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SEASON 1968-1969



Here is the full playing staff of Luton Town F.C., Names, from left to right, back row: M. Brown, J. Jefferson, W. McDermott, A. Starling, W. Taylor, A. Read, N. Rioch, G. Potter.

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Second row: A. Brown (Manager), G. French, B. Lewis, L. Sheffield, B. Rioch, R. Whittaker, M. Harrison, B. Whitehouse (trainer).

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DIVISION II AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IS NEXT AIM OF TOWN

By Chiltern

HAVING got a foot on one rung of the ladder and begun their comeback in the football world by winning the Fourth Division championship, there is a confident prediction from Kenilworth Road that it will not be long before the Town are back in Division II.

In fact, the more optimistic among club officials feel that further promotion can be achieved during the coming season.

Whether that will be the case, or whether there will be a period of consolidation, remains to be seen, but there is a firm opinion that there is not a great deal of difference between the best teams in Division IV and the pick of Division III.

In substantiation of that, it can be pointed out that the Town completed a double over last season's Third Division champions, Oxford United, and even though it came in friendly games, there was no doubt about the competitive nature of the clashes.

WERE UNLUCKY AT SWINDON

Going back further than that, the Town were distinctly unlucky to be knocked out of the FA Cup by Swindon Town at the County Ground last January. Swindon were promotion candidates for a long time and, on that form, then the Town should be in with a chance.

More than that, money which has been estimated at £16,000 has been spent to strengthen what was already a pretty well balanced team.

From the newcomers, much is expected, especially from Brian Lewis who cost the Town their biggest fee for a very long time when they secured him from Coventry

City. Initially, he will be used as a striker — at least until the return of Ian Buxton from his cricketing duties.

COMPETITION INCREASES

When that happens, the competition for various positions, which is already on, will be increased and such is the talent available that there will be no question of a player securing his place automatically because, as has been the case in the past, there has been no suitable replacement.

Other newcomers are Mike Harrison, the former Plymouth Argyle, Blackburn Rovers and Chelsea outsideliner from whom a great deal is expected, as it is from Laurie Sheffield whom, it is hoped, will provide that extra, driving force in the middle that was lacking at times during last season.

GREEN UPSETS A PLAN
Unfortunately, part of Manager Allan Brown's plan for the future has been upset by the dispute which Rodney Green has chosen to have with the club over the question of him wanting to become a part-time player and take a job outside football.

Green, it was thought, would be a distinct asset to the club after a rather un-

fortunate first season when he had cartilage trouble and during which his number of League appearances numbered no more than eleven.

Had he begun training on the due date, there is no doubt that Green would have been leading the attack against Oldham on Saturday with every prospect of keeping a regular place.

EVERY POSITION IS COVERED

Other than that, the Town seem very well equipped with cover for every position, as they begin a crowded programme which brings them six matches in the next three weeks.

These include what is likely to be the "piece de resistance," a home League Cup meeting with Watford which should see the attendance soaring over the 20,000 mark for the first time for several seasons.

Should emergencies arise, and these have to be budgeted for, then there will be no hesitation in spending to keep the playing staff up to strength.

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R A Bowler, 93 Towfield Road, Flitwick.
B Champkins, 138 New Town Street.

B A Clarke, 64 Overstone Road.
G Guild, 25 Arrow Close.

R J Horton, 111 Bishopscote Road.
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Open race for honours can be expected

FIRST of the local leagues to get under way will be the South Midlands League, who open their season on Saturday week.

There will be only two new clubs in the league next season, Winslow and Roade, both in Division I, but the expectations are that the competition for honours will be particularly keen and wide open.

Last season's champions, Baldock Town, and leading lights such as Barton Rovers and Harpenden Town, are again expected to be well in the picture, but there could be some surprises.

It is becoming a common trend now among South Midlands clubs to engage the services of professional footballers and former professionals in the managerial and coaching capacities, and the result is proving to be a continued rise in playing standards.

Stotfold are now being managed by the former Luton Town Eric International full-back Seamus Dunne, who ended his connections with Dunstable Town last season, and it will be interesting to see if his influence can turn Stotfold into a championship challenging team.

HELP FROM FRENCH

Luton Town outside-right Graham French has been assisting Tottenham on the coaching side this summer, and this is another club that is entering the new campaign with high ambitions.

