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## FOREWORD

THE high hopes which were entertained at this stage last year that the Town would give us the excitement of taking part in the promotion struggle were not realised, and following the wave of optimism on which the season began, results were rather disappointing.

At Easter, the shadow of relegation seemed to be crossing the threshold, but a great finish in which 11 points were gained from eight matches, enabled the Town to reach 13th place in the League table.

This successful run was a triumph for team spirit, and if that form can be reproduced in the matches in August and September, then the foundations may well be laid for an excellent season.

Main problem for the Town is whether the attack can score goals consistently, and this may well make the difference between a season of triumph and one of mere mediocrity.

On paper, the defence looks strong enough for anything, and strength in this department is regarded as a safe insurance by many clubs in these days.

However, matches can only be won by scoring goals, and that the Town realise this is proved by their unremitting search for forwards during the summer months.

The Town figured sensationally as sellers during the past season with the result that Hughes, Gager and Billington left the club in exchange for big fees.

More recently, Soo and Connelly have found new quarters, and, remembering the entertainment these five players provided for the Kenilworth-road habitués, we wish them all possible success.

Even more fervently do we hope that the present Luton players will enjoy that luck without which the best of teams can struggle in vain.

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## THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

"WE hope that this may be Luton's season for promotion, but if it is not, I can promise that the ultimate aim will not be relaxed."

This sentence appeared in my message in the "Luton News Football Handbook" for last season, and despite the criticisms which have been levelled at the Board at different times, those words remain true to-day.

My aim, which is backed by my fellow-members of the Board, is to take the club into the First Division, and all the moves we make have this end in view.

The search to strengthen the weak spots in the team has gone on relentlessly during the summer months, and if it has not been attended with all the success we had hoped, that does not mean that the search is over.

We shall not rest until Luton has a top-class team, and we believe that we have a sound nucleus in the players already on the books, and who saved us in the closing matches last season.

Apart from the immediate future, the Directors have been looking to the more distant days when more accommodation than Kenilworth-road can ever hope to provide will be necessary.

The acquisition of a new ground in Dunstable-road is a guide to future developments, though it may be many years before League football is played there.

However, the initial outlay could easily be repaid several times by the development of local youngsters which will now be given a greater impetus.

When such things become possible, we intend to improve and enlarge the accommodation at Kenilworth-road and, in the meantime, I would ask for the fullest measure of support during the coming season.

Charles Jeyes



"It's funny how a name sticks! 'Up the Lilywhites' they say—referring, of course, to Luton Town Football Club. Saturday afternoons, off we go to see a good game of football. Sometimes the result pleases us, sometimes it doesn't. When it doesn't, well, remember you cannot be always 100 per cent.—that's not human. Remember even the players are married—perhaps the missus wants a washer on the tap—the nipper has just broken the greenhouse door—or the kids next door have pulled the fence down—in fact just enough has happened to make things worrying. How can they be 100 per cent? But they do their best for our entertainment. Up the Lilywhites!! That reminds me—Down to Lillywhites!! They do not always please us but they do their best. They cannot grow trees without knots or bark. Can they help it if the sun has split a plank or the rain discoloured a board? That is usually adjusted in the price, and at any rate if you have a Timber Licence you can get the best there. Down to Lillywhite's for Timber."

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|         |             |        |                      |        |     |
|---------|-------------|--------|----------------------|--------|-----|
| 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 |
|         | Jan. 16—3rd | Round: | Crystal Palace*      | .....A | 0—7 |
| 1929-30 | 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 |
|         | Mar. 4—6th  | Round: | Everton              | .....A | 0—6 |
| 1933-34 | 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 |
| 1945-46 | Jan. 5—3rd  | Round: | Derby County         | .....H | 0—6 |
|         | Jan. 9—3rd  | Round: | Derby County         | .....A | 0—3 |
| 1946-47 | Jan. 11—3rd | Round: | Notts County         | .....H | 6—0 |
|         | Jan. 25—4th | Round: | Swansea Town         | .....H | 2—0 |
|         | Feb. 8—5th  | Round: | Burnley              | .....H | 0—0 |
|         | Feb. 11—5th | Round: | Burnley*             | .....A | 0—3 |
| 1947-48 | Jan. 10—3rd | Round: | Plymouth             | .....A | 4—2 |
|         | Jan. 24—4th | Round: | Coventry             | .....H | 3—2 |
|         | Feb. 7—5th  | Round: | Queen's Park Rangers | .....A | 1—3 |

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### THE LEAGUE, DIVISION II

B. Streten 42; W. Cooke, F. Soo, W. L. Waugh 33; W. M. Hughes 31; S. Owen, R. Brennan 27; H. E. Gager 26; D. Gardiner 25; E. Duggan 24; H. J. Billington 23; M. Daniel 22; L. Lake 17; L. Hall 16; S. Ottewell, E. Connelly 15; A. Driver 12; W. Shanks 10; D. Duncan, J. O'Brien 9; P. Small 5; J. Wilson, W. Wallbanks 3; W. Collins, S. Nelson 1.

