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Luton Town Football Club, for the effort, in a comparatively small place like Luton, to run a team to compete with the talent which unlimited funds enable the Clubs in larger centres of population to command, is naturally attended with many disappointments. Last season was again unfortunate, for though the Club had some very clever players, they were so lacking in weight that they were seldom able to make the most of their chances and were often beaten by teams which were not their equal in the finer points of the game. This season the Directors have avoided the mistake of last year, and the new men engaged are, taken all round, a considerably heavier lot.

By an amalgamation of the Luton Wanderers with the Luton Excelsiors the Town Football Club was formed some twenty years ago, and for a time was carried on as an amateur organisation. In 1890-91 the principle of paying for lost time was recognised, but to avoid invidious distinctions, half-a-crown per week was paid each man, and it was in this modest sort of way that the plunge into the troublous waters of professionalism was made. Of course it was not long before the fully-fledged professional made his appearance, and Luton became one of the leading football organisations in the South. Their rivalry with Millwall in the Southern League will be long remembered, for at that time it was a case of these two clubs being first and the rest nowhere. The Dockers, however, always managed to come out on top, though the supporters of the Luton Club generally laid the flattering unction to their souls that it was the element of luck which favoured

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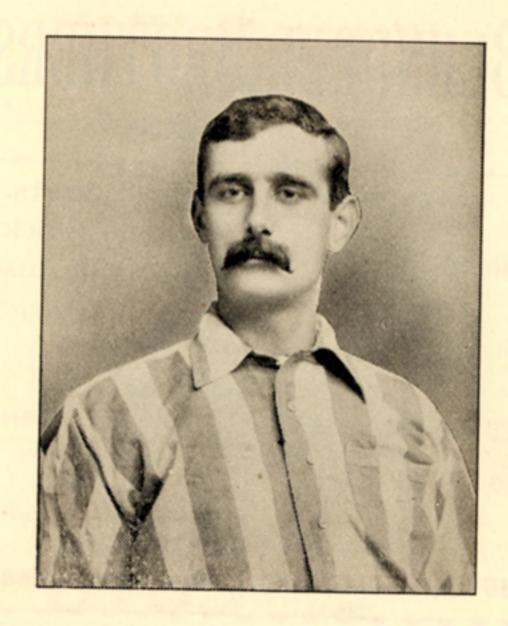
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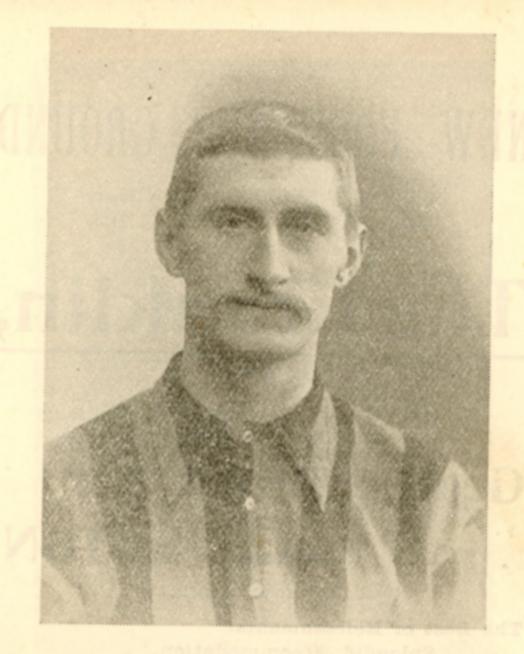
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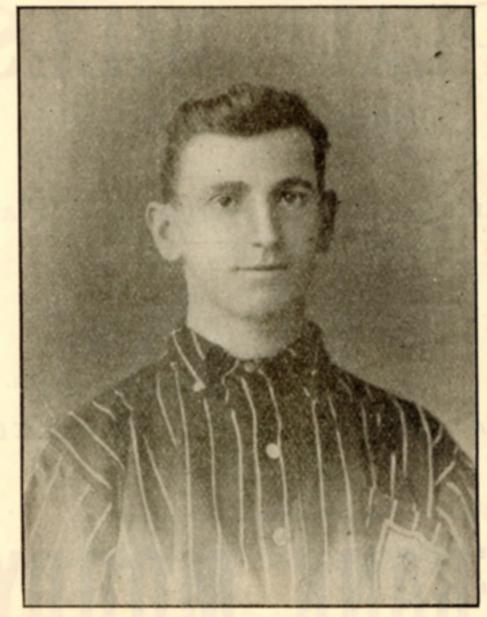
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BERT ELSE,

Who has rendered very useful service to the Club as an amateur in the Reserve team, has this year been signed on as a pro. He is a native of Luton, and is now in his 22nd year. At the age of 12 he played for the Hitchin Road School, afterwards for the Stuart Rangers and the Clarence, and then for the Town Reserves. He plays either left or right back, but prefers the latter. Height 5ft. 5½in., weight 10st. 8lbs.