Shefford Town, who had a really disappointing time last year, have strengthened their side and will be making a bid to regain their reputation as one of the leading South Midlands sides, while there is a "whisper" going round the clubs that Sandy Albion could be the team to make the sparks fly.

In Division I it could be the turn of Eaton Bray to hit the headlines. They have strengthened their playing staff considerably by signing one or two players who were members of Leighton Town's successful Spartan League side last season.

Another team in this section due for a change of luck are Old Lutonians. For several seasons now they have been the South Midlands League "nomads" and have found all their efforts to settle on a regular home pitch frustrated.

incurred considerable expense in having plans drawn up for its development.

To help them out of their predicament, the League gave them an extension of time until August 1 to find a new ground, and happily Lutonians have now got the use of a pitch at Barnfield High School.

With this major problem behind them, the Old Boys could now settle down to make a strong challenge for Division I honours.

NORTH HOME COUNTIES SUNDAY LEAGUE

League meets mighty demand

WITH 31 new clubs in membership, the North Home Counties Sunday League faces the most momentous season in its short history.

There will be 96 teams competing in the league in the new season which opens for Sunday clubs on August 25. For the second successive year a new division has been formed, as the competition does all in its power to cater for the flood tide of players and new clubs who wish to participate in the Sunday game.

The demand for Sunday football has now almost reached saturation point so far as the supply of pitches and referees is concerned.

In order to cater for the majority of the newcomers, the new Division VI — there are seven divisions in all — will play all its matches on Sunday afternoons, unlike the remainder of the league who kick-off at 10.45 a.m.

With so many new faces, and old faces under new colours, it would be almost impossible at this stage to make any predictions as to the way in which honours are likely to go next term.

FAVERNERS ARE STRONG

The Premier Division has, however, remained fairly stable, with promoted Silsoe, Foresters and Uxbridge the only newcomers. Bird in Hand, champions in the last two seasons, and the most outstanding Sunday team that this area has produced, will not be allowed to rest on their laurels, and it is expected that they will face stronger competition than ever this term.

Their main antagonists will be Faversham. Coming originally from Vauxhall, Faversham made their name in

Sunday football by winning the Whitbread Cup over the last two seasons, and on the last occasion defeated Bird in Hand in the final at Kenilworth Road.

Since then they have strengthened their side by some astute signings and this term should prove a really powerful unit. One club that can never be written off in this section when honours are being discussed is, of course, Luton Celtic.

Finalists in the County Sunday Cup last term, they have been probably the most consistent of the Sunday teams in a career that stretches back longer than most.

Division I — like the remainder of the league — looks wide open, and chief interest here will centre on the performances of Corinthians, who received rapid promotion following their run-away success in Division V last season, and Parrot Sports, who considered themselves to have a team capable of Premier Division football.

Ewe and Lamb, one of the newcomers, are reputed to have the makings of a successful side in this section, and it will be interesting to see how relegated Crown and Anchor will fare in the lower sphere.

LUTON AND SOUTH BEDS LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION IS AS STRONG AS EVER

WITH 75 teams in their five divisions, Luton and South Beds League look forward to another highly successful season, which is due to start a fortnight on Saturday. As the date is a week earlier than usual, some difficulty may be encountered by clubs so far as the clash with cricket is concerned, but this is not thought to be insoluble.

Even though good teams like Luton Red Lion and Vauxhall Colts have been lost through withdrawal, it is expected that the Premier Division will be as strong as ever.

Most welcome was the application from Houghton Regis, who have been members of the South Midlands League for some years and their appearance will do much to help repair the deficiency that was left here.

Promoted are Olivers United and Dorncliff, both of whom have gained high reputations in lower divisions and the latter distinguished themselves by reaching the final of the League Cup last season.

Down into Division I go Luton Spartans, who have not enjoyed much success recently, but who could now begin a new lease of life.

About most divisions, there is much of a new look which

could add up to even greater competition. Not that the issues could be much closer fought than they were last season when the destination of honours was not decided until the closing weeks.

This was particularly the case in Division III and IV, while Brache Sparta had quite a tussle with the formidable Leighton OB before going on to complete a League and Cup double.

SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED NOW

This season, for the first time, substitutes will be allowed in League matches. The Executive Committee agreed to bring forward this change of rule at the annual meeting at the request of some of the clubs and it was passed by 43 votes to 14.

This has operated very well

in other local leagues and there seems no reason to believe that it will do otherwise in this competition.

