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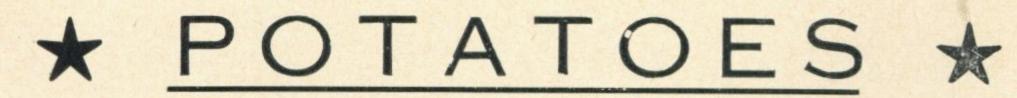
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CLUB NOTES

FIRST AWAY WIN. - Three coach loads of supporters were at Shrewsbury on Saturday to see our side gain its first away win of the season, a success which even the Sunday newspapers said that we deserved. The side showed firmness in defence, skill in attack and also an ability to take chances - it is admitted the last part has often been missing — and it is hoped that it can continue in this vein, not only on tour, but also at home.

CAN CONSOLIDATE.—With two home games to follow that success at Shrewsbury-Luton Town tonight and Stockport County on Saturday—we have a chance to consolidate our position and climb the Third Division table. It is realised full well that we have a stiff task tonight against Luton Town, whom we welcome to our ground. Luton are one of the pace-setters in the Division, but in the past we have shaken quite a few leading teams at Haig Avenue, and will be out to do the same this evening. It is Luton's fourth League visit to our ground, and they have yet to win here. On their first visit in 1965-66, when we were both in the Fourth Division, we won 3-2, and prevailed 4-1 the following season. Then last season two goals were shared.

EVER-PRESENTS.—Prior to this evenings' game we had five ever-presents in the side-Malcolm Russell, Arthur Peat, Eric Harrison, George Andrews and Alex Russell—the same number as at the same stage last season, when Brian Reeves. Colin Alty, Stuart Shaw, Terry Harkin and George Andrews appeared in the first seven League games. At this stage twelve months ago we had five points, one fewer than today.

MARKSMEN.—Our five League goals to date have been scored by five players, Keith Pring, George Andrews, Colin Alty, Alex Russell and Tony Field. The five we scored in the Football League Cup were notched by George Andrews (two), Alex Russell, Eric Redrobe and an "own goal."

HAT-TRICK. - Congratulations to our second team who gained a hat-trick of Lancashire League successes on Saturday with their 3-1 home win over Preston North End, which followed the 4-1 and 6-0 wins over Stockport County and Blackpool respectively. BY KIND PERMISSION OF Mr. JOHN JAMES

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OUR VISITORS' RECORD

Luton Town, our visitors tonight, are one of only four sides in the whole of the Football League who are still unbeaten. The other three are First Division Derby County, Third Division Brighton and Fourth Division Port Vale.

The "Hatters," as Luton are often called, have dropped only two points from the seven League matches they have played to date, having their 100 per cent. away record ended at Bradford City on Saturday, when they were held to a 1-1 draw. Bradford's goal, scored by Ham, was the first notched against Luton on tour. Prior to Saturday's game, Luton had won at Bournemouth 1-0 and Gillingham 2-0.

At home, Luton have beaten Barrow 3-0, Orient 3-2 and Bristol Rovers 4-0, and drawn 1-1 with Halifax.

Their 15 League goals have been scored by MacDonald (5), Allen (3), Collins (3), Keen, French and Tees, and one "own goal."

Luton are still in the Football League Cup, having won their first two games after replays. In the first round they drew 1-1 at Peterborough, Sheffield obtaining the goal. They won the replay 5-2, MacDonald, Branston, Allen and Lewis (two penalties) being the marksmen. They had a home game with Millwall in the second round and shared four goals before 17,372 spectators at Kenilworth Road, MacDonald and Sheffield being Luton's marksmen. Then in the replay at Millwall a goal by Allen put Luton into the third round.

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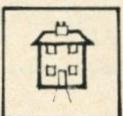
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LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB - PEN PORTRAITS