HARRY WATKINS

Is another local man who has signed a professional form. Born at Luton on Jan 21st, 1885, he also learned his football as a Hitchin Road School-boy, beginning at 9 years of age. He played for Harpenden three seasons, helping them to win the Mid-Herts. and Herts. Junior Cups, and subsequently was identified with the Clarence. His position is right back. Height 5ft. 10in., weight 11st. 5lbs. We have been unable to get a photograph suitable for reproduction.

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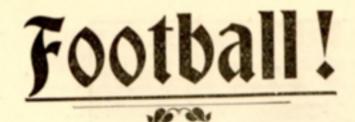
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AMATEURISM in football is not always above suspicion, but if ever there was a genuine amateur, who played for the love of the game and that alone, it is Bob Hawkes. Several tempting offers have been made him by First League Clubs, but he has refused them all, and the lovers of Luton football owe him a debt of gratitude for his stedfast adhesion to the Town Club. A native of Breachwood Green, he came to Luton as a boy, played first for his school and afterwards for a couple of junior clubs. He then had three seasons with the Town Reserves, and for the last three years has been a regular member of the first eleven. He plays left-half, but can also render a good account of himself in the forward line. He is 24 years of age, stands 5ft. Spin., and weighs 10st. Slbs.



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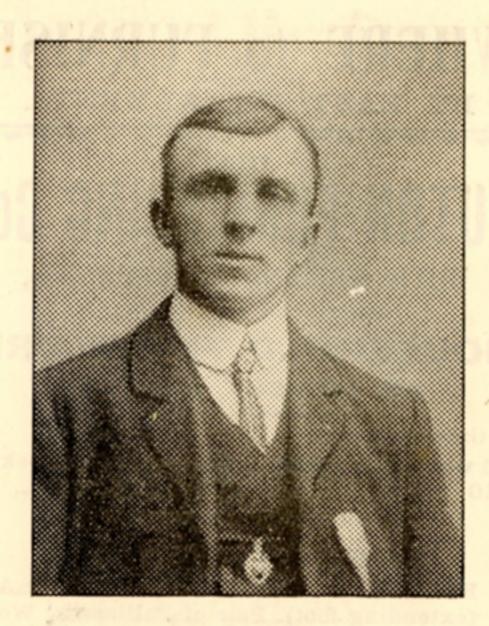
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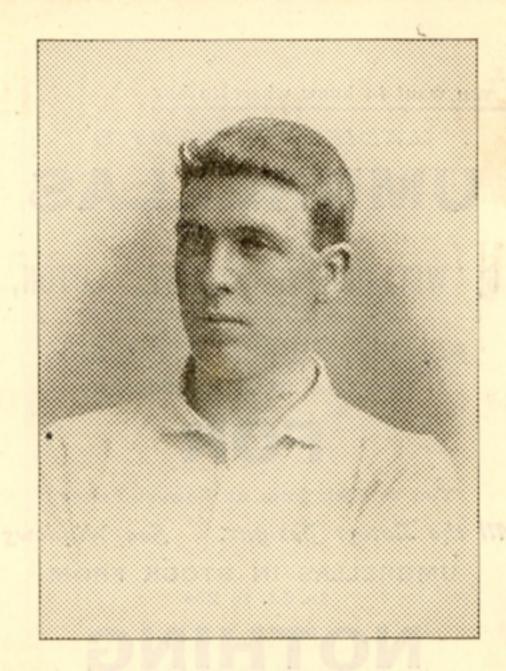
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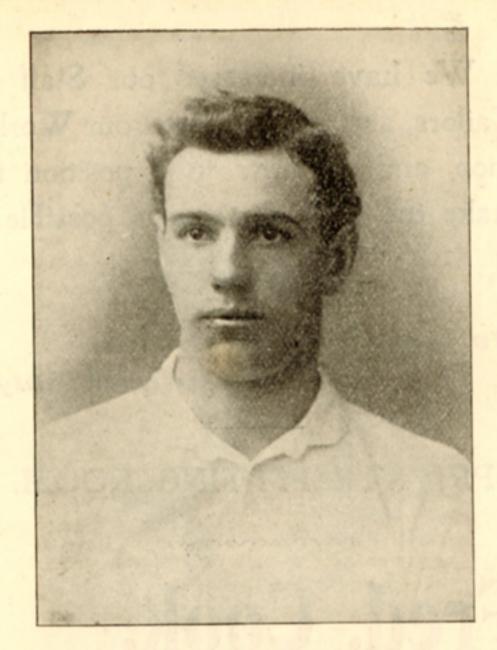
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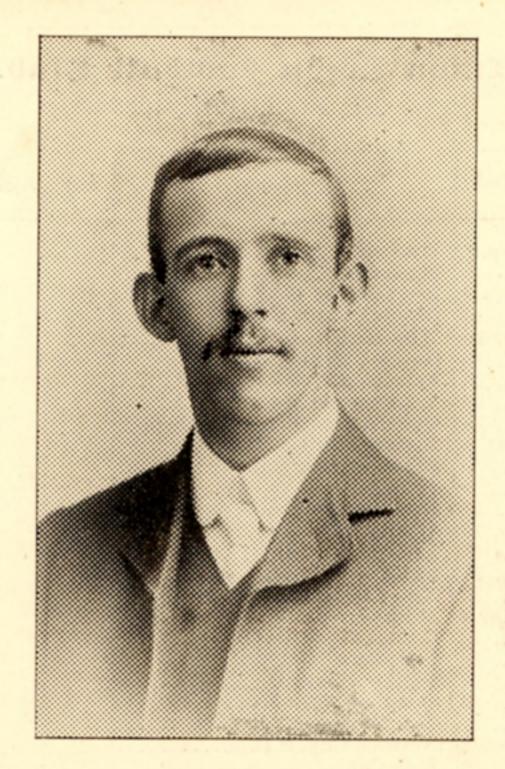
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Inton Town football Club.