Maybe, this will pose problems occasionally for those clubs who are not well off for players but, generally, it will be regarded as a welcome innovation.

SITUATION EASIER

One encouraging thing last season was that there was less of a problem over the supply of referees and much of the credit for this goes to Brian Setchell, who made an excellent job of referees' and match secretary.

Thoroughly efficient, too, was the secretary, David Bone, and there is no doubt that this is a most smoothly run competition which is also on a very healthy financial basis.

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CARRYING THE TOWN'S HOPES

HERE are the players who will carry the Town's hopes into the Third Division in the coming season. They comprise all those who helped win the Division IV championship, with the exception of Tom Hare, the full-back, and Brian Johnson (outside-right), who were given free transfers as from the end of June.

Newcomers are Brian Lewis, Laurie Sheffield and Mike Harrison, who should be able to increase the all-round strength of the side.

TONY READ (goalkeeper). Begins the season, as he did last time, when he missed only three matches, as the first choice goalkeeper. Yet there was a time when it looked possible as if he would make a name for himself in the forward line where he proved to be quite an opportunist. Probably holds the distinction of being the only goalkeeper to have scored a hat-trick in League football. Was born at Haydock and began his career with Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Peterborough United. There, there became a surfeit of goalkeepers and he moved to Luton 3½ years ago.

BILL TAYLOR (goalkeeper). Came here initially on trial from Patrick Thistle and was given a contract for the remainder of last season after showing up well in three first team games

around last Christmas. A fee of about £2,000 was paid to the Thistle and the Town are fortunate to have such an experienced player in reserve.

MAX DOUGAN (right-back). First signing made by Allan Brown shortly after he re-joined the club. Dougan was then a centre-half and the aim was for him to strengthen the middle of the defence, which he did with quite a lot of success. A fee of about £7,000 changed hands when this ex-Scottish amateur International left Leicester City, his caps having been earned with Queen's Park. With the arrival of Terry Branstion, the idea was to convert Dougan into a right-half, but he finally settled in at right-back where he was a regular for the greater part of last season.

FREDDIE JARDINE (left-back). The promotion suc-

cess must have held particular satisfaction for this player because he, more than any other on the books, experienced things when the Town were at their lowest ebb. He is now beginning his eighth season, having come to Kenilworth Road as an outside-left when Sam Bartram was in charge. At that stage he had been with Dundee by whom he was given a free transfer. It was after showing his paces in practice matches that he was finally converted into a highly useful defender.

BILLY McDERMOTT (left-back). Was signed from Leicester City as a right-half for a fee of £5,000 during the close season before last, but most of his first team appearances were at left-back, a position for which he again seems destined to be the stand-in. At one time last season he

was almost the permanent substitute, and in all managed 20 first team appearances which qualified him for a championship medal. Is yet another member of the Town's Scottish colony, having been born in Paisley.

ALAN SLOUGH (right-half). Is a true local product because he was amateur and apprentice with the Town before signing as a full-time player. Cartilage trouble, which necessitated an operation, threatened to hold up his career, but he made a complete recovery and played a full part in the drive for promotion. In his early days he was a full-back and could conceivably still be required for this position, but plays extremely well in either wing-half berth.

BRIAN LEWIS (right-half). At the moment, it is by no means clear where the Town's most expensive signing for years—he cost going on for £20,000 from Coventry City—will finally find his permanent home. In the temporary absence of Ian Buxton, playing cricket, Lewis is destined to start at inside-right where

he had considerable experience at Portsmouth and Coventry. However, most of



his 20 First Division games last season were in the half-back line.

TERRY BRANSTION (centre-half). For him last season was a personal triumph because, not only was he a member of a promotion team for the fourth time during his career, but he fulfilled his ambition of making the full quota of

League appearances. An ankle injury threatened to cause him to miss the last match, but he made an exceptional recovery. Born at Rugby, where he still lives, Branstion spent nine seasons with Northampton Town, accompanying them in their rise from Division IV to Division I.

NEIL RHOCH (centre-half). Although he is only 17, and his apprenticeship was not over, he was given terms as a full-time professional during the summer because, in the words of Manager Allan Brown, "He has worked for it, earned it and I can do with him on a full-time basis." Has

Allan Brown made a big impact

Rapidly coming to the forefront as one of the best, young managers in the game, is the Town's Allan Brown, who has made an enormous impact since he took over at Kenilworth Road considerably less than two years ago.