- DAVIE, SANDY (Goalkeeper).—Former Scottish Under 23 goalkeeper, for whom Luton paid an £8,000 fee last October, despite the fact that, at the time, he was in Dundee United's reserve team. Went straight into Luton's League side and made 27 consecutive appearances.
- READ, TONY (Goalkeeper).—Began his career with Sheffield Wednesday, and joined Luton from Peter-borough United. He also played at centre forward, and has done the hat-trick in a League game.
- DOUGAN, MAX (Right Back).—Signed for £7,000 from Leicester City two and a half years ago as a centre half, but was converted into a right back on the advent of Terry Branston. Missed only nine matches during the last two seasons, and the majority of those through injury. A Scot, he earned several amateur caps whilst with Queen's Park.
- RYAN, JOHN (Right Back).—Close season signing from Fulham, who gave him a free transfer despite the fact that he appeared 45 times in their League side in the two previous seasons. Started his career with Tonbridge and moved to Arsenal for a short spell before crossing to Craven Cottage. Twenty-one years old.
- MACDONALD, MALCOLM (Left Back).—Another former Fulham player for whom Luton paid £17,500, a stiff fee for a 19-year-old. More than that, Manager Stock surprised the football world by announcing that he would use Macdonald, used mainly by Fulham as a striker, as a full back where he had played for the London club's reserve team. Another product of the Tonbridge club.
- JARDINE, FREDDIE (Left Back).—Luton's longest serving player. Originally joined them as an outside left from Dundee, but achieved only moderate success in that position, and proved to be much happier in a defensive position.
- KEEN, MIKE (Right Half).—An £18,500 signing from Queens Park Rangers, with whom he spent ten seasons.

 More than that, he captained them in their meteoric rise from Division III to Division I, and did not miss a match in the process. Strongly built player who dominates the mid-field.
- SLOUGH, ALAN (Centre Half).—This 21-year-old is Luton's most valuable asset now that Bruce Rioch has gone to Aston Villa, but he means to stay with his home town club. Most of his first team appearances have been made at right half, but Luton intend him for the pivotal job, where he played brilliantly last season.
- BRANSTON, TERRY (Centre Half).—Has given Luton sterling service in two years since he joined them from Northampton, and was an inspiring captain in their promotion season during which he made the full quota of appearances. Was with Northampton for nine years, and helped them to promotion on three occasions.
- GUILD, ALAN (Centre Half).—Will probably be used in this position or as a defensive wing half in the back four. Aged 22, he played regularly last season as an amateur for East Fife, and accepted Luton's professional terms after graduating as an M.A. at St. Andrew's University.
- BANNISTER, JACK (Left Half).—Was used mostly at left back after his arrival last October from Crystal Palace for an £8,000 fee, and the signing of Macdonald was designed to release him for a midfield role. Vastly experienced, he played in over 100 League games for the Palace and saw previous service with West Bromwich Albion and Scunthorpe United.
- MOORE, JOHN (Left Half).—The brilliant covering of this tall Scot makes him an integral part of the defence, and he is beginning his fifth season with Luton. Was previously with Motherwell.
- of Shrewsbury Town he was much sought after by the bigger clubs. However, he went to Swindon Town and then to Watford. His next appearance was with Southern Leaguers, Wellington Town, from whom Luton bought him for £5,000.
- LEWIS, BRIAN (Inside Right).—At £20,000, he was Luton's most costly signing from Coventry City in the summer of 1968, and justified the outlay by scoring 22 League goals last season. It was mostly as a wing half that he was used by Coventry, who paid a big fee for him when he moved from Portsmouth. His first professional club was Crystal Palace.
- SHEFFIELD, LAURIE (Centre Forward). Much travelled player who served three clubs, Norwich City, Rotherham United and Oldham Athletic during the 1967-68 season. Luton paid Oldham nearly £10,000 for him. Began his career with Newport County, and then moved on to Doncaster Rovers.
- ALLEN, KEITH (Centre Forward).—Has filled a variety of positions for Luton, and is equally at home either as a midfield link or a striker. Born in the Isle of Wight, he became a professional with Portsmouth and then reached Stockport County via Grimsby Town. Luton secured him in exchange for former England centre forward, Derek Kevan.
- PHILLIPS, PETER (Centre Forward).—Another university graduate who gained a B.A. and a soccer Blue at Cambridge. Played for Corinthian-Casuals, and then moved to Athenian League club, Bishops Stortford, with whom he won two England amateur caps last season. Is now a full-time professional.
- STEVENSON, MORRIS (Inside Left).—Joined Luton from Morton early last season. Was given just one chance in the first team—at Hartlepcol, last December. Now he is regarded as likely to do a thoroughly capable midfield job.
- HARRISON, MIKE (Outside Left).—A series of injuries limited this tall winger's League appearances last season to only 18, but he is hoping for better luck this time. Came to the fore with Chelsea, from whom Blackburn Rovers signed him and Luton paid Plymouth £7,000 for his services during the summer of last year.

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