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A BRIEF HISTORY.

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The Luton Town Football Club has now been in existence some fifteen years, having been formed by an amalgamation of the Luton Wanderers with the Luton Excelsiors. The first few years were comparatively uneventful, the Clubs with whom fixtures were carried out including Wellingborough Grammar School, St. Albans, Clapton, Old St. Paul's, London Caledonians, and others of less importance. The gate-money in 1886-7 amounted to £41 4s.; the next year it increased by about £9; and in 1889-90, the last year of pure amateurism, the gate-money advanced to £87 7s. 5d. During the next season it was found desirable to pay some of the players for time lost, and in 1891-92 the plunge into professionalism was made, the whole of the players being paid, though the amount was necessarily very small. The experiment was found to be so satisfactory, both in regard to the quality of the football and the interest evoked, that the fully-paid professional was not long in making his appearance. But the results were not entirely gratifying, for, though the gate-money rose from two figures to four, the expenses increased at an even greater rate. However, such rapid strides had been made that four years ago Luton, aspiring to greater things, transferred from the Southern League for the Second Division of the English League. For one season from a football point of view they did fairly well, but financially the shackles of transfers, heavy travelling expenses and high wages were so tight that the Club became considerably involved in debt, though to the credit of the Directors it has to be said they have practically taken the whole burden on their own shoulders. During the last two seasons it has been clearly demonstrated that if the old interest in football is to be revived it can only be done through the medium of the Southern League. Accordingly this year the Club has been re-elected to this combination and it is hoped the result will be a renewal of that spirit of rivalry which formerly existed between Luton and most of the Southern Clubs. If that is the outcome the support of the public will not be lacking. The team secured this year is one of much promise, and altogether the outlook is brighter than for a long time past.

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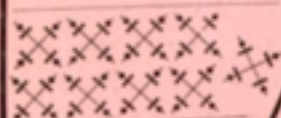
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JAMES MONKS,

Who will probably be the regular goal-keeper for Luton this season, hails from Chorley, Lancashire. He is 21 years of age and of good build, standing 5ft. 11½in. in height, and weighs 11 stone. His position has always been between the sticks, and he has played as a professional for 3½ years, first for Chorley, with whom he stayed two seasons, and afterwards for New Brighton, from which club he comes to Luton.

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THOMAS SMART,

The understudy to Monks, who has appeared between the sticks for Luton in the practice games, is a native of Luton and is 22 years of age. He has not a long football record, his goal-keeping abilities having only been discovered last year when he played regularly for the Clarence. This local team secured the championship of the Luton Junior League, and Smart's play has been very well spoken of. He is an amateur. He stands 5ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. and weighs 11 stone.

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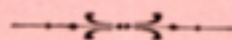
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WILLIAM LINDSAY.

This is the new back's ninth season as a professional footballer and the Luton directorate count themselves rather fortunate in having secured him. He is a native of Stockton-on-Tees. After four years' experience with his local club he signed on for Everton, and after a couple of seasons there, went to Grimsby, for which club he played three seasons. He then assisted Newcastle in their test matches and for the last two seasons signed on and played for them regularly in their League engagements. He is a strong back and should be a decided acquisition to Luton. He age is 26, his height 5ft. 10½ins. and weight 15st. 6lbs.

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HARRY WILLIAMS,

Who has now entered upon his third season with the Luton Club, has had a good deal of experience in the football field, though it was not until he came here that he gave up his amateur status. As a boy of 14 he had a place in the Hitchin team, and among other Clubs he afterwards played for were Brentford and St. Albans, whilst he also frequently had the honour of appearing in the Herts County Elevens. Last year he had the misfortune to break his arm, and that kept him out of the Luton team for some time, but he re-appeared in the later matches, and was as effective as ever. He is an indefatigable worker. His height is 5ft. 10in., and weight 11st. 9lbs.

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THOMAS CLIFFORD,

Whose favourite position is at centre-half, is a native of Kilbirnie. His football abilities were recognised when he was with the Ironbank Club (Ayrshire), and four seasons ago he was signed on by Newton Heath. The next season, however, he was back on his native heath playing for Ayr in the 2nd Division Scottish League. The next year took him to Glossop, with which club he has played regularly during the last two seasons. He is 23 years of age, stands 5ft. 11in., and scales 12½st.

Luton Town Football Club Fixtures,

1900-1901.

Date.	Opponents.	Goals.	
		For	Agst.
1900.			
Sept. 1	Southampton, S.L. (h)	3	4
„ 3	Rushden, U.L. (a)	2	1
„ 8	Chatham, S.L. (a)	0	2
„ 15	Bristol City, S.L. (h)	2	0
„ 22	Swindon, S.L. (a)	1	2
„ 29	Watford, S.L. (h)	2	0
Oct. 6	Queen's Park Rangers, S.L. (a)	1	3
„ 8	Rushden, U.L. (h)	2	2
„ 26	West Ham United, S.L. (h)	2	0
„ 27	Portsmouth, S.L. (a)	0	2
Nov. 3	English Cup (third round)		
„ 10	Bristol Rovers, S.L. (a)	0	1
„ 17	English Cup (fourth round)		
„ 24	Kettering, U.L. (a)	1	1
Dec. 1	Gravesend, S.L. (h)	5	2
„ 8	English Cup (fifth round)		
„ 15	Southampton, S.L. (a)	0	5
„ 22	Chatham, S.L. (h)	0	1
„ 25	(Xmas) Kettering, S.L. (a)	0	2
„ 26	(Boxing Day) Northampton, U.L. (h) ..	3	0
„ 29	Bristol City, S.L. (a)	0	1

Luton Town Football Club Fixtures (continued).