Obviously, the football world was impressed with the transformation he brought about at Luton last season, as was proved by the fact that he could have had the Plymouth Argyle managership at a reputed £100 a week.

This he turned down, partly because he could see an even brighter



future at Luton now that the financial position had changed so substantially. As a player, he earned fame with East Fife and Blackpool before he joined the Town in 1956 and helped them to avoid relegation from the First Division. Three years later, he went with them to Wembley where he had missed playing on at least three previous occasions, two of them in Cup Finals with Blackpool, because of injuries.

These cost him at least three Scottish caps because, at that time, he was a regular in the national team. From Luton, he went on to give Portsmouth good service as a player before having his first experience on the other side of the game as player-manager of Wigan Athletic.

This club he guided to a Cheshire County League championship and to some notable feats in the FA Cup. Then, when they were completely in the doldrums, the Town persuaded him to come back and what he has accomplished in a short time is too recent for the fans to need reminding.

already sampled first team football, but not in a League match, though there will be no hesitation about putting him in should the need arise.

JOHN MOORE (left-half). In the opinion of many people was the most improved player on the books and he fell naturally into the task of being a member of the back four. In this respect, he gave much cover in the middle and reminded older supporters of the way in which Wally Shanks used to link up with Sid Owen in the middle. Is

beginning his fourth season with the Town who stepped in immediately when they heard that Motherwell had given him a free transfer.

GEORGE POTTER (wing-half). Spent three months here on trial during the latter part of last season and did so well that he was called upon for the first team during a particularly trying period for injuries. Especially one recalls the part he played in the away win at Aldershot which meant a very great deal in achieving the final success. Negotiations with Forfar Athletic during the summer proved successful, a moderate fee changed hands and Potter was given a contract for the whole season.

GRAHAM FRENCH (outside-right). Had something of a mixed season because he served a period of suspension after having been sent off the field at Wrexham, and, at one time, was on the point of being transferred to Chester. However, the deal fell through, and French came back to beat off challenges from Ryan and Denton and play quite a decisive role in the success. A former youth International, he was previously with Shrewsbury Town, Swindon Town, Watford and Wellington Town.

JOHN RYAN (outside-right). When French was suspended, Allan Brown went back to his former club, Wigan Athletic, where he was player-manager, and paid around £2,000 for the player who was his right-wing partner. Ryan made a sensational debut at Easter where the Town won 5-0, and although he never really repeated that form, he put up some useful performances. Also appeared at inside-forward with success in the reserve team.

PETER DENTON (outside-right). Cost quite a substantial fee from Coventry City shortly before the deadline date for transfers when the Town were looking for extra cover on the wing. Apart from the Town, Workington and Bradford were in the negotiations. In the event, he did not receive many chances in the first team, mostly because French recovered his best form.

IAN BUXTON (inside-right). When Rodney Green went down with cartilage trouble early last season, there had to be an immediate search for another striker, and Buxton was signed from Derby County for about £11,000. Scored many valuable goals and the outlay was considered more than justified. Will miss the beginning of the season because of his cricketing commitments with Derbyshire for whom he is a very useful all-rounder.

KEITH ALLEN (centre-forward). At the moment it is difficult to forecast exactly where Allen will settle down this season. Originally he began at inside-right, but spent the bulk of last season in the middle; in the pre-season practice matches, he has been playing at right-half, where he turned in some superlative performances in emergency during last season. This is a position for which competition is likely to be particularly brisk. Was signed from Stockport County in exchange for Derek Kevan and had previous spells with Portsmouth and Grimsby Town.

LAURIE SHEFFIELD (centre-forward). One of the Town's



big close season signings because he cost the best part (Continued on Page 5)