### F.A. CUP

B. Streten, W. M. Hughes, F. Soo, L. Hall, D. Gardiner, H. J. Billington, R. Brennan, S. Ottewell, J. O'Brien, each 3; W. Cooke, W. L. Waugh 2; L. Lake, W. Shanks, 1.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

L. Hall 25; J. Wilson 24; N. L. Bywater, L. Lake, R. Ruffett, W. Shanks 19; P. Small 17; E. Connelly 16; M. Walker, M. Daniel 15; A. Driver, W. Wallbanks 14; D. Gardiner 13; E. Duggan 11; G. Duke 10; J. Sanderson, R. Morton, L. York 8; W. L. Waugh, N. Day 6; W. Cooke, S. High 5; J. Pemberton, S. Kettley, W. Collins, C. Burtenshaw, J. O'Brien 4; S. Owen 3; C. Isaacs, J. Ball 2; A. Rogers, J. Palmer, T. Sparrow, J. Thompson, D. Stapleton, H. J. Billington, S. Nelson, S. Ottewell 1.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

G. Duke, J. Wilson, J. Pemberton 13; C. Burtenshaw 10; W. Collins 9; S. Owen, W. Shanks 8; L. Lake, P. Small, S. Nelson 7; W. Wallbanks, E. Connelly, J. O'Brien 6; R. Morton 5; E. Duggan, M. Daniel, C. Isaacs, W. L. Waugh 4; R. Ruffett, H. E. Gager, S. High 3; L. Hall, S. Kettley, R. Brennan 2; B. Streten, W. Cooke, E. McCambridge, N. Day, S. Ottewell 1.

## GOAL SCORERS

### THE LEAGUE, DIVISION II

H. J. Billington 12; R. Brennan 11; M. Daniel 10; E. Duggan 7; F. Soo, S. Ottewell 4; A. Driver, J. O'Brien 3; E. Connelly 2.

### F.A. CUP

H. J. Billington 2; R. Brennan 2; W. L. Waugh 2; F. Soo, S. Ottewell 1.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

M. Walker 9; M. Daniel 8; W. Wallbanks 7; E. Duggan 6; A. Driver 5; W. Shanks 4; P. Small 3; H. J. Billington, L. York 2; J. Ball, R. Ruffett, D. Stapleton, E. Connelly, C. Isaacs, S. High, W. L. Waugh, C. Burtenshaw 1.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

C. Burtenshaw 10; W. Shanks, M. Daniel 3; W. Wallbanks, P. Small, J. O'Brien 2; R. Brennan, S. Owen 1.



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## LEAGUE TABLES—Season 1946-47

|   | Division II |           |           |           | Goals     |           | Pts.      |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | P.          | W.        | D.        | L.        | F.        | A.        |           |
| Birmingham                                | 42          | 22        | 15        | 5         | 55        | 24        | 59        |
| Newcastle Utd                             | 42          | 24        | 8         | 10        | 72        | 41        | 56        |
| Southampton                               | 42          | 21        | 10        | 11        | 71        | 53        | 52        |
| Sheffield Wed.                            | 42          | 20        | 11        | 11        | 66        | 53        | 51        |
| Cardiff C.                                | 42          | 18        | 11        | 13        | 61        | 58        | 47        |
| West Ham                                  | 42          | 16        | 14        | 12        | 55        | 53        | 46        |
| West Bromwich A.                          | 42          | 18        | 9         | 15        | 63        | 58        | 45        |
| Tottenham H.                              | 42          | 15        | 14        | 13        | 56        | 43        | 44        |
| Leicester C.                              | 42          | 16        | 11        | 15        | 60        | 57        | 43        |
| Coventry C.                               | 42          | 14        | 13        | 15        | 59        | 52        | 41        |
| Fulham                                    | 42          | 15        | 10        | 17        | 47        | 46        | 40        |
| Barnsley                                  | 42          | 15        | 10        | 17        | 62        | 64        | 40        |
| <b>Luton Town</b>                         | <b>42</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>40</b> |
| Bradford                                  | 42          | 16        | 8         | 18        | 68        | 72        | 40        |
| Brentford                                 | 42          | 13        | 14        | 15        | 44        | 61        | 40        |
| Chesterfield                              | 42          | 16        | 7         | 19        | 54        | 55        | 39        |
| Plymouth A.                               | 42          | 9         | 20        | 13        | 40        | 58        | 38        |
| Leeds Utd.                                | 42          | 14        | 8         | 20        | 62        | 72        | 36        |
| Nottingham F.                             | 42          | 12        | 11        | 19        | 54        | 60        | 35        |
| Bury                                      | 42          | 9         | 16        | 17        | 58        | 68        | 34        |
| Doncaster R.                              | 42          | 9         | 11        | 22        | 40        | 66        | 29        |
| Millwall                                  | 42          | 9         | 11        | 22        | 44        | 74        | 29        |
| <b>Football Combination (Section "A")</b> |             |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| West Ham                                  | 30          | 23        | 3         | 4         | 88        | 30        | 49        |
| Birmingham C.                             | 30          | 16        | 7         | 7         | 57        | 27        | 39        |
| Fulham                                    | 30          | 14        | 7         | 9         | 51        | 43        | 35        |
| <b>Luton Town</b>                         | <b>30</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>34</b> |
| Ipswich T.                                | 30          | 14        | 5         | 11        | 62        | 53        | 33        |
| Queen's P.R.                              | 30          | 11        | 10        | 9         | 53        | 50        | 32        |
| Reading                                   | 30          | 15        | 2         | 13        | 62        | 61        | 32        |
| Millwall                                  | 30          | 14        | 4         | 12        | 57        | 58        | 32        |
| Plymouth A.                               | 30          | 13        | 5         | 12        | 62        | 53        | 31        |
| Swindon T.                                | 30          | 12        | 7         | 11        | 51        | 54        | 31        |
| Northampton T.                            | 30          | 8         | 9         | 13        | 61        | 70        | 25        |
| Cardiff C.                                | 30          | 10        | 5         | 15        | 45        | 58        | 25        |
| Norwich C.                                | 30          | 6         | 10        | 14        | 49        | 61        | 22        |
| Southend Utd.                             | 30          | 7         | 8         | 15        | 34        | 55        | 22        |
| Crystal Palace                            | 30          | 5         | 10        | 15        | 25        | 57        | 20        |
| Leyton O.                                 | 30          | 6         | 8         | 18        | 34        | 72        | 18        |
| <b>Combination Cup</b>                    |             |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Leicester C.                              | 14          | 8         | 4         | 2         | 29        | 7         | 20        |
| Birmingham C.                             | 14          | 8         | 4         | 2         | 24        | 9         | 20        |
| Northampton T.                            | 14          | 6         | 4         | 4         | 22        | 19        | 16        |
| <b>Luton Town</b>                         | <b>14</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>14</b> |
| Coventry C.                               | 14          | 5         | 3         | 6         | 14        | 19        | 13        |
| Watford                                   | 14          | 6         | 1         | 7         | 15        | 22        | 13        |
| Norwich C.                                | 14          | 3         | 3         | 8         | 20        | 24        | 9         |
| Ipswich T.                                | 14          | 2         | 3         | 9         | 10        | 30        | 7         |