Goals

Date.	Opponents.	Goals	
		For	Agst.
1901.			
Jan. 5	Swindon, S.L. (h)	2	1
„ 12	Watford, S.L. (a)	0	2
„ 19	Queen's Park Rangers, S.L. (h)	2	2
Feb. 2	Tottenham Hotspur, S.L. (a)	1	1
„ 9	West Ham United, S.L. (a)	0	2
„ 16	Portsmouth, S.L. (h)	2	4
„ 18	Wellingborough, U.L. (a)	2	2
„ 23	New Brompton, S.L. (a)	1	2
Mar. 2	Bristol Rovers, S.L. (h)	0	1
„ 4	Wellingborough, U.L. (h)		
„ 9	Reading, S.L. (a)	1	0
„ 16	Kettering, U.L. (h)	3	0
„ 23	Gravesend, S.L. (a)	2	2
„ 30	Millwall, S.L. (h)	2	0
Apl. 5	Kettering, S.L. (h)	2	0
„ 6	Millwall, S.L. (a)	1	3
„ 10	Northampton, U.L. (a)		
„ 13	New Brompton, S.L. (h)		
„ 20	Tottenham Hotspur, S.L. (h)		
„ 27	Reading, S.L. (h)		

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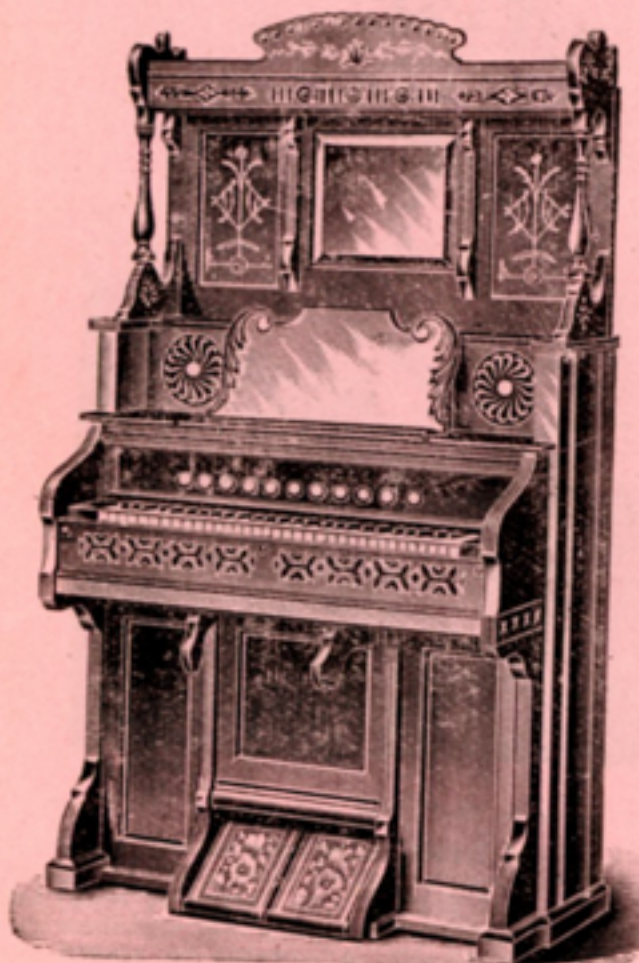


A. G. COX.

This player is a native of Luton and as a junior was a valuable member of the old Christ Church team, of which club he was both Captain and Secretary. At that time he played at back, but removing to Staines he assisted in forming the town club there and appeared for them at centre-half. Afterwards he played for Folkstone, Grays, Gravesend and other Clubs as an amateur and two years ago he went to St. Albans. Last year, the town club there having collapsed, he assisted a local team and also frequently played for Watford. He is 25 years of age and of very stiff build.

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WILLIAM BROWN,

Who is more generally known by the name of "Roland," is 26 years of age, having been born at Luton on the 27th June, 1874. He learned his football on his native heath, and became identified with the Town Club towards the latter end of its first season as a professional organisation, 1891-92. He afterwards played for St. Albans, but last season again donned the Luton colours, and was one of the best forwards in the team. He plays equally well at outside right or outside left. Though on the small side he is surprisingly fast. His height is 5ft. 5½in., and weight 11st. 4lbs.

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JAMES BLESSINGTON,

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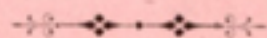
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THOMAS T. TIERNEY,

Luton's new inside-left, comes from the New Brighton Club. He is a native of Cheshire, and first played with a junior team known as Whittan Albion. Then he did a season with Chorley, and for the next two years played with Blackburn Rovers. On the formation of the New Brighton Club, Tierney was engaged, but in the middle of the following season he returned to Chorley. Last year he was once more found in the ranks of New Brighton. He is 25 years of age, weights about 11st. 3lbs., and is 5ft. 7ins. in height.

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Who will doubtless partner Tierney on the left wing, is a native of Long Heaton, Nottingham, and is 24 years of age. Five years ago he found his way into the Glossop North End team, and helped them to win the Midland League Championship. From there he went to Stalybridge, and afterwards to Sunderland, for which club he played regularly in their first league matches for two seasons. Last year he threw in his lot with Bedminster. He stands 5ft. 7½ins. in height, and weighs 11st. 7½lbs. His favourite position is outside left.

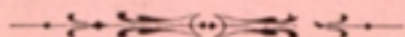
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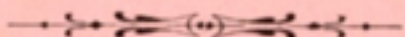
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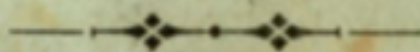
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