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HOW THEY FINISHED

	THIRD DIVISION									
	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Oxford United	46	18	3	2	49 20	4	10	9	20	27 57
Bury	46	19	3	1	64 24	5	5	13	27	42 56
Shrewsbury	46	14	6	3	42 17	6	9	8	19	32 55
Torquay	46	15	6	2	40 17	6	5	12	20	39 51
Reading	46	15	5	3	43 17	6	4	13	27	41 51
Walsley	46	15	3	5	59 20	6	5	12	15	30 50
Walsley	46	12	2	4	47 22	7	5	11	27	39 50
Barnley	46	14	6	3	43 17	7	2	14	22	41 50
Peterborough	46	14	4	5	46 23	6	6	11	33	44 50
Swindon	46	13	8	2	51 16	3	9	13	23	35 49
Brighton	46	11	8	4	31 14	5	8	10	26	41 48
Gillingham	46	13	6	4	35 19	5	6	12	24	44 48
Bournemouth	46	13	7	3	39 17	3	8	12	17	34 47
Stockport	46	16	5	2	49 22	3	4	16	21	53 47
Southport	46	13	6	4	35 22	4	6	13	30	43 46
Bristol Rovers	46	14	3	6	42 25	3	6	14	30	53 41
Oldham	46	11	3	9	37 12	7	4	12	33	43 41
Northampton	46	10	8	5	40 25	4	5	14	18	47 41
Oxford	46	10	6	7	27 24	2	11	10	19	38 41
Tranmere	46	10	7	6	39 28	4	5	14	23	46 40
Massfield	46	8	7	8	32 31	4	6	13	19	36 37
Grimsby	46	10	7	6	33 21	4	2	17	19	48 37
Colchester	46	6	8	9	29 40	3	7	13	21	47 33
Scunthorpe	46	8	9	6	36 34	2	3	18	20	53 32

	FOURTH DIVISION									
	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Luton Town	46	19	3	1	55 16	8	9	6	32	28 66
Barnsley	46	17	6	0	43 14	7	7	9	25	32 61
Hartlepool	46	15	7	1	34 12	10	3	10	26	14 60
Crew	46	13	10	0	44 18	7	8	8	30	11 58
Bradford City	46	14	5	4	41 22	9	6	8	31	29 57
Southend	46	12	8	3	45 21	8	6	9	32	17 54
Chesterfield	46	15	4	4	47 20	6	7	10	24	10 53
Wrexham	46	17	3	4	47 12	3	10	10	25	41 53
Aldershot	46	10	11	2	16 19	8	6	9	34	16 53
Doncaster	46	12	8	3	16 16	6	7	10	30	40 51
Halifax	46	10	6	7	14 24	5	10	8	18	25 46
Newport	46	11	7	5	32 22	5	6	12	26	41 45
Lincoln	46	11	3	9	41 31	6	6	11	30	37 43
Brentford	46	13	4	6	41 24	5	3	15	20	40 43
Swansea	46	11	8	4	38 25	5	2	16	25	52 42
Darlington	46	6	11	6	31 27	6	6	11	16	26 41
North County	46	10	7	6	27 27	5	4	14	26	52 41
Port Vale	46	10	5	8	41 31	2	10	11	20	41 39
Rochdale	46	9	8	6	35 32	3	6	14	16	40 38
Exeter	46	9	7	7	30 30	2	9	12	15	35 38
York City	46	9	6	8	44 30	2	8	13	21	38 36
Chester	46	6	4	11	35 38	3	8	12	22	40 32
Workington	46	8	8	7	35 29	2	3	18	19	58 31
Bradford	46	3	7	13	18 35	1	8	14	12	47 23

THEY CARRY THE TOWN'S HOPES

(Continued from Page 4)

of £10,000 from Oldham Athletic, the fifth League club he had been with. Born in Swansea, he made a big reputation as a marksman with Newport County, which induced Doncaster Rovers to pay highly for his signature. From there, he moved to Norwich City for another big fee and more money was involved when Rotherham United signed him. His spell there was brief, because he moved on to Oldham with whom the Town came to terms during the summer.

MICKEY BROWN (centre-forward). Goes down officially as a leader but, in point of fact, was seldom in that position last season. Appeared in the first team on the wings, at inside-forward and also at wing-half, so it is difficult to see what is destined for him this time. However, wherever he is asked to play he puts up a whole-hearted, 100 per cent performance. A Londoner, he was previously with Fulham and Millwall.

BRUCE RIDCH (inside left). Without doubt the Town's



biggest asset as a player and he will not be 21 until next month. At any moment they felt so inclined they could collect their biggest-ever

fee for his transfer, but Allan Brown sees him as an integral part of the future of the club and their drive to regain the highest status in the game. Is a natural footballer whose skill developed quickly last season, when he was easily the club's leading scorer even though he was used as the midfield link. Is devastating with free kicks from around the 20-25 yards range. Was born in Aldershot, but spent most of his schooldays in Luton and has been with the Town since he was 15.

