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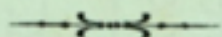
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The Luton Town Football Club.

A BRIEF HISTORY.

The Luton Town Football Club has now been in existence some sixteen 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 in 1897 Luton, aspiring to greater things, transferred from the Southern League to 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. Want of money compelled the directors to exercise considerable economy in the engagement of players, some of whom, moreover, did not come up to expectations, and the position in the Second Division of the League getting worse, it was resolved to seek re-admission to the Southern League. This was done, and under the new conditions, Luton last season made a somewhat better show from a playing standpoint, securing ninth position on the League table with 24 points for 28 matches, but the financial support still left a good deal to be desired. This year a strong team has been got together, combining the best of last season's players with a little new blood, and it is hoped that better luck may be experienced all round.

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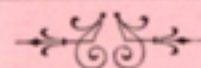
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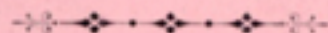
The understudy to Ord, is a native of Luton and is 23 years of age. He has not a long football record, but the reputation he made with the Clarence was well sustained in several matches he played with the Luton first team at the beginning of last season. Smart is an amateur. He stands 5ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and weighs 11 stone.

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WILLIAM LINDSAY.

This is Lindsay's tenth season as a professional footballer and his second with the Luton Club. He is a native of Stockton-on-Tees. After four years' experience with his local club he signed on for Everton, and following 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 next two seasons signed on and played for them regularly in their League engagements. He is a strong back, but last season was unfortunate in the matter of injuries. His age is 27, his height 5ft. 10½in. and weight 12st. 8lbs.

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ALBERT SHARP.

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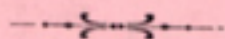
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
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EDGAR HALL,

The Harpenden amateur, who has signed a Southern League form for Luton, is 23 years of age, weighs 10st. 12lbs., and stands 5ft. 10ins. His first appearance in the football field was some years ago, when he turned out for Harpenden. Afterwards removing to London, he played for Finsbury Polytechnic, and subsequently for Clapton Orient, remaining with the latter club three seasons. Coming home again, he renewed his acquaintance with the Harpenden Club, but last season transferred his services to St. Albans Stanville. He plays either back or half-back, and performs equally well in both positions, though he prefers full-back.

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HARRY WILLIAMS,

Who has now entered upon his fourth 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. He is an indefatigable worker and has always been one of the most consistent members of the Luton team. His height is 5ft. 10in., and weight 11st. 9lbs.

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FRED HAWKES.

This player is a native of Luton. He has not a long football record, his abilities only being discovered last season when, after two or three trials, he became a regular member of the first eleven. As a lad he played in the Christ Church School team, and whilst with them won two medals. He was afterwards with the Stanley for a couple of seasons, and when that club became defunct joined the Reserves. That was in the 1898-9 season, and he has played for them since. Whilst with the Reserves he performed at inside-right, but he was seen to greater advantage when he filled the position of right-half for the premier eleven. He is 20 years of age this month (September), scales 10st. 2lbs., and is 5ft. 6½ft. in height.

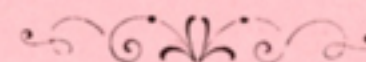
Luton Town Football Club Fixtures,

1901-1902.

Date.	Opponents.	Goals	
		For.	Agst.
1901.			
Sept. 2	Watford (friendly) (h)		
„ 4	Watford (friendly) (a)		
„ 7	Wellingborough, S.L. (h)		
„ 14	Portsmouth, S.L. (a)		
„ 21	Swindon, S.L. (h)		
„ 28	Brentford, S.L. (a)		
Oct. 5	English Cup (1st round)		
„ 12	West Ham United, S.L. (a)		
„ 19	Millwall, S.L. (a)		
„ 19	English Cup (2nd round)		
„ 26	Queen's Park Rangers, S.L. (h)		
Nov. 2	English Cup (3rd round)		
„ 9	Southampton, S.L. (h)		
„ 16	English Cup (4th round)		
„ 23	New Brompton (h)		
„ 30	Northampton (a)		
„ 30	English Cup (Divisional Final)		
Dec. 7	Watford, S.L. (h)		
„ 14	English Cup (Intermediate Round)		
„ 21	Wellingboro' S.L. (a)		
„ 25	Kettering, S.L. (a)		
„ 26		
„ 28	Portsmouth, S.L. (h)		

Luton Town Football Club Fixtures (continued).

