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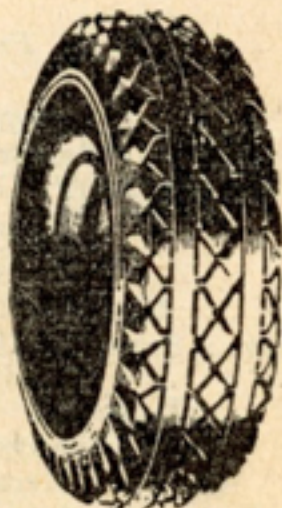
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## FOREWORD

SEVEN YEARS HAVE PASSED since this handbook was last published and much has happened during that time.

However, I do not propose to dwell too heavily on the past, but rather to look forward to a future in which we all hope Luton Town F.C. will add lustre to their already imposing record.

Prospects seem good. On the books are several youngsters who give promise of developing into great players. During the latter part of last season, the team settled down into a formidable combination, and the added leavening of experience which will be provided by such players as Soo, Steen and Sanderson should bring even better results.

The aim of the Board is to reach the First Division. They believe that they have a good chance of achieving this object soon, but it will not be brought about without the loyal support of all local football followers.

That this will be forthcoming, I am certain. The size of the gates in the closing matches boded well for the future, and with football back to its pre-war basis, there should be even more interest.

Fullest support will be accorded by the Bobbers' Stand Club which has done much to increase the comfort of the supporter. The Bobbers' Club is out to extend its activities. Its aim is your comfort, and the enterprising committee deserve the fullest support.

When this handbook was last published, we referred with pride to its 128 pages. By comparison, this is a utility effort. Paper shortage is the reason, and apologies are due to those stalwarts whose names are omitted.

Before closing, let us revert to the past momentarily, and remember with gratitude such sportsmen as Joe Coen, James Gillespie, Charles Clark, Charles Ladd—Town players who gave their lives in the war—and all other sportsmen who made the great sacrifice.

Finally, may the Club, team and supporters alike have a most successful season.

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## THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

WITH FOOTBALL BACK to its pre-war constitution, competition in the Second Division is likely to be stronger and keener than ever.

What are Luton's prospects? Frankly, I think they are good and that, at worst, we shall hold our own. That, however, is not good enough for Luton.

Our aim is not to occupy a safe position in the Second Division and leave it at that, but to forge ahead and bring First Division football to the town.

That is the declared aim of the Board, and we shall not rest until that end is achieved. We know it will not be easy, but we have some really promising youngsters on the books, and there are high hopes that they will develop into first-class players.

At the same time, the Board has sought continually experienced players, even at to-day's top prices. Success and disappointment have been encountered, for there are difficulties, often insurmountable, in obtaining new players now.

New considerations have entered into transfer deals, and the housing problem plays a big part. Players are reluctant to leave their clubs unless accommodation is provided and that is not easy.

Difficulties there will be in this new era of football. This season will be a testing time for us all, but, as a club, we will do our best to provide attractive fare at Kenilworth Road.

May it be a successful season for us all—supporters and club alike. One is dependent on the other, and I know I can rely on the loyalty of the supporters in our attempt to reach new heights in the football world.

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# LUTON RESULTS IN THE F.A. CUP

1927-28	Nov. 26—1st	Round :	Clapton	.....H	2—2
	Nov. 30—1st	Round :	Clapton*	.....N	4—2
	Dec. 10—2nd	Round :	Norwich	.....H	6—0
	Jan. 14—3rd	Round :	Bolton	.....A	1—2
1928-29	Nov. 24—1st	Round :	Southend	.....H	5—1
	Dec. 8—2nd	Round :	Fulham	.....A	0—0
	Dec. 13—2nd	Round :	Fulham*	.....H	4—1
	Jan. 12—3rd	Round :	Crystal Palace	.....H	0—0
1929-30	Jan. 16—3rd	Round :	Crystal Palace*	.....A	0—7
	Nov. 30—1st	Round :	Queen's Park Rangers	.....H	2—3
1930-31	Nov. 29—1st	Round :	Clapton Orient	.....H	2—2
	Dec. 4—1st	Round :	Clapton Orient*	.....A	4—2
	Dec. 13—2nd	Round :	Watford	.....A	1—3
1931-32	Nov. 28—1st	Round :	Swindon	.....A	5—0
	Dec. 12—2nd	Round :	Lincoln	.....A	2—2
	Dec. 16—2nd	Round :	Lincoln*	.....H	4—1
	Jan. 9—3rd	Round :	Wolves	.....H	1—2
1932-33	Nov. 26—1st	Round :	Kingstonians	.....H	2—2
	Nov. 30—1st	Round :	Kingstonians*	.....A	3—2
	Dec. 10—2nd	Round :	Stockport County	.....A	3—2
	Jan. 14—3rd	Round :	Barnsley	.....A	0—0
	Jan. 18—3rd	Round :	Barnsley*	.....H	2—0
	Jan. 28—4th	Round :	Tottenham Hotspur	.....H	2—0
	Feb. 18—5th	Round :	Halifax Town	.....A	2—0
1933-34	Mar. 4—6th	Round :	Everton	.....A	0—6
	Jan. 13—3rd	Round :	Arsenal	.....H	0—1
1934-35	Jan. 12—3rd	Round :	Chelsea	.....A	0—0
	Jan. 16—3rd	Round :	Chelsea*	.....H	2—0
	Jan. 26—4th	Round :	Burnley	.....A	1—3
1935-36	Jan. 11—3rd	Round :	West Ham	.....A	2—2
	Jan. 15—3rd	Round :	West Ham*	.....H	4—0
	Jan. 25—4th	Round :	Manchester City	.....A	1—2
1936-37	Jan. 16—3rd	Round :	Blackpool	.....H	3—3
	Jan. 20—3rd	Round :	Blackpool*	.....A	2—1
	Jan. 30—4th	Round :	Sunderland	.....H	2—2
	Feb. 3—4th	Round :	Sunderland*	.....A	1—3
1937-38	Jan. 8—3rd	Round :	Scarborough	.....A	1—1
	Jan. 12—3rd	Round :	Scarborough	.....H	5—1
	Jan. 22—4th	Round :	Swindon Town	.....H	2—1
	Feb. 12—5th	Round :	Manchester City	.....H	1—3
1938-39	Jan. 7—3rd	Round :	Liverpool	.....A	0—3
1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45—no competition.					
1945-46	Jan. 5—3rd	Round :	Derby County	.....H	0—6
	Jan. 9—	do.	Derby County	.....A	0—3

