.
- 4 **Keith ALLEN**  
Started his career with Portsmouth went on to Grimsby Town and Stockport County and was signed by Luton in exchange for Derek Kevan.
- 5 **Terry BRANSTON**  
An ever present last season. Spent nine seasons at Northampton Town, during which they rose from Division IV to Division I.
- 6 **Alan SLOUGH**  
A local product, having graduated through the Town amateur and apprentice ranks.
- 7 **Graham FRENCH**  
This former England Youth International was born in Wolverhampton and played for Shrewsbury Town, Swindon Town, Watford & Wellington.
- 8 **Brian LEWIS**  
A big money signing from Coventry City (20 First Div. appearances last season) and was previously at Portsmouth.
- 9 **Laurie SHEFFIELD**  
Born in Swansea and his previous League Clubs include Newport County, Rotherham United, Norwich City and Oldham Athletic.
- 10 **Bruce RIOCH**  
A Luton Town player for six years, was top goal-scorer last season although playing as mid-field link. 21 in September and is being watched by several clubs.
- 11 **Mike HARRISON**  
A £7,000 purchase from Plymouth Argyle at the end of last season, has had First Division experience with Chelsea and Blackburn R.
- 12 **John MOORE**

Today's Ball kindly donated by **Mr. F. P. POWELL**, West Malling.

GOALS CHART	GILLINGHAM		OPPONENTS	
	Gillingham End	Rainham End	Gillingham End	Rainham End
P. 2	0	4	2	2