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## BERNARD STRETEN (Goalkeeper)

Starting his first full season as a professional, but with any amount of experience behind him, is this former England Amateur international. His decision to join the paid ranks on leaving the R.A.F. earlier this year probably cost him the chance to play for Great Britain in the Olympic Games. Gained the distinction last season of being the only Town player to make the full quota of League and Cup appearances, and even found time to turn out once for the Reserves as well. Played for Shrewsbury Town before joining the Town as an amateur, and makes up for his lack of inches, he stands 5ft. 9in., by his great agility.



## GEORGE DUKE (Goalkeeper)

Is one of the few remaining players who were on the Town's books before the war, for he joined the club from Southwick during the 1938-39 season. He was then in his 'teens, and developed during the war years when, apart from his playing for Luton, he guested for several London teams. Made 10 League appearances in 1946-47, and then followed a spell of overseas service in the Army. Rejoined as a full-time professional during last season, but had to be content with Reserve team status, though he showed good form.



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## **LESLIE LAKE**

**(Full-back)**

A local who began his football career with Holly Rangers, and who came right to the fore at the end of last season when he took over the mantle of Billy Hughes in brilliant style. His cool play was a big factor in the Town's successful fight against relegation, and the way in which he made use of the ball in the Hughes style was a revelation. Was not quite so regular in the League side as in the previous season, when he made 28 appearances as against 17 in 1947-48. He is equally at home on either flank, though the left seems to suit him better. Speed in recovery is one of his greatest qualities.



## **BILLY COOKE**

**(Full-back)**

A real 90-minutes player, who gives all he has every time he steps on the field. Shared with Soo and Waugh the honour of being runner-up in the number of appearances made. What he lacks in polish he makes up for in ruggedness, for he is a stern tackler and is always hard to beat. Kicks well with both feet, but most of his 33 outings with the League side were at right-back. Was born at Chesterfield, but came to the fore with Bournemouth. Luton obtained his transfer after he had guested for them successfully during the war years.





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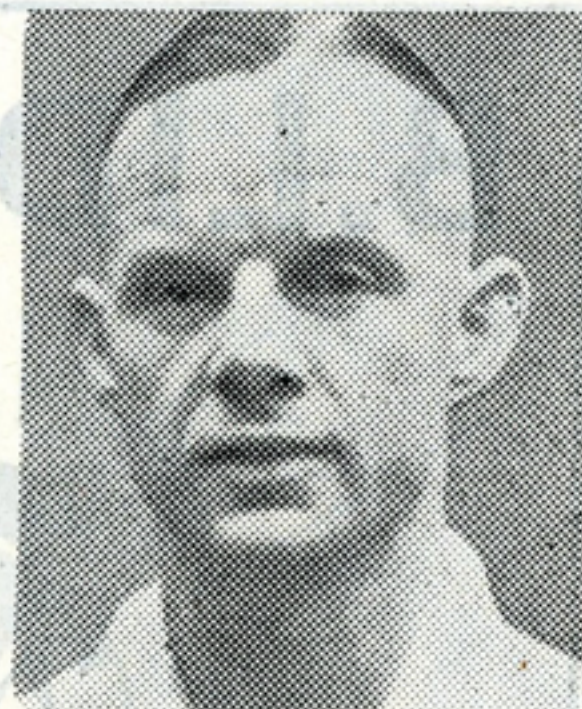
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### DAVID LINDSAY

(Full-back)

The Town paid close on £8,000 to persuade St. Mirren to part with this well-built, dour Scot, who earned such a big reputation in Scottish football that he was on the verge of international honours last season. Has been described as "another Dunsmore," which means that he gets "stuck in." Has the physique to enable him to do so, for he stands 5ft. 10½in., and weighs 12 stone. This will be his first real sample of English football, for his previous experience is limited to one game with the Town as a war-time guest. Luton just beat Middlesbrough in the bidding for his signature.



### JAMES WILSON

(Full-back)

Made strides last season, his first with the Town, and was given three outings in the League team. Achieved quite a measure of success, and was perhaps unlucky to be omitted afterwards. Showed consistent form with the Reserves, and should do even better this season. His previous experience was with Peterborough, the Midland League club, and it was on the recommendation of a former Town player that Luton first took an interest in him. They have no cause to regret their bargain, for as prices go these days the fee paid was most reasonable.