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- 1902-03—Bury beat Derby County (6—0)
- 1903-04—Manchester City beat Bolton Wanderers (1—0)
- 1904-05—Aston Villa beat Newcastle United (2—0)
- 1905-06—Everton beat Newcastle United (1—0)
- 1906-07—Sheffield Wednesday beat Everton (2—1)
- 1907-08—Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Newcastle United (3—1)
- 1908-09—Manchester United beat Bristol City (1—0)
- 1909-10—Newcastle United beat Barnsley (2—0, after a draw 1—1)
- 1910-11—Bradford City beat Newcastle United (1—0, after a draw 0—0)
- 1911-12—Barnsley beat West Bromwich Albion (1—0, after a draw 0—0)
- 1912-13—Aston Villa beat Sunderland (1—0)
- 1913-14—Burnley beat Liverpool (1—0)
- 1914-15—Sheffield United beat Chelsea (3—0)
- 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19—No competition.
- 1919-20—Aston Villa beat Huddersfield Town (1—0)
- 1920-21—Tottenham Hotspur beat Wolverhampton Wanderers (1—0)
- 1921-22—Huddersfield Town beat Preston North End (1—0)
- 1922-23—Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham (2—0)
- 1923-24—Newcastle United beat Aston Villa (2—0)
- 1924-25—Sheffield United beat Cardiff City (1—0)
- 1925-26—Bolton Wanderers beat Manchester City (1—0)
- 1926-27—Cardiff City beat Arsenal (1—0)
- 1927-28—Blackburn Rovers beat Huddersfield Town (3—1)
- 1928-29—Bolton Wanderers beat Portsmouth (2—0)
- 1929-30—Arsenal beat Huddersfield Town (2—0)
- 1930-31—West Bromwich Albion beat Birmingham (2—1)
- 1931-32—Newcastle United beat Arsenal (2—1)
- 1932-33—Everton beat Manchester City (3—0)
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- 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45—No competition.
- 1945-46—Derby County beat Charlton Athletic (4—1 after extra time)



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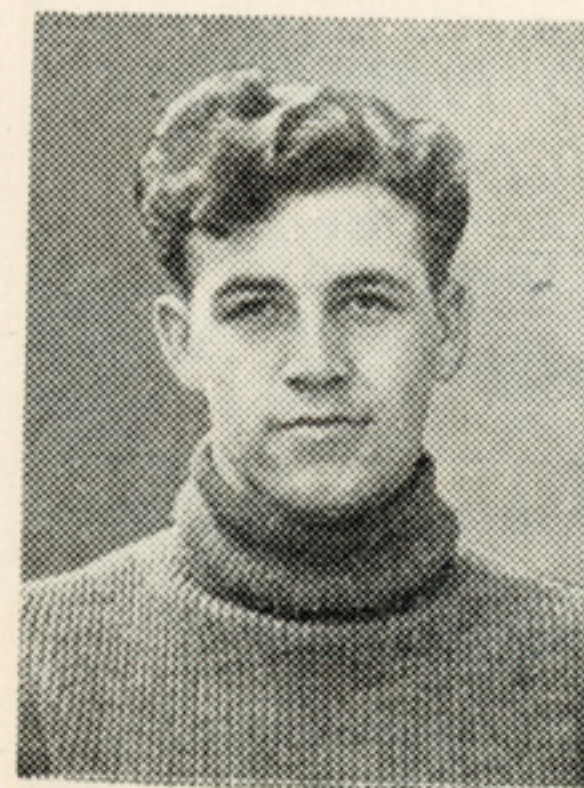
**GEORGE DUKE**  
(Goalkeeper)

Hails from Southwick, near Brighton, and signed professional forms for the Town in the 1938-39 season. Has gained a good deal of experience during the war years, and although he is still in the Army, hopes to be available regularly for this campaign. Is still only 25, so there should be a long career in front of him. 5ft. 11in. 12 stone.