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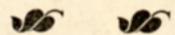
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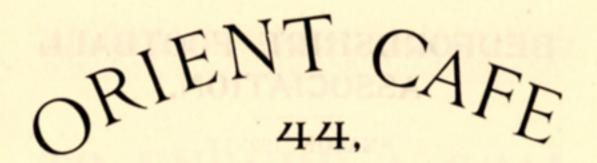
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The prospects for the coming season in football matters have never been so bright as at present, and a great deal of this is due to the fostering care of the Beds. Football Association. No matter what the status of the club, the Association sets itself to study its interests, and in fact exercises a careful oversight. The steady annual increase of membership has been maintained since the commencement of the Association in February, 1894, when 21 clubs only were in affiliation. There was a marked difference last season, as 88 clubs were directly under its jurisdiction. This total has not been reached without much careful and energetic work by the officials, and proves the usefulness of having the whole of Association football under one efficient control. It gives a stability and confidence to the weaker organisations when they can rely upon sound help from those deeply interested in the cultivation of pure English sport and the suppression of degrading tendencies. In the whole of the County it has been computed on a low basis that there are at least 1500 players actively participating in the popular winter pastime. When so many cry out about "passive" football, as evidenced by the large crowds at some matches, it is a healthy sign to chronicle such a number of "active" footballers. To this end is the work of the Beds. F.A. directed, to cause active participation in the game. Bedfordshire is in a fortunate position as regards football administration, for there is a good connection from the lowest, or schoolboy, football, to the highest as shown in the parent body-the Football Association, Ltd. This con-



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necting link, specially as regards Luton, is very useful, and keeps the administration up-to-date. Recent legislation has placed the control of the Leagues in the County under the Beds F.A., but this will not take away the League committees, who will as before continue to conduct their own business; only in cases of sanction and other matters the Beds F.A., and not the Football Association, will direct affairs. Necessarily this will entail more work on the Executive, but aims at more power. During the past season, through the work of the Hon Sec., a fresh lease of life was given to football in the County Town, and now a strong League exists there.

Mr. G. Wistow Walker, the Hon. Sec., still represents the Beds F.A. on the Council of the F.A., and watches the interests of local football very carefully.

There is only one professional club in the County, and it is not surprising that the Beds County Cup is run solely for the purpose of encouraging amateur talent. The final contests of late years have proved the general equalising of this class of football, and perhaps one of the keenest competitions was that which ended last season's working, when Luton Clarence ran out winners, and are now in possession of the Cup for the first time.

The present officers are—

President: Mr. Frank Ebbs, 45, Rothesay Road, Luton.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. E. L. Finch, 8, Clarendon Road, Bedford; and J. Davies, Arlesey.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. G. Wistow Walker, 40,

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Bedford Queen's Park Excelsion. a A. G. Buck, 25, Ford End road, Bedford.

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Bedford Southend Albions. a A. Whiffin, 21, Sandhurst road, Bedford.

Bedford Thursday Athletic. a A. R. Goodchild, 21, Commercial road, Bedford.

Bedford. a J. Barnard, 3, Stanley Street, Bedford.

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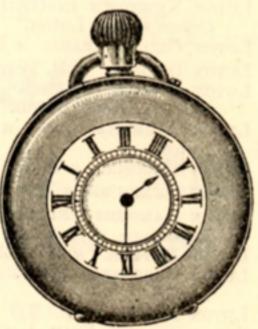
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1st Division—Trinity, Old Vicarage, Celtic, Friends Adult, Newtown Institute.