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## JAMES MULVANEY

(Full-back)

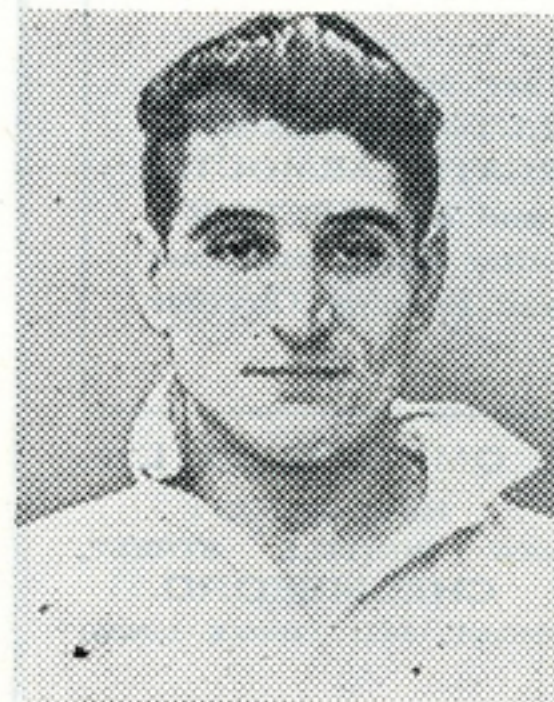
Another well-built Scot who was signed by the Town on the same day as Lindsay. Is not a stranger to English football, for he had war-time experience with Wolves, Liverpool, Burnley and York City. Comes to Luton from Dumbarton, Scottish Second Division club, for whom he played at either right or left-back. Born at Airdrie, he played for Newarthill during his junior days, and in other sports his main interest lies in boxing.



## JIM PEMBERTON

(Full-back or Wing-half)

It is rather hard to pin down Pemberton to one position, for although he was signed as a full-back, most of his service last season was at wing-half. In addition, he proved his usefulness and versatility by filling the bill capably at centre-half with the Reserves. Present ideas are that he will settle down at wing-half where he shows an ability to use the ball. Came to Luton from Stourbridge (Birmingham League), and was offered to the Town in recognition of the fair way in which they treated Stourbridge in another transfer deal before the war.





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### **DOUGLAS GARDINER** (Wing-half)

A grand club man, who in view of his long service to the club was given the captaincy of the team for the closing stages of the season. Gardiner came here as a youth in 1938 from Auchinleck Talbot, Scottish junior team, and has been a fine servant. Much of his work on the field is done in a quiet, unassuming fashion, but he is scarcely ever still, and is a terrific grafter. His real position is left-half, but he moved over to the right flank to accommodate Owen on the other side, and played as well there as ever. Is not a big one, only 5ft. 8in. and 11 stone, but he never knows when he is beaten.



### **BILLY COLLINS** (Wing-half)

An Irishman, who joined the Town on a month's trial last season. It was extended to two months, and after putting up some fine displays he was offered a full-time engagement. Was with Belfast Celtic the previous season, and can take a turn at inside-forward or on the wing. The Town have not found it necessary to try him there yet, for he has done well at right-half. In this berth he made his League debut against Nottingham Forest in the last match of the season, and had no reason to be dissatisfied with his performance.





# LUTON TOWN F.C. 1st XI FIXTURES, 1948-49

# DIVISION II

| 1948    |                      |         |  | Goals |         | 1949    |                          |         |  | Goals |         |
|---------|----------------------|---------|--|-------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|--|-------|---------|
| Date    | Opponents            | Ground  |  | For   | Against | Date    | Opponents                | Ground  |  | For   | Against |
| Aug. 21 | Queen's Park Rangers | H ( — ) |  |       |         | Jan. 1  | Leeds United             | H (6—1) |  |       |         |
| " 23    | Cardiff City         | A (0—1) |  |       |         | " 8     | F.A. Cup (3rd Round)     |         |  |       |         |
| " 28    | Leeds United         | A (2—0) |  |       |         | " 15    | Bradford                 | H (3—3) |  |       |         |
| " 30    | Cardiff City         | H (1—1) |  |       |         | " 22    | Southampton              | A (1—3) |  |       |         |
| Sept. 4 | Bradford             | A (2—2) |  |       |         | " 29    | F.A. Cup (4th Round)     |         |  |       |         |
| " 6     | Blackburn Rovers     | H ( — ) |  |       |         | Feb. 5  | Barnsley                 | H (2—1) |  |       |         |
| " 11    | Southampton          | H (0—2) |  |       |         | " 12    | F.A. Cup (5th Round)     |         |  |       |         |
| " 18    | Barnsley             | A (0—3) |  |       |         | " 19    | Grimsby Town             | A ( — ) |  |       |         |
| " 20    | Blackburn Rovers     | A ( — ) |  |       |         | " 26    | (6) Nottingham Forest    | H (2—1) |  |       |         |
| " 25    | Grimsby Town         | H ( — ) |  |       |         | Mar. 5  | Leicester City           | A (2—3) |  |       |         |
| Oct. 2  | Nottingham Forest    | A (2—1) |  |       |         | " 12    | Brentford                | H (3—0) |  |       |         |
| " 9     | Leicester City       | H (2—1) |  |       |         | " 19    | Tottenham Hotspur        | A (1—0) |  |       |         |
| " 16    | Brentford            | A (3—0) |  |       |         | " 26    | (S.F.) West Ham United   | H (0—0) |  |       |         |
| " 23    | Tottenham Hotspur    | H (0—0) |  |       |         | April 2 | Bury                     | A (2—2) |  |       |         |
| " 30    | West Ham United      | A (0—0) |  |       |         | " 9     | West Bromwich Alb.       | H (1—1) |  |       |         |
| Nov. 6  | Bury                 | H (1—1) |  |       |         | " 15    | Fulham                   | A (1—1) |  |       |         |
| " 13    | West Bromwich Albion | A (0—1) |  |       |         | " 16    | Chesterfield             | A (0—2) |  |       |         |
| " 20    | Chesterfield         | H (2—1) |  |       |         | " 18    | Fulham                   | H (0—3) |  |       |         |
| " 27    | Lincoln City         | A ( — ) |  |       |         | " 23    | Lincoln City             | H ( — ) |  |       |         |
| Dec. 4  | Sheffield Wednesday  | H (1—1) |  |       |         | " 30    | (F.) Sheffield Wednesday | A (0—1) |  |       |         |
| " 11    | Coventry City        | A (1—4) |  |       |         | May 7   | Coventry City            | H (2—3) |  |       |         |
| " 18    | Queen's Park Rangers | A ( — ) |  |       |         |         |                          |         |  |       |         |
| " 25    | Plymouth Argyle      | H (0—0) |  |       |         |         |                          |         |  |       |         |
| " 27    | Plymouth Argyle      | A (3—1) |  |       |         |         |                          |         |  |       |         |