**MURDO MORRISON**  
(Goalkeeper)

A Scot who is not yet 21. He received his chance in the League side in the closing matches of last season, and confirmed the good form he had shown in the Reserve team. He became a Luton professional in September last year. Previous clubs were Clydebank Juniors and Belhaven Star. Born at Glasgow. 5ft. 10in. 11 stone.





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## DOUGLAS BEACH

(Full Back)

Was seen by George Martin when partnering Billy Cooke in an Army representative match. The manager quickly signed up Beach, who was on Sheffield Wednesday's books a few seasons back. Hails from Watford and puts up a good show on either flank. Is regarded as one of the most promising of the younger players, and can be expected to feel the benefit of full-time training. 5ft. 8in. 11 stone.



## BILLY COOKE

(Full back)

Played as a guest for the Town for some months last season before Bournemouth were persuaded to part with him in return for a substantial fee. General opinion is that we have not seen the best of him yet. Is two-footed, and has also played with success at wing-half. Born at Chesterfield. Bournemouth was his only previous League club. 5ft. 9½in. 11½ stone.



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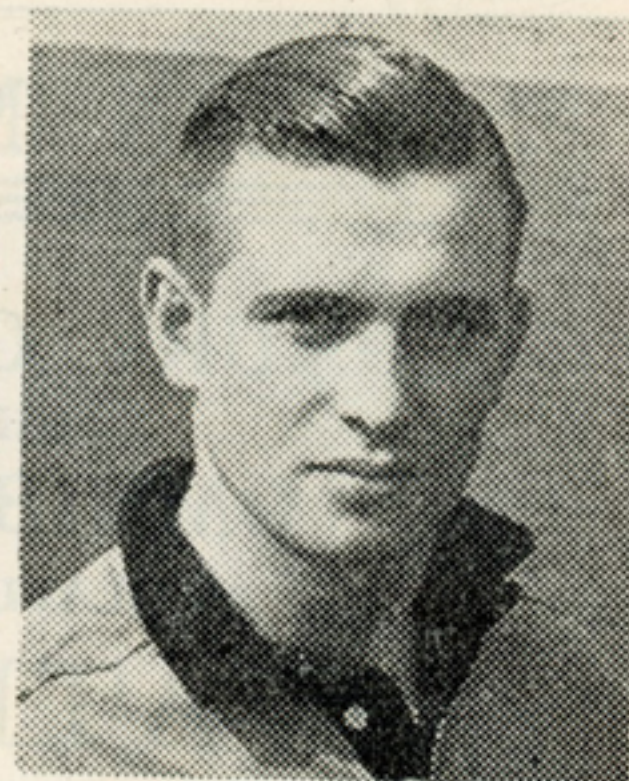
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(Full-back)

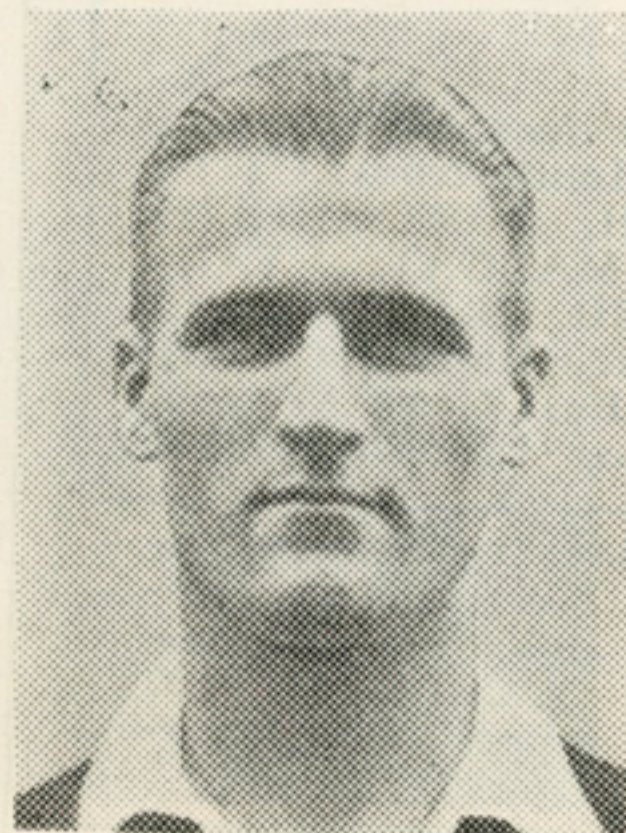
One of the Town's close season captures from Wolves, whom he joined just before the war from Carlisle United which was his local club. During the war years, when Army duties permitted, he played as a guest for Carlisle. Stands 5ft. 11in., and weighs 12 stone, so will bring physical strength to the defence. Prefers the left-back position. Luton paid a considerable fee for him.