Date.	Opponents.	Goals	
		For.	Agst.
1902.			
Jan. 4	Swindon, S.L. (a)		
„ 11	Brentford, S.L. (h)		
„ 25	West Ham United, S.L. (h)		
Feb. 1	Millwall, S.L. (h)		
„ 8	Queen's Park Rangers, S.L. (a)		
„ 15	Reading, S.L. (h)		
„ 22	Southampton, S.L. (a)		
Mar. 1	Bristol Rovers, S.L. (h)		
„ 8	New Brompton, S.L. (a)		
„ 15	Northampton, S.L. (h)		
„ 22	Watford, S.L. (a)		
„ 28	(Good Friday) Kettering, S.L. (h)		
„ 29	Tottenham 'Spurs, S.L. (h)		
„ 31	(Easter Monday)		
Apl. 5	Bristol Rovers, S.L. (a)		
„ 12	Tottenham 'Spurs, S.L. (a)		
„ 19	Reading (a)		
„ 26		



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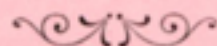
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FRED WHITE,

Who assisted the first XI. on several occasions towards the end of last season, and played so well as to justify his re-engagement, is a native of Dunstable. When a lad, however, he came to Luton and at the age of fourteen was playing for the Victoria. He afterwards joined the Star, and having been with them some three seasons threw in his lot with the Reserves, with whom he has remained since. Although not a scientific player of the highest order, he has plenty of pluck and never acknowledges defeat. He has played at back and also centre-half. He is 21 years of age, weighs 10st. 4lbs., and is 5ft. 7in. in height.

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ROBERT COLVIN,

Who comes to Luton after playing regularly for two seasons for New Brighton is a native of Dumfries, Scotland, and is 22 years of age. His favourite position is outside-right, but it seems probable he will play for Luton on the extreme left. He commenced football in a junior team, and in due time merited a place in the Dumfries F.C.'s 1st XI. From there he was attracted to Liverpool and thence to Glossop, where he did a share in lifting the team to First League honours. Colvin's height is 5ft. 4½in., and he weighs 10st.

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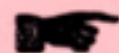
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Luton's inside-left, came from the New Brighton Club. He is a native of Cheshire, and first played with a junior team known as Whittan Albion. Then he did a season with Chorley, and for the next two years played with Blackburn Rovers, whilst afterwards he was identified with New Brighton. He is a very clever player, and his performances with Luton towards the end of last season were unusually brilliant. He is 26 years of age, weighs about 11st. 3lbs., and is 5ft. 7ins. in height.

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JACK DURRANT,

A local player, who has during the last three or four years played almost regularly for the Town Club, is 22 years of age. As a youngster he attracted attention in the Waller-street Higher Grade School teams, and on three occasions he obtained a place in a team representative of the Schoolboys' League. He played for the Luton Stanley before signing on for Luton Town. He is 5ft. 9in. in height, and weighs 10 st. 5 lbs.

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Barker, who proved an able first-team reserve man last season, has been re-engaged for the next eight months. He started football with the Union Jack Club, of Hitchin, and after a connection of three years with the junior organisation found a place in the Hitchin Town team. For two seasons he played regularly centre-forward, and each year Hitchin won both the Hertfordshire and Hitchin Brook Cups. He then threw in his lot with the Luton Club. Barker, who is 22 years old, stands 5ft. 7½ins., and weighs about 11st.

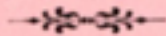
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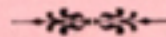
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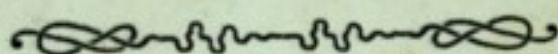


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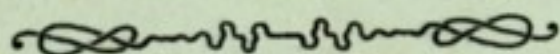


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