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TRADESMEN'S CUP COMPETITION.

Considerable interest was taken last season in a series of matches confined to shopkeepers and their assistants of the town, and as an outcome of the competition this combination has been formed. It will provide some good Wednesday football, and as the various trades have entered into the formation with spirit, the experiment will be watched with much interest. The initiative was taken by Mr. T. V. Donelan, and in the summer several meetings were held and the competition floated. For the purposes of the competition, the old Luton Charity Cup, owned by the Luton Town F.C., has been given, on certain conditions, as a trophy, and as the objects aim at assisting the Town club's finances and local charities, the competition is well worthy of support and a keen contest is anticipated. The Chairman is Mr. T. V. Donelan, of The New Hall, Wellington Street, Luton, with Mr. B. H. Barnes, 55, Stuart Street, as Secretary.

BEDFORD FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Owing to the unfortunate lapse of the old Bedfordshire and District League, football in the County town has been at a low ebb, but chiefly through the instrumentality of Mr. G. Wistow Walker, Hon. Sec. of the Beds. F.A., another League was formed in September, 1904, and passed through a very successful first season. Two Divisions were formed—the first being open to all

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Chairman: Mr. E. Lyonel Finch.

Vice-Chairman and Referees' Secretary: Mr. M. A. Barber.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. H. Eaton, 22, Battison Street, Bedford.

First Division—Bedford Socials, Kempston Rovers, Queen's Park Excelsiors.

Second Division—Ampthill Town, Bedford United, Bedford Social Reserves, Bedford Church Lads Brigade, Goldington United, Queen's Park Excelsior Reserves, Sandy Church Lads' Brigade, Turvey, Wootton Blue Cross, Marston Rovers.



MEN WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR LUTON.

The following is a list of men who have played for the Luton Club since it adopted professionalism:—

1891-2.—J. Burley; B. Sanders and A. Hoy; J. Wright, H. Paul, A. H. Taylor and E. H. Lomax; F. K. Whitby, G. Deacon, C. Lomax, H. W. Oclee, H. Whitby, and W. Chesher.

1892-3.—Burley and T. Reed; Sanders, Hoy, W. George, and Wilson; Wright, Julian, Taylor, and Watkins; Brown, Chesher, Allen, H. & F. Whitby, H. Barbour, Galbraith, J. McKenzie, and F. V. Kirk.

1893-4.—Bee; Chesher, Wilson, and C. Read; Watkins, Julian and Taylor; H. Whitby, Allen, Galbraith, Finlayson, Vickers, J. Dimmock, Brown, and Hayes.

1894-5.—Bee; Chesher, M. D. Nicholson, & McEwen; Watkins, McCrindle, Howe, and Collins; Brown, Gallacher, Galbraith, Prentice, Allen, Dimmock, and Jack.

1895-6.—Jack, Russell, and Williams; Stirton, M. D. Nicholson and McEwen; Watkins, Stewart, & Docherty; Gallacher, Finlayson, Galbraith, Parkinson, Birch, Ekins, Coupar, and Dimmock.

1896-7.—Williams; Davies and McEwen; Perrins, Stewart, Docherty, and Watkins; Gallacher, Finlayson, McInnes, Galbraith, Birch, Coupar, Ekins, Dimmock, and Brown.

1897-8.—Williams; McCartney and McEwen; Davies, Stewart, Docherty, and Perrins; Gallacher, Coupar, Birch, Clarke, Donaldson, Little, McInnes, Ekins, and Durrant.

1898-9.—Perkins; H. Williams, Moore, and Dow; C. Ford, Clark, Sharp and Crump; Durrant, Hewitt, W. Ford, Kemplay, Draper, McInnes, Brock, and Ekins.

1899-1900.—Daw; Dow and McCurdy; Morrison, Stewart, J. Brown, Williams and Ralley; Inglis, Brock, Fairgrieve, Draper, McInnes and Eckford.

1900-1.—Monks and Ord; Lindsay and McCurdy; Clifford, Holdstock, Williams and Cox; Brown, Blessington, Molyneux, Burbage, Dempsey, Tierney, Saxton and Durrant.

1901-2.—Ord; Lindsay, Sharp and Street; F. Hawkes, White, Williams, and R. Hawkes; Durrant, Blessington, Brown, Barker, Tierney, and Colvin.

1902-3.—Frail; Lindsay, Sharp and Hood; F. Hawkes, White, Williams and R. Hawkes; Durrant, Blessington, Hilsdon, Moody, Davidson, Gall, and Allsopp.

1903-4.—Thompson; Bennett and McEwen; F. Hawkes, White, R. Hawkes, and Williams; Durrant, Eaton, McKee, Storey, Moody, Allsopp, Griffiths and Madden.

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