### LESLIE LAKE

(Full-back)

A local boy who has made good. Began his football with Holly Rangers, Luton, and graduated through the Town's Colts team. Had many first team outings last season, and did extremely well. Is only 23, and the experience he gained last season will stand him in good stead. Kicks the ball cleanly with either foot. 5ft. 10in., 11 stone.





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(Wing-half)

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**GEORGE GOODYEAR**  
(Wing-half)

Another local who has given the club good service. Gained a big reputation as an amateur with Luton Sundale, Biscot Sports and Hitchin Town. Good reports of his play for Hitchin caused Luton to watch him and offer him terms as a professional. Quickly succeeded in the Combination team, and won a permanent place in the League team in the latter half of last season. Is hard working and speedy. 5ft 9in. 11 stone.





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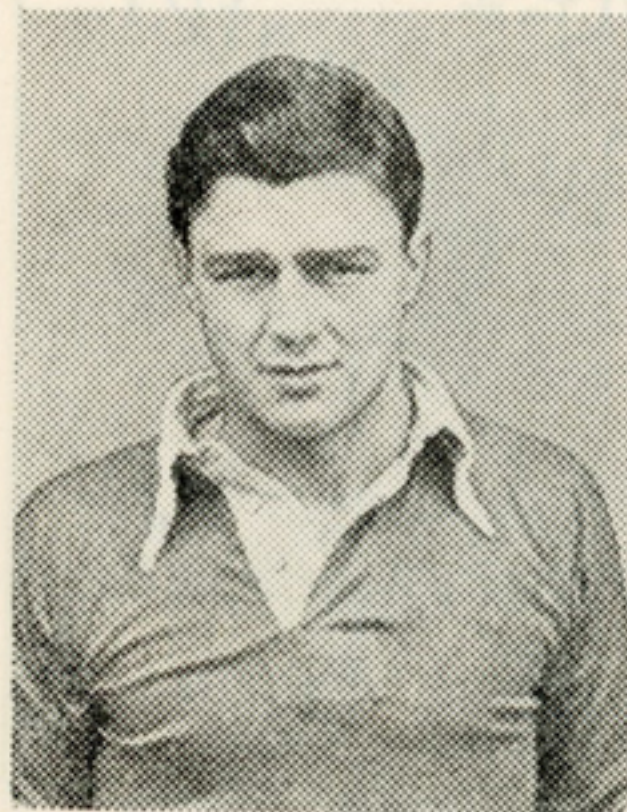
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**HORACE GAGER**

(Centre-half)

Last season's captain, and one of the big successes. Luton signed him as a professional in the 1937-38 season. He was then an inside-forward. Did well in the Combination team, and had just been promoted as the League side's inside-left when war started. Took over the centre-half position and played so brilliantly there that many good judges consider him among the best six in the country. Born in Luton and played for Sundale and Vauxhall Motors. 5ft. 11in. 12 stone.



**GORDON BRICE**

(Centre-half)

Played in a variety of positions in the League team before getting his chance at centre-half in the last match of the season. Had a brilliant match against Birmingham and will be an able deputy for Gager. Just 22, he stands 5ft. 11in. and weighs 13 stone. Born at Bedford, he played rugby at school, but took up soccer with Bedford St. Cuthbert's. Is a fine cricketer.



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**DOUGLAS GARDINER**  
 (Wing-half)

Joined Luton in 1938 from Scottish junior team, Auchinleck Talbot. A very skilful player who put up some tremendous displays last season. Spent three years as a prisoner-of-war, and was just running into his best form in the closing weeks of the season. He works terrifically hard, and is always using the ball cleverly. Had several games at inside-left, but wing-half is his best position. 5ft. 8in. 11 stone.



**ROBERT MORTON**  
 (Wing-half)

One of the younger school. Is not yet 19, but shows a great deal of promise. Played for the Bedfordshire minor team until taking a professional ticket with Luton. Did well on his few outings in the League team. Born at Aston Clinton, and played for Eaton Bray and Waterlow's. Is fast and well-built. Stands 5ft. 8in., and weighs 11st. 4lbs.