MIKE HARRISON (outside-left). During the latter part of last season, several favourable reports were submitted on this player who was then with Plymouth Argyle. These induced the Town manager to make a £7,000 offer to his former Luton right-wing partner, Billy Bingham, who is now in charge at Home Park. Born at Ilford, Harrison began his first-class career with Chelsea, from which club he moved on to Blackburn Rovers where he established a first-team place.

RAY WHITTAKER (outside-left). For almost the first time since he arrived here, Whittaker is confronted with experienced opposition for his position in the team. That he will resist it strenuously, there is no doubt and, at his best this former Arsenal man will be difficult to displace. Has been here since March, 1964, is a natural left-footed player and something of an expert from the penalty spot. A former England youth international.

Also on the books: C. Williams, former West Ham amateur, who is now a professional, apprentices, A. Starling, A. Jekett, T. Sweeney, R. Wainwright, A. Hodgkinson, and G. McDonald, D. Mel-drum (amateurs).

Youth League strong

CHIEF among the newcomers to the Chiltern Youth League next season is Luton Town. The Town are running an additional youth team next season, and although it has been entered in Division I of the 14-18 Section, it will be comprised mainly of players in the Under-16 age group.

Only one team, Carlton of St. Albans, has dropped out of the senior division, and their absence has been more than compensated for by the arrival of Luton Town, plus Bletchley Youth Club, who come into the league with the reputation of being an extremely well run side with excellent facilities.

Last season's champions, Bedford Boys' Club, are again expected to be one of the main contenders in this section, and it is interesting to note that the club have revived their policy of running a team in the under-16 section. It was from such a team that their championship winning side of last season stemmed.

Bound to be among the front runners with Bedford are the runners-up, Limbury Old Boys, St. Andrew's (Cambridge) and Dunstable Town. With Luton Town now included, competition here should be particularly keen.

New clubs into Division II of the 14-18 section include Halfway Youth Club, Luton, and Hitchin Corinthians. The inclusion of the Hitchin side restores some balance to the league in the Hertfordshire area where long serving Icknield were the only remaining club.

Leighton Buzzard, where there has been no youth football for a year, returns on to the scene with Leighton Buzzard Youth entering Division II. Another new local side, Wyvern, have also entered the second division, as well as running a team in the under-15 section. Missing from this section will be Warden Rovers who have switched their name to Oakdale Youth and are concentrating on under-15 football.

LIMBURY DROP OUT
After winning the 14-16 championship three years in succession, as well as gaining County Cup and League Cup successes, Limbury Old Boys have caused something of a surprise by disbanding their 14-16 team. A great Limbury stalwart over the years, Albert Pinion, who ran this side has given up his football duties and will concentrate on his many other duties as secretary and treasurer of the boys' club.

With Limbury out, the two clubs who have always been chasing hard on their heels for under-16 honours in the past, Leagrave BC and Wilsden Athletic are expected to make every effort to grab top spot. However, there will be strong competition from Bedford BC and Bletchley, both newcomers to this section.

Other newcomers are Chalfney, who have connections with Chalfney School, and the Luton League side Chalfney OB.

Under-15 football, which came under the wing of the Chiltern Youth League last season proved a great success, and Stockwood Park, the champions, will obviously be out to retain their title. Limbury and Wilsden are sure to be among the main contenders, and here again, Bletchley, will be entering a side.

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DIVISION III

1968			
August	10	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	(H)
"	14	WATFORD (League Cup)	(H)
"	17	BARROW	(A)
"	24	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(H)
"	28	BARNLEY	(H)
"	31	GILLINGHAM	(A)
September	7	ORIENT	(A)
"	14	TRANMERE ROVERS	(H)
"	18	MANSFIELD TOWN	(H)
"	21	BRIGHTON	(A)
"	28	TORQUAY UNITED	(H)
October	5	WATFORD	(A)
"	8	BARNLEY	(A)
"	12	HARTLEPOOLS UNITED	(H)
"	19	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(A)
"	26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(H)
November	2	CREWE ALEXANDRA	(A)
"	5	WALSALL	(A)
"	9	SWINDON TOWN	(H)
"	16	FA CUP (first round)	
"	23	BOURNEMOUTH	(H)
"	29	STOCKPORT COUNTY	(A)
December	7	FA CUP (second round)	
"	14	HARTLEPOOLS UNITED	(A)
"	21	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(H)
"	26	WATFORD	(H)
"	28	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	(A)
1969			
January	4	SHREWSBURY TOWN	(A)
"	11	CREWE ALEXANDRA	(H)
"	18	SWINDON TOWN	(A)
"	25	WALSALL	(H)
February	1	READING	(H)
"	8	BOURNEMOUTH	(A)
"	15	STOCKPORT COUNTY	(H)
"	22	BRISTOL ROVERS	(A)
March	1	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	(A)
"	5	SHREWSBURY TOWN	(H)
"	8	BARROW	(H)
"	12	READING	(A)
"	15	ROTHERHAM UNITED	(A)
"	19	BRISTOL ROVERS	(H)
"	22	GILLINGHAM	(H)
"	29	ORIENT	(H)
April	4	TORQUAY UNITED	(A)
"	7	MANSFIELD TOWN	(A)
"	8	SOUTHPORT	(H)
"	12	BRIGHTON	(H)
"	14	SOUTHPORT	(A)
"	18	TRANMERE ROVERS	(A)