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The figures in parentheses are results of corresponding matches last season. Grimsby Town and Blackburn Rovers take the places of Birmingham City and Newcastle United, promoted to Division I. and Lincoln City and Queen's Park Rangers come in for Doncaster Rovers and Millwall, relegated to the Third Division.



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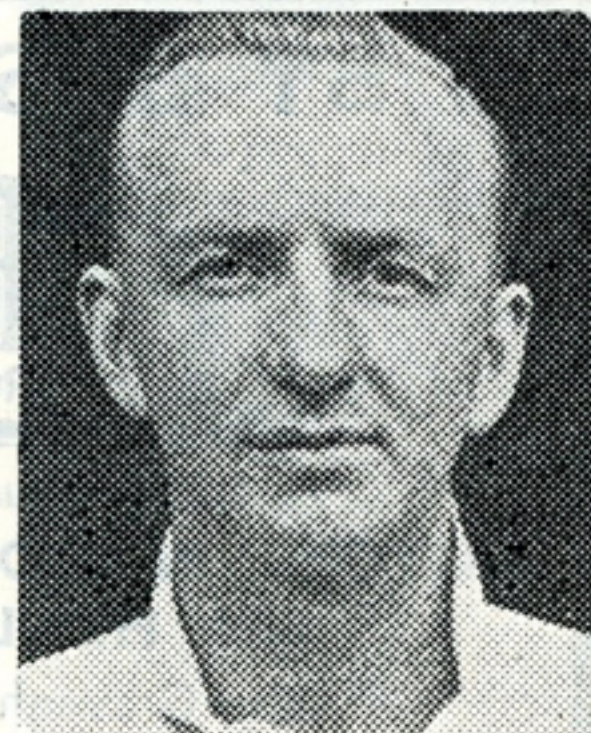
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### LESLIE HALL (Centre-half)

Without doubt the discovery of the season, for he came into the side for the first time in the Cup-tie at Plymouth, and did so well that Horace Gager, then captain of the club, could not regain his place. Not that the Town were really taking a great risk in putting him in for such an important match, for Hall had shown excellent form in the Reserves, and played many games for the first team during the war. Is cool and confident under pressure, where his height is a great asset, and he can turn defence into attack with first-time clearances, with which he is most accurate. Was an amateur with St. Albans when the Town spotted him during the war.



### WILLIAM GRIPTON (Centre-half)

A player of ripe experience who cost the Town £3,000 from West Bromwich Albion during the summer. Could not gain a regular place in the senior side at the Hawthorns because of Irish international Vernon, and if Hall shows his last season's form, Gripton will have to be content in the Reserves here. Still, supporters are pleased that such a player is available, and he will be a great asset to the club. The whole of his professional career has been spent with West Bromwich, for whom he made 207 first-team appearances, mostly during the war period.





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## RAYMOND RUFFETT (Wing-half)

Has yet to make his first appearance in the League team, but had a good season with the Reserves. This is only his second full season as a professional, and he is young enough to show a noticeable improvement. One of the few locals on the books, he gained school-boy honours, and afterwards played for Christ Church. Came to the fore during the war when he played some splendid games for the Town, and they were quick to offer him terms when he came out of the Service. Is always prominent by the way in which he uses the ball, and he is most industrious in defence, too.



## SIDNEY OWEN (Wing-half)

After gaining a first-team place early in the season, was troubled by injury for some time, but came back in the latter half to play some storming games. Was outstanding in several matches during the vital period after Easter when he added considerably to the strength of the defence. His height makes him a tower of strength in this respect. One of the features of his play is the length he attains with his throws-in which quite often are as good as a corner. Was obtained from Birmingham for a moderate fee. A good all-round cricketer, he has been taking lots of wickets and making runs in local circles this summer.







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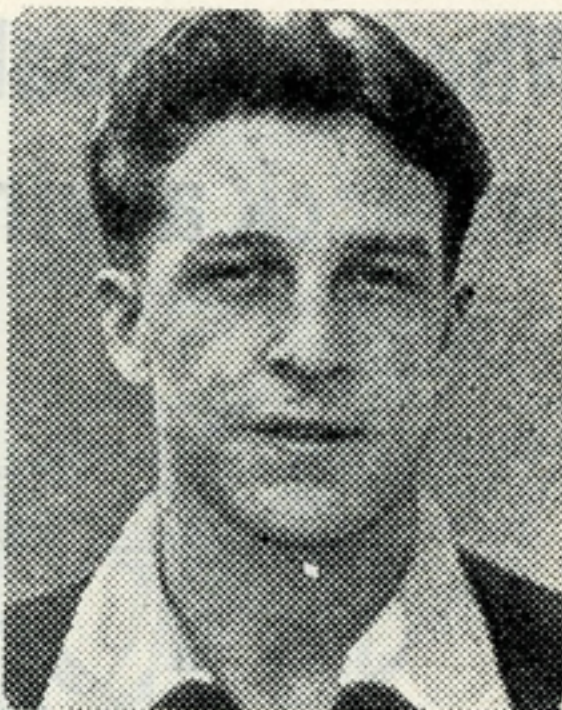
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**BOB MORTON**  
(Centre-half)

A great future as a right-half was predicted when he first joined the club during the war years, but has since played many games at centre-half. In fact, he is something of a utility player, for apart from sampling all the positions in the middle line, has also figured in the attack and at full-back. The club have great hopes of him, for he still has not reached his twenty-first birthday, and there is time for him to improve considerably. Hails from Aston Clinton, and played for Waterlow's and Eaton Bray before signing professional forms for the Town.