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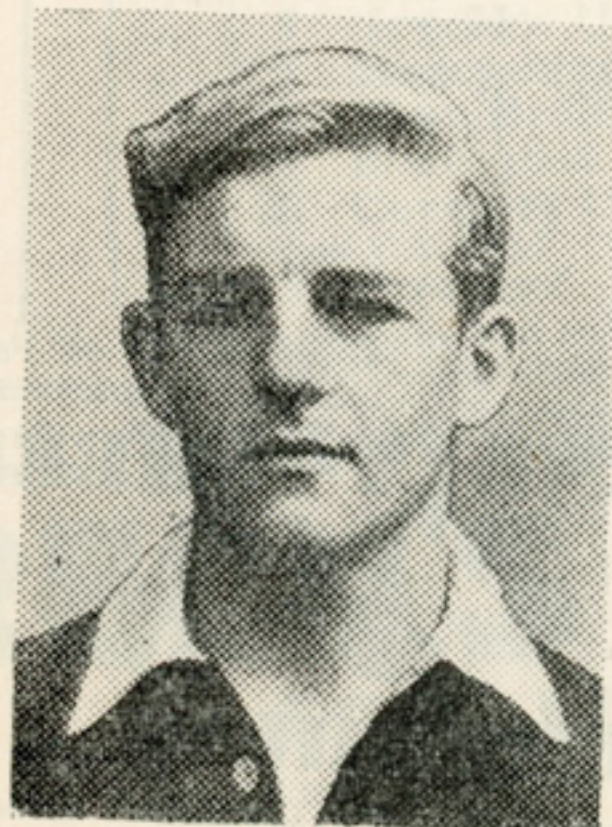
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**CHARLIE GARNER**

(Wing-half)

Was something of a utility player for the Reserves' team last season when he played as an amateur, but it is thought that he will settle down best at wing-half. Played for Electrolux and gained honours with the Bedfordshire minor team that reached the semi-final of the County Youth Championship. Stands 5ft. 9in., and weighs 12 stone. Is only 18 years of age.



**JOSEPH THOMPSON**

(Wing-half)

Another 18-year-old. Was contemporary with Garner in the Electrolux and Bedfordshire teams, and also played with him for the Town Reserves last season. Is regarded as being most promising. Both he and Garner signed professional forms last May, and training and coaching should bring both along rapidly. Thompson is a particularly strong player.



# LUTON TOWN F.C. 1st XI FIXTURES, 1946-47

DIVISION II

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals		Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against				For	Against
1946					1947				
Aug. 31	Sheffield Wednesday	H	4	1	Jan. 4	Fulham	H		
Sept. 4	Bradford	A	1	2	" 11	(Third Round F.A. Cup)			
" 7	Fulham	A	1	2	" 18	Bury	A		
" 11	Millwall Athletic	H	3	0	" 25	Notts Forest	H		
" 14	Bury	H	2	0	" (Fourth Round F.A. Cup)				
" 21	Notts Forest	A	1	2	Feb. 1	Plymouth Argyle	H		
" 28	Plymouth Argyle	A	1	2	" 8	Leicester City	A		
Oct. 5	Leicester City	H			" (Fifth Round F.A. Cup)				
" 7	Millwall	A			" 15	Chesterfield	H		
" 12	Chesterfield	A			" 22	Southampton	A		
" 19	Southampton	H			Mar. 1	Newport County	H		
" 26	Newport County	A			" (Sixth Round F.A. Cup)				
Nov. 2	Barnsley	H			" 8	Barnsley	A		
" 9	Burnley	A			" 15	Burnley	H		
" 16	Tottenham Hotspur	H			" 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
" 23	Swansea Town	A			" 29	Swansea Town	H		
" 30	Newcastle United	H			" (Semi-Final F.A. Cup)				
Dec. 7	West Bromwich Albion	A			April 4	Manchester City	A		
" 14	Birmingham City	H			" 5	Newcastle United	A		
" 21	Coventry City	A			" 7	Manchester City	H		
" 25	West Ham United	A			" 12	West Bromwich Alb.	H		
" 26	West Ham United	H			" 19	Birmingham City	A		
" 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A			" 26	Coventry City	H		
					" (Final F.A. Cup)				
					May 3	Bradford	H		

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(Outside-right)

Caused a sensation in football circles when, along with Mullen, he made his debut in League football at the age of 15. Is just 24, and he cost the Town a four-figure fee from Wolves last May. Sanderson was signed at the same time. Born at Crewe, he made many League appearances for Wolves. Spent two years as a prisoner-of-war in Germany. Can also play at inside-right, but Luton are hoping he will solve the long-standing outside-right problem. 5ft. 9in. 11 stone.



**JACK BALL**  
(Outside-right)

Son of the Town's former centre-forward, young Jack seems to have every chance of becoming as famous as his father. At present serving in the Navy, he hopes to be available fairly regularly. Made a good impression on his League team appearances last season, and is a clever, go-ahead player. Is only 19. Stands 5ft. 9½in. and weighs 11 stone.