Additional League Cup dates: Second round, September 4; third round, September 25; fourth round, October 16; fifth round, October 30; sixth round, November 20; semi-finals, December 4; final, March 15.

FA Cup dates: Third round, January 4; fourth round, January 25; fifth round, February 8; sixth round, March 1; semi-finals, March 22; final, April 26.

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COMBINATION CUP

1968			
August	17	BIRMINGHAM	(A)
"	21	WEST HAM	(H)
"	24	LEICESTER CITY	(A)
"	28	QPR	(A)
"	31	WALSALL	(H)
September	4	QPR	(H)
"	7	PETERBOROUGH	(A)
"	11	LEICESTER CITY	(H)
"	14	NORTHAMPTON	(A)
"	21	BIRMINGHAM	(H)

COMBINATION LEAGUE

October	5	BRISTOL ROVERS	(H)
"	12	BIRMINGHAM	(A)
"	19	NORTHAMPTON	(H)
"	26	TOTTENHAM	(A)
November	2	CRYSTAL PALACE	(H)
"	9	SWINDON TOWN	(A)
"	16	IPSWICH TOWN	(A)
"	23	CHELSEA	(A)
"	30	NORWICH CITY	(H)
December	7	LEICESTER CITY	(H)
"	14	WEST HAM	(H)
"	21	PETERBOROUGH	(A)
"	28	WALSALL	(H)

1969			
January	4	ARSENAL	(H)
"	18	SOUTHAMPTON	(A)
"	25	BRISTOL CITY	(A)
February	1	BOURNEMOUTH	(A)
"	8	GILLINGHAM	(H)
"	11	SWANSEA TOWN	(A)
"	22	CARDIFF CITY	(A)
March	1	QPR	(H)
"	15	OXFORD UNITED	(A)
"	26	READING	(A)
April	5	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	(H)
"	19	FULHAM	(H)



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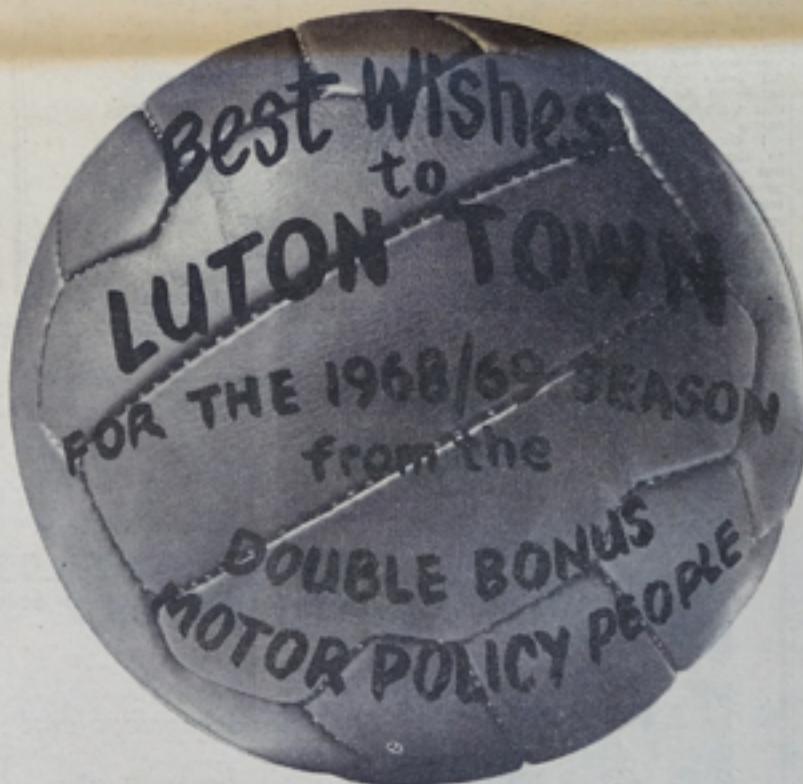
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Moment of triumph for the Town