**NORMAN DAY**  
(Right-half)

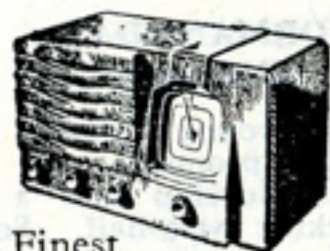
Another young player who shows rich promise, and who might well develop into a brilliant attacking wing-half. Son of the chief scout, and was on Portsmouth's books as an amateur before joining the Town. Last season was his first as a professional, and he has not yet had the benefit of full training as he is still in the R.A.F. However, he hopes to be demobilised during September. Is a former captain of the Bedfordshire youth team, and afterwards played for Hitchin Town.



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**PETER SMALL**  
(Outside-right)

Came to Luton on the recommendation of Hugh Billington, with whom he played for his R.A.S.C. unit side overseas. Had a trial as an amateur before demobilisation, and was fixed up as a professional early last season. Did so well that he was given the opportunity to make his League debut at Nottingham on December 13. Held his place for five matches, but did not receive another chance after that though he was on the injured list at the time when the opportunity might well have come his way. Is fast and direct, and, as he gains experience, may yet earn himself a regular place in the first team.



**WALTER SHANKS**  
(Outside-right)

Is beginning his third season with the club, and is another who has done his best to solve the Town's longest-standing problem. Was in the League side 11 times last season, and played some really good games. Proved to be a very useful player to the Reserves, too, for he led the attack quite often after Mickey Walker's injury, and also did well at inside-right. Is a Scot to whom Chelsea gave a trial on Tommy Walker's recommendation. The Stamford Bridge club could not find a place for him on their staff, and Joe Payne gave the Town the tip about him.





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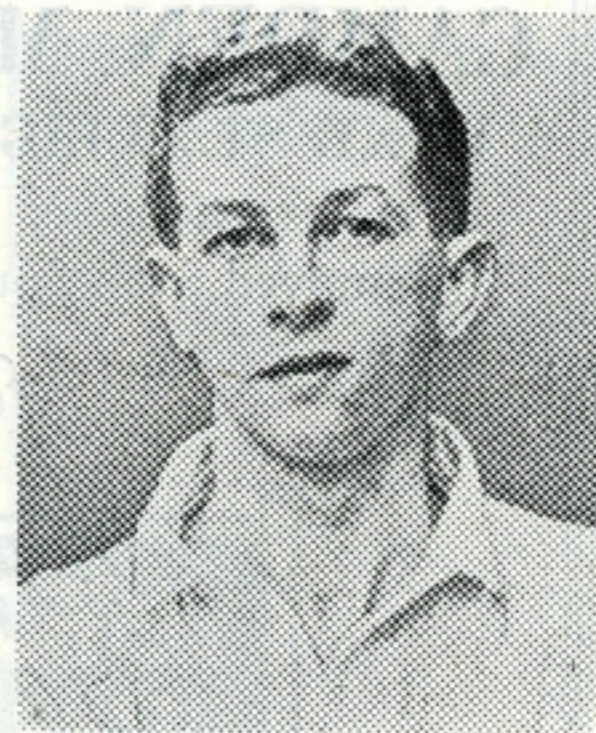
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#### SAMMY NELSON (Outside-right)

When the Town heard that this very capable player had come to work in Luton, they lost no time in contacting Blackpool manager, Joe Smith, and making an offer for his services. Whilst with Blackpool, whom he joined from an Irish club, he was understudy to the inimitable Stanley Matthews, and, naturally, his appearances in the League side were limited. However, before the arrival of Matthews he had a regular place in the First Division team. The Town think that he will do better than he did last season and so far he has had only one outing with the senior team. He may yet be the means of solving this long-standing problem of the right-wing position.



#### MELVILLE DANIEL (Inside-forward)

If Daniel were to keep goal one week and play a “blinder,” no one would be unduly surprised, for he has shown an adaptability which has brought him a sample of most positions on the field. Last season he played for the League side in four forward berths, and is regarded as a valuable stand-by should a wing-half be required at the last moment. Scored some invaluable goals from inside-left during the Town's revival at the end of the season, and was always there or thereabouts with his shooting. Is now the only Welshman on the books, and he had trials with Swansea Town before he threw in his lot with the Ashford (Kent) club from which he joined the Town.