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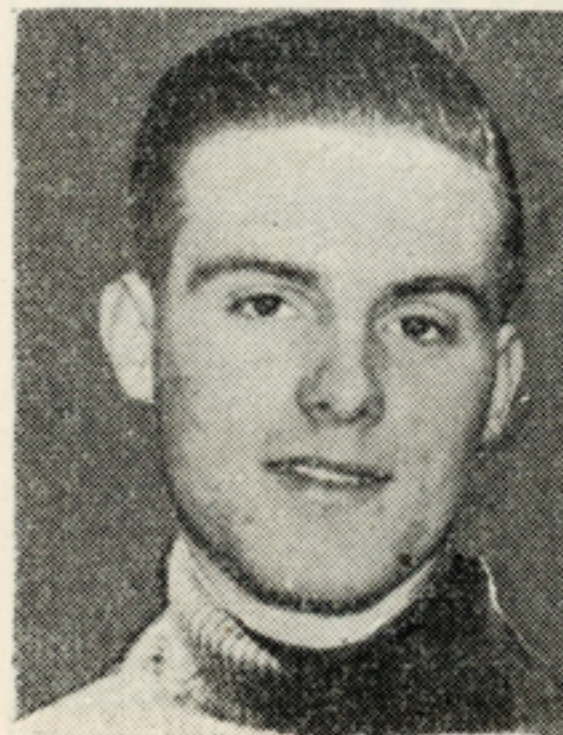
**HARRY LEE**  
**(Outside-right)**

First attracted the notice of the Town when he scored the three goals which meant the Colts' exit from the Beds. Senior Cup. He was then playing for Bedford Q.P.R., and George Martin signed him as an amateur. Was persuaded to turn professional last season and was doing well in the League side until he met with an injury at Easter. Is now thoroughly fit.



**EDDIE DUGGAN**  
**(Inside-right)**

Is expected to be one of the Town's shining stars this season. Will probably be demobilised next month. Luton have had him since he was 15, and he worked on the ground staff until he was old enough to sign as a professional. Was brought along gradually, and is now playing with all the craft of an old hand. Met with a knee injury while playing in Germany, but has made a fine recovery. Many people predict an England "cap" for him soon. 5ft. 9in. 11 stone.





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## MELVILLE DANIEL

(Inside-forward)

A whole-hearted player who filled capably almost every position in the forward line, and also played with distinction at wing-half. Inside-right became his regular berth and he achieved much success. Born at Llanelly, he is the only Welshman on the books. He played for Llanelly and Swansea Town Reserves. Was signed by the Town last season from Ashford, Kent League club, and Luton consider they made a good bargain. 5ft. 7in. 11½ stone.



## HUGH BILLINGTON

(Centre-forward)

Until Billington's return from the Army in March, the Town attack was very goal-shy, but he soon put that right, and was a consistent scorer. One of the most dangerous centre-forwards in the game, Hughie has a terrific shot, and a goal is always imminent when he is in possession anywhere near goal. His footwork is clever, too, and it is difficult to move him off the ball. Born at Ampthill, he played for Luton Schoolboys, and afterwards was a prolific scorer for Waterlow's. 5ft. 10in. 12 stone.





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## EDDIE CONNELLY

(Inside-left)

The player for whom Luton have paid two four-figure fees. He was first signed from Newcastle United in 1938 and was transferred 18 months later to West Bromwich. Last season, he made two guest appearances for the Town and did so well that Luton persuaded the Throstles to transfer him back again. Is a brilliant player. His footwork is a delight, and he knows where the goal lies, too. A Scot from Fifeshire. 5ft. 7½in. 10½ stone.



## BOB HACKING

(Inside-forward)

Not well-known to Luton fans as yet, but George Martin has high hopes that he will make the grade. Hails from Blackburn and was once on the Rovers' books. They allowed him to go, and Luton signed him in 1944. Made some appearances during the war years, but then went abroad. Has real ability, and works the ball cleverly. 5ft. 8½in. 11st. 4lbs.





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**BILLY WAUGH**  
(Outside-left)

A dapper, little Scot whose tricky play established him as a firm favourite with the crowd last season. Struck up a happy understanding with his fellow-countryman, Connelly. Hails from Midlothian, and was recommended to Luton when playing in Scottish junior football. Was given trials and eventually signed professional forms. Is fast and clever and occasionally comes up with some brilliant goals.



**BILLY BATES**  
(Outside-left)

Another local, who comes from Eaton Bray, and was playing in junior football there when spotted by the Town. Can play equally well on either wing. Not very big, but is strong and fast. Did well on the few appearances he was able to make in the Luton colours last season.



# LUTON TOWN F.C. 2nd XI FIXTURES, 1946-47 - - (Football Combination)

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against
1946				
Aug. 31				
Sept. 4	Northampton Town	H		
" 7	Arsenal	H		
" 11	Arsenal	A		
" 14	Norwich City	A		
" 18	Norwich City	H		
" 21	Swindon Town	H		
" 25	Swindon Town	A		
" 28	Ipswich Town	H		
Oct. 2	Cardiff City	H		
" 5				
" 7	Cardiff City	A		
" 12	Northampton Town	A		
" 16	Southend United	H		
" 19	Clapton Orient	A		
" 26	Crystal Palace	H		
Nov. 2	Southend United	A		
" 6	Plymouth Argyle	A		
" 9	Reading	H		
" 16	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
" 23	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
" 27	Birmingham City	A		
" 30	Charlton Athletic	A		
Dec. 7	Clapton Orient	H		

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against
Dec. 14	Crystal Palace	A		
" 21	Charlton Athletic	H		
" 25	Millwall	H		
" 26	Millwall	A		
" 28	Birmingham City	H		
1947				
Jan. 4	Ipswich Town	A		
" 11	Reading	A		
April 19	Plymouth Argyle	H		

## COMBINATION CUP FIXTURES

Jan. 18	Watford	H		
" 25	Watford	A		
Feb. 1	Leicester City	A		
" 8	Leicester City	H		
" 22	Northampton Town	A		
Mar. 1	Coventry City	A		
" 8	Coventry City	H		
" 15				
" 19	Birmingham City	A		
" 22	Birmingham City	H		
" 29	Ipswich Town	A		
April 4	Norwich City	H		
" 5	Ipswich Town	H		

To be arranged—Northampton Town (H) and Norwich City (A).

