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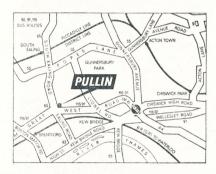
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THE BRENTFORD SCENE BY HISTORIAN

Hello, again.

That long spell of non-success mercifully ended a fortnight ago with a two goals to one defeat over Bradford, and it was pleasing to see George Dobson back in action and our two new players, Ron Fenton and Allan Mansley in such good form. Unfortunately, we didn't keep up the good work at Doncaster last Saturday although we had our chances. Quite clearly our front men have not been getting enough goals—only two in the last 548 minutes and until our goal-power improves we can hardly expect to make spectacular progress. In this worrying time we call for your encouragement and support.

Elsewhere you will read of the "I.B.B." campaign. The hour before the dawn is always the darkest. Let us move forward into a new era with everybody geared to pulling out that little extra. On the playing side Luton present a formidable challenge today. Go to it, lads!

LUTON HERE

We extend a warm welcome this afternoon to our visitors from Bedfordshire, Luton Town F.C. Our opponents are having a splendid season and are strong favourites for promotion although they have only three away wins to their credit. Their manager, Allan Brown, had many fine games against us in his playing days and has blended together a fine side. Our visitors may be represented today by the following players:

KEITH ALLEN (Inside Forward). Joined club from Stockport, in exchange for Derek Kevan in March 1967. Quickly became a favourite, he previously played for Grimsby and Portsmouth. A native of the Isle of Wight.

TERRY BRANSTON (Centre Half). Signed in June from Northampton Town for whom he played regularly and has appeared in all four divisions of the Football League. He was born at Rugby.

MICKY BROWN (Forward). Born at Slough and made his League début

for Fulham where he spent five seasons followed by two seasons at Millwall, joined Luton, July 1967.

MAX DOUGAN (Half Back). Cost Luton a sizeable transfer fee in December 1966. His two previous clubs were Queens Park (Scotland) and Leicester City. Gained five Amateur International Caps whilst with the former.

GRAHAM FRENCH (Winger). Born at Wolverhampton. Has previously played for Shrewsbury, Swindon, Watford and Wellington before joining Luton in October 1965. Has several Youth International Caps for England.

FREDDIE JARDINE (Full Back). Another Scot, from Edinburgh, he played for Dundee before coming south to Luton in 1961. Although originally an Outside Left he has now settled into the left back position.

BRIAN JOHNSON (Winger). Born at Newcastle. Played for Sunderland before coming to Luton in July 1966. Only 19 years of age, he has already made appearances in the first team.

JOHN MOORE (Wing Half). His third season at Luton, being a regular member of first team. Previously played for Motherwell. Born at Hart Hill (Scotland).

TONY READ (Goalkeeper). Born at Haydock. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday, later going to Peterborough from whom we secured him in March 1965. Is equally well at home in the Centre Forward position.

BRUCE RIOCH (Inside Forward). Born at Aldershot. Lived in Luton most of his life. First signed for Luton as an apprentice in 1963. Taking the full time ticket in September 1964 and is a regular member of the first team.

ALÂN SLOUGH (Full Back). Born at Luton, he has graduated through the ranks of schoolboy, amateur and apprentice before accepting full terms in May 1965. Can also play with distinction at wing half or inside forward.

RAY WHITTAKER (Winger). A Londoner from Bow, he played for the Arsenal with whom he gained England Youth International Caps before coming to Luton in March 1964. He has been

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- 3 Allan JONES
- 4 Tom HIGGINSON
- 5 Peter GELSON
- 6 Keith HOOKER
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- 4 Alan SLOUGH
- 5 Terry BRANSTON
- 6 John MOORE
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PETER DENTON (Outside Right). Signed from Coventry last month, just pipping Brentford for his signature. A bright prospect for the future.

STATISTICAL CORNER

Fourth Division Appearances: Hawley 30, Phillips 30, Lawther 29, Docherty 28, Gelson 27, Higginson 27, Ross 27, Thomson 27, Jones 26, Dobson 21, Nelmes 15, Hooker 13, Edwards 11, Myers 7, Richardson 4, Fenton 3, Mansley 3, Reeve 1, Still 1.

Substitutes: Hooker 3, Myers 3, Higginson 1, Jones 1, Reeve 1, Richard-

son 1, Thomson 1.

Goalscorers: Docherty 11, Lawther 8, Dobson 3, Edwards 2, Gelson 2, Higginson 2, Ross 2, Thomson 2, Fenton 1