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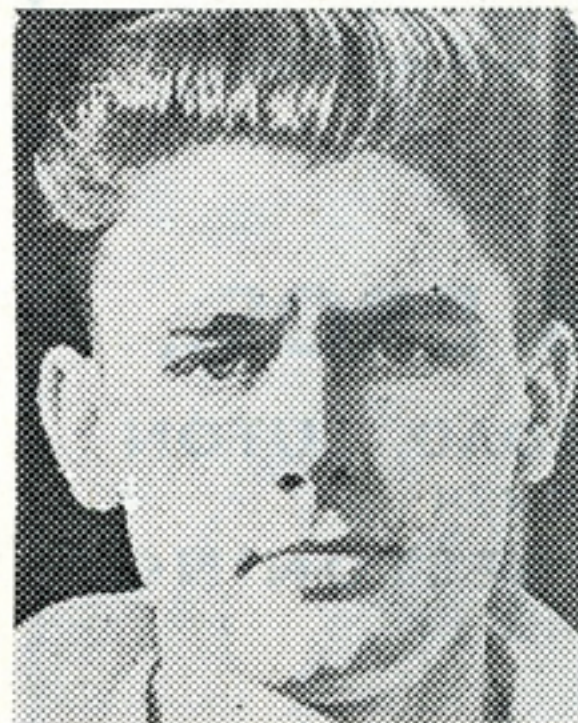
### TED DUGGAN (Inside-forward)

Inside-right is his best position, but he was called upon to take over the mantle of Hugh Billington when the centre-forward was transferred to Chelsea. Although not prolific as a marksman, he held the line together finely, and was always a great worker. Joined the Town when he was 15 when he showed tremendous promise. A cartilage injury received whilst playing for the B.A.O.R. team caused a setback in his career, and just when he was back to his best a similar mishap put him out of the game for several months. Showed a complete return of confidence last season, and might well hit the high spots this campaign if allowed to settle down in an inside-forward position.



### BOB BRENNAN (Inside-forward)

Without any doubt at all, the Town made one of the best bargains of last season when they persuaded Belfast Distillery to part with this clever player for only £2,000. He had already made his mark in Irish football by earning himself a place in the Irish League team against the English League, and he has only to reproduce consistently his form in the later matches of last season to gain an Irish international "cap" before he is very much older. Is a brilliant ball player, and ranks high as an opportunist, powers which enabled him to finish second in the list of scorers last season,





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## **CHARLIE BURTENSHAW**

(Centre-forward)

One of the younger school who joined the paid ranks during last season after breaking scoring records with Southwick in the Sussex League. His main handicaps are lack of height and weight, but he certainly knows where the goal lies as his scoring feats for the Reserves prove. Some supporters thought he might have been given an opportunity in the League side last season, but the manager was probably wise not to rush him. Had one or two outings on the wing last season, but may settle down at inside-right unless he is kept in the middle by force of circumstances.



## **BILLY WAUGH**

(Outside-left)

When this dapper Scot is at his best, then the crowd gets real entertainment value, for he is a real box of tricks. Played equally well last season at outside-right and outside-left, though the latter is his natural position. On his day he is a headache to the best of opposing full-backs. The fact that he showed greater finishing power during the closing matches last season may be a pointer to greater success in this department this season. Somehow, a League goal eluded him last campaign, but he scored two "beauties" in Cup-ties. Luton is his first League club, and he played for them first whilst in the R.A.F. Previously he was with a Scottish junior team.





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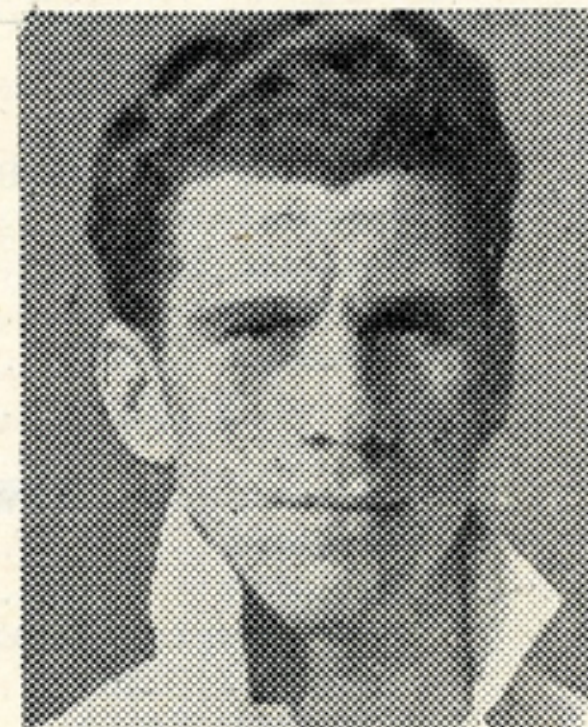
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## JOE O'BRIEN (Outside-left)

Cost £3,000 from Dundalk, the League of Eire club, last season, and went straight into the League side which was perhaps too big a stride for him without previous experience in English football. Did well without quite living up to his early expectations, and spent the latter part of the season in the Reserve team. Makes some electrifying runs at times, and can round them off with hard shots. With last campaign behind him, he may well improve considerably this winter. If he does, then no one will be more pleased than Dally Duncan, who knows all there is to know about left-wing play.



## F.A. Cup Winners

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)  
1933-34—Manchester City beat Portsmouth (2—1)  
1934-35—Sheffield Wednesday beat West Bromwich Albion (4—2)  
1935-36—Arsenal beat Sheffield United (1—0)  
1936-37—Sunderland beat Preston North End (3—1)  
1937-38—Preston North End beat Huddersfield Town (1—0)  
1938-39—Portsmouth beat Wolverhampton Wanderers (4—1)  
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)  
1946-47—Charlton Athletic beat Burnley (1—0, after extra time)  
1947-48—Manchester United beat Blackpool (4—2)