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## LUTON TOWN COLTS FIXTURES

### SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE, DIVISION I

1946		
Sept.	7	Waterlow's ..... Away
"	14	Cambridge Town ..... Away
"	21	Rushden Town ..... Home
"	28	Stewartby Works ..... Away
Oct.	5	Arlesey Town ..... Home
"	12	Vauxhall Motors ..... Home
"	19	Kempston Rovers ..... Away
"	26	Wootton Blue Cross ..... Home
Nov.	2	Beds. Senior Cup
"	9	Marston Shelton ..... Away
"	16	Rushden Town ..... Away
"	23	Wolverton Town ..... Home
"	30	Waterlow's ..... Home
Dec.	7	Vauxhall Motors ..... Away
"	14	Stewartby Works ..... Home
1947		
Jan.	11	Bedford Avenue ..... Away
"	18	Marston Shelton ..... Home
"	25	St. Neots ..... Home
Feb.	1	Potton United ..... Away
"	8	Queen's Works ..... Away
"	15	Bedford Avenue ..... Home
"	22	Wolverton Town ..... Away
March	1	Cambridge Town ..... Home
"	8	Arlesey Town ..... Away
"	15	Kempston Rovers ..... Home
"	22	Wootton Blue Cross ..... Away
"	29	Potton United ..... Home
April	12	Queen's Works ..... Home
May	3	St. Neots ..... Away

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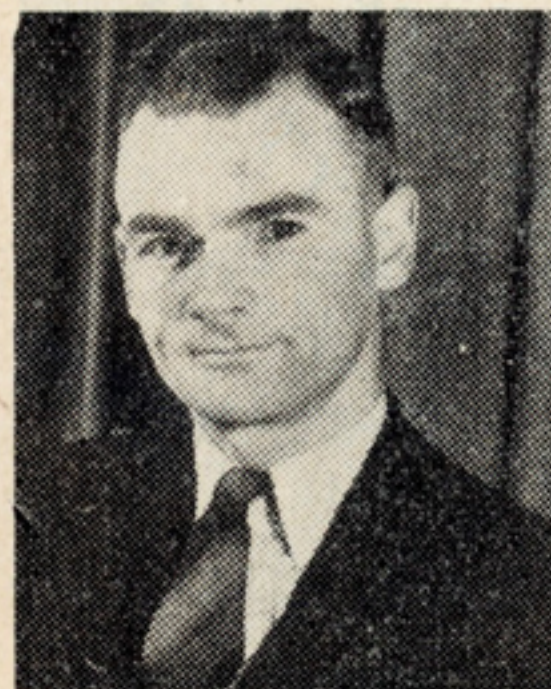
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### **GEORGE S. MARTIN**

**(Manager)**

Had a long and distinguished career as a player, and is now making his mark in football management. Has been responsible for bringing along most of the promising youngsters now on the Club's books. In his capacity of coach before the war, started the Colts team which has paid handsome dividends. Was an inside-forward with Hamilton Academicals, Hull City, Everton and Middlesbrough before being transferred to Luton in the 1933-34 season.



### **PHILIP COLEY**

**(Secretary)**

Took over as secretary from Archie Wickson in May this year. Has settled down speedily to his new job. Was previously with a firm of accountants. Had previous football secretarial experience with local clubs. Comes from the North-east, but has been in Luton so long that he is almost a local.



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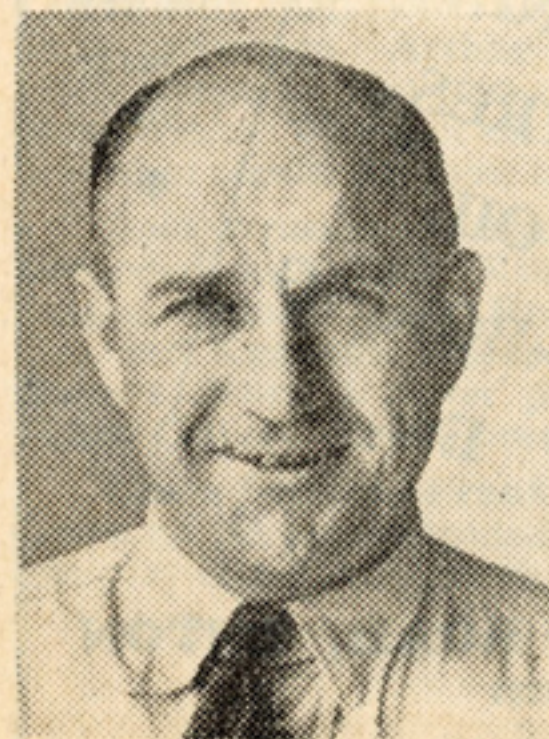
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### ARTHUR PEMBLETON

(Trainer)

Was appointed first team trainer for the 1938-39 season after several years in charge of the second string. Is a qualified masseur and very skilled in the treatment of injuries. Has been in football nearly all his life, for he was a professional with Mansfield, Notts. County, Millwall and Norwich City. Often played against Luton before he settled down here.