The moment of triumph. Town skipper Terry Branton shows the Fourth Division Championship Cup to the fans after it had been presented to him by Football League president Les Shipman before the last game of the season against Brentford at Kenilworth Road. Other players in the picture include Max Dougan, Tony Read, Alan Slough, Graham French, Freddie Jardine, Billy McDermott, John Moore, Bruce Rieck and Ray Whittaker. — GG8913K.



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1967					
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"	26	Barnsley	7887	H	2 0
Sept.	2	Swansea	6674	A	2 2
"	4	Southend United	11355	A	0 3
"	9	Hartlepool United	8347	H	1 0
"	16	Newport County	4625	A	1 1
"	23	York City	7977	H	3 1
"	27	Southend United	13332	H	3 1
"	30	Rochdale	1884	A	2 2
Oct.	3	Doncaster Rovers	5529	A	0 2
"	7	Chester	3967	A	3 1
"	14	Chesterfield	10441	H	1 0
"	21	Exeter City	3434	A	5 0
"	25	Doncaster Rovers	13925	H	5 3
Nov.	11	Wokington	10935	H	4 0
"	15	Swansea Town	14975	H	4 0
"	18	Lincoln City	6052	A	3 2
"	25	Halifax Town	11572	H	2 0
Dec.	2	Bradford City	7957	A	0 2
"	16	Wrexham	9598	H	2 1
"	23	Barnsley	8704	A	2 2
"	26	Bradford	16699	H	2 0
"	30	Bradford	3674	A	1 2
1968					
Jan.	13	Hartlepool United	4728	A	1 2
"	20	Newport County	10992	H	1 1
"	27	Port Vale	5970	A	0 0
Feb.	3	York City	2747	A	1 1
"	10	Rochdale	10040	H	4 1
"	17	Brentford	7752	A	2 0
"	24	Lincoln City	11159	H	4 2
"	26	Darlington	13948	H	3 1
Mar.	2	Chesterfield	14075	A	0 0
"	9	Port Vale	12749	H	2 0
"	16	Exeter City	12409	H	0 0
"	20	Aldershot	5724	A	1 0
"	23	Darlington	4336	A	2 1
"	30	Aldershot	10618	H	3 1
April	6	Wokington	2195	A	1 0
"	12	Notts County	16631	H	2 0
"	13	Chester	13266	H	0 0
"	15	Notts County	7920	A	2 2
"	20	Halifax Town	5091	A	1 0
"	24	Crewe Alexandra	18904	H	4 0
"	27	Bradford City	14147	H	1 3
May	4	Crewe Alexandra	8634	A	1 2
"	11	Brentford	14 643	H	2 1



Division II as soon as possible

(Continued from Front Page)

siderably by the election to the Board of two wealthy business men, Tony Hunt and Reggie Barr.

Both are football enthusiasts, who are single-minded in their determination to take the Town back to the top in the football world.

That they will succeed, I have no doubt. Question is how long will it take and if the Town can continue this season on the flood of success that attended them last campaign.

If they can sweep through to the Second Division in one go, doubtless there will be a certain amount of contentment to have breathing space before the final assault is made to regain a First Division place.

And, with the new spirit that is abroad at Kenilworth Road, let there be no doubt that this is the ultimate aim.

Terry Branston, triumphant skipper of Luton Town's promotion team, clutches the Fourth Division Championship Cup after it had been presented to him by Football League President Len Shipman prior to the final League match of the season against Brentford at Kenilworth Road.—GG8005K.

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

46—T. Branston
45—K. Allen, J. Moore
44—B. Rioch
43—A. Read
41—F. Jardine
40—M. Dougan
38—R. Whittaker
36—L. Buxton
35—A. Slough
31—G. French
20—W. McDermott
12—M. Brown, T. Hare
11—R. Green
10—J. Ryan
5—G. Potter
4—P. Denton

3—W. Taylor
2—B. Johnson, H. McLeish
1—C. Tinsley, D. Walker, K. Beaven.

SCORERS

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