# LUTON TOWN F.C. 2nd XI FIXTURES,

| Date    | Opponents                  | Ground | Goals |         |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
|         |                            |        | For   | Against |
| 1948    |                            |        |       |         |
| Aug. 21 | Queen's Park Rangers ..... | A      |       |         |
| " 23    | Leyton Orient .....        | H      |       |         |
| " 28    | Ipswich Town .....         | H      |       |         |
| Sept. 1 | Brentford .....            | H      |       |         |
| " 4     | Swansea Town .....         | H      |       |         |
| " 8     | Norwich City .....         | A      |       |         |
| " 11    |                            |        |       |         |
| " 13    | Northampton Town .....     | H      |       |         |
| " 18    | Brighton .....             | H      |       |         |
| " 22    | Brighton .....             | A      |       |         |
| " 25    | Northampton Town .....     | A      |       |         |
| Oct. 2  | Leyton Orient .....        | A      |       |         |
| " 7     | Swansea Town .....         | A      |       |         |
| " 9     | West Ham United .....      | A      |       |         |
| " 16    | Reading .....              | H      |       |         |
| " 23    | Brentford .....            | A      |       |         |
| " 30    | Birmingham City .....      | H      |       |         |
| Nov. 6  | Ipswich Town .....         | A      |       |         |
| " 13    | West Ham United .....      | H      |       |         |
| " 20    | Birmingham City .....      | A      |       |         |
| " 27    | Norwich City .....         | H      |       |         |
| Dec. 4  | Chelsea .....              | A      |       |         |
| " 11    | Plymouth Argyle .....      | A      |       |         |
| " 18    | Queen's Park Rangers ..... | H      |       |         |
| " 25    | Swindon Town .....         | A      |       |         |

1948-49

(Football Combination)

| Date     | Opponents             | Ground | Goals |         |
|----------|-----------------------|--------|-------|---------|
|          |                       |        | For   | Against |
| 1949     |                       |        |       |         |
| " 27     | Swindon Town .....    | H      |       |         |
| April 15 | Watford .....         | H      |       |         |
| " 16     | Chelsea .....         | H      |       |         |
| " 18     | Watford .....         | A      |       |         |
| " 23     | Reading .....         | A      |       |         |
| " 30     | Plymouth Argyle ..... | H      |       |         |

## COMBINATION CUP

|                                      |                        |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1949                                 |                        |   |  |  |
| Jan. 1                               | Ipswich Town .....     | A |  |  |
| " 8                                  | Birmingham City .....  | H |  |  |
| " 15                                 |                        |   |  |  |
| " 22                                 | Northampton Town ..... | H |  |  |
| " 29                                 | Watford .....          | H |  |  |
| Feb. 5                               | Coventry City .....    | A |  |  |
| " 12                                 | Norwich City .....     | A |  |  |
| " 19                                 | Norwich City .....     | H |  |  |
| " 26                                 | Leicester City .....   | A |  |  |
| Mar. 5                               | Ipswich Town .....     | H |  |  |
| " 12                                 | Watford .....          | A |  |  |
| " 19                                 | Leicester City .....   | H |  |  |
| " 26                                 |                        |   |  |  |
| April 2                              | Coventry City .....    | H |  |  |
| " 9                                  | Birmingham City .....  | A |  |  |
| To be arranged—Northampton Town (A). |                        |   |  |  |

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**DALLY DUNCAN**

(Team manager)

Came to Luton as player-coach in October, 1946, after a long and distinguished career with Derby County which earned him nine Scottish "caps" against the home countries. When George Martin was appointed manager of Newcastle United during the summer of 1947, Dally was given the post of player-manager, and actually made nine League appearances last summer whilst combining the jobs. At the end of the season the directors recognised his work by making him team manager. Is still very fit and will doubtless be seen in action during the private trial matches early in the season.



**PHILIP COLEY**

(Secretary)

Football administration was something new to him when he succeeded Archie Wickson as the club's secretary over two years ago. However, he got into the way of things very quickly, and has come through some difficult times with complete efficiency. The smallness of the ground makes his job an unenviable one when the Cup-ties come around, but he comes up smiling, and much prefers the added work rather than that the luck of the draw should go against the Town. Hails from the North-east, but has had many years in Luton, and was an enthusiastic Town supporter even before he joined the staff.





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**TOM  
MACKEY**  
(Trainer)

Is the only member of the Town's promotion team who still has an active association with the club. Has been here since 1932 when he was transferred from Sheffield Wednesday as a centre-half. Became a full-back and gave the Town yeoman service, and is still doing so in his present capacity. Has been on the training staff since 1938.



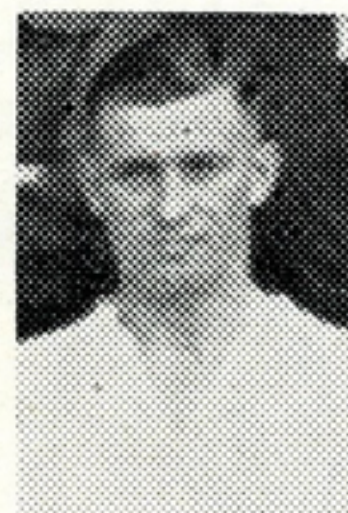
**RALPH  
HANN**  
(Trainer)

Was a clubmate of Dally Duncan for 14 years at Derby County for whom he played as a wing-half. Before that he had a spell with Newcastle United. Studied the training side of the game during his later days as a player, and was appointed first-team trainer to Crystal Palace. Came to Luton for the start of last season and quickly made many friends.



**HUBERT  
DAY**  
(Chief Scout)

Was responsible for the Colts team in their early days in the South Midlands League, which champion-ship they won under his guidance. Has had one full season as chief scout to the club, and among the players he has been responsible for bringing are Brennan and O'Brien. Daniel was another of his "finds" during an earlier period. Was a well-known amateur footballer himself.



**JOHN  
SANDER-  
SON**  
(Grounds-  
man)

Had his playing career cut short by a knee injury, much to the disappointment of the Board who regarded him as one of their best captures. He put up some amazing displays under a great handicap, but had to give up playing early last season. Wanted to stay in the game, and is now perfectly happy tending the Kenilworth-road turf.



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