### TOM MACKEY

(Assistant Trainer)

One of the most whole-hearted players the club ever had. Began his career as a centre-half with Hartlepoons United. Then had three seasons with Sheffield Wednesday before being transferred to Luton in the 1932-33 season. Was converted into a full-back and gave sterling service. Was a member of the Town's promotion team. Became trainer to the Reserves in 1938, and does his job capably and well.



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## Also on the Books

LACK OF SPACE prevents publication of the photographs of the following players who are also on the Town's retained list.

Most of them are still serving in the Forces, but it is expected that the majority will be demobilised this year.

*Full-back*—**Harry Fletcher**, signed from Hilton Colliery Welfare in season 1938-39. Is big and strong, and is reported to have made good progress.

*Wing-half-backs*—**Spencer Kettley**, who is from the Bletchley district. Once had a trial with Cardiff City. Can also play inside-forward. **Raymond Ruffett**, a local who played for Christ Church.

*Centre-half*—**Leslie Hall**. Hails from St. Albans and played for the City before signing for Luton.

*Wing-forwards* — **Albert McVety** outside-right. Comes from Manchester and made several League appearances last season. **Arthur Smith**, local born product of Holly Rangers. Can play on either wing. **Cyril Isaacs** outside-left. Was once on Southampton's books. Was a first team regular for some time last season.

*Inside-forwards*—**Norman Stephenson**, another who developed with Holly Rangers. Has had a couple of League outings. **Jack Holliday**, from the Sunderland area and **Kenneth Stockley**, who hails from Watford. **August Scott**, a clever player who was secured from Hilton Colliery Welfare towards the end of season 1938-39.

*Centre-forward*—**Frank Toulouse**, a Scot, signed by Luton on the recommendation of Horace Gager, who saw him play in a R.A.F. match.



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## LEAGUE TABLES—Season 1945-46

### The League (South)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Birmingham City .....	42	28	5	9	96	45	61
Aston Villa .....	42	25	11	6	106	58	61
Charlton A. ....	42	25	10	7	92	45	60
Derby County .....	42	24	7	11	111	62	55
West Bromwich A. ...	42	22	8	12	104	69	52
Wolverhampton W. ...	42	20	11	11	75	48	51
West Ham U. ....	42	20	11	11	94	76	51
Fulham .....	42	20	10	12	93	73	50
Tottenham H. ....	42	22	3	17	78	81	47
Chelsea .....	42	19	6	17	92	80	44
Arsenal .....	42	16	11	15	76	73	43
Millwall .....	42	17	8	17	79	105	42
Coventry City .....	42	15	10	17	70	69	40
Brentford .....	42	14	10	18	82	72	38
Notts. Forest .....	42	12	13	17	72	73	37
Southampton .....	42	14	9	19	97	105	37
Swansea Town .....	42	15	7	20	90	112	37
<b>Luton Town .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>33</b>
Portsmouth .....	42	11	6	25	66	87	28
Leicester City .....	42	8	7	27	57	101	23
Newport County .....	42	9	2	31	52	125	20
Plymouth A. ....	42	3	8	31	39	120	14

### The League (North)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Sheffield United .....	42	27	6	9	112	62	60
Everton .....	42	23	9	10	88	54	55
Bolton W. ....	42	20	11	11	67	45	51
Manchester Utd.....	42	19	11	12	98	62	49
Sheffield Wed.....	42	20	8	14	67	60	48
Newcastle Utd. ....	42	21	5	16	106	70	47
Chesterfield .....	42	17	12	13	68	49	46
Barnsley .....	42	17	11	14	76	68	45
Blackpool .....	42	18	9	15	94	92	45
Manchester C.....	42	20	4	18	78	75	44
Liverpool .....	42	17	9	16	80	70	43
Middlesbrough .....	42	17	9	16	75	87	43
Stoke City .....	42	18	6	18	88	79	42
Bradford.....	42	17	6	19	71	84	40
Huddersfield T. ....	42	17	4	21	90	89	38
Burnley .....	42	13	10	19	63	84	36
Grimsby Town .....	42	13	9	20	61	89	35
Sunderland .....	42	15	5	22	55	83	35
Preston N. E. ....	42	14	6	22	70	77	34
Bury .....	42	12	10	20	60	85	34
Blackburn R. ....	42	11	7	24	60	111	29
Leeds United .....	42	9	7	26	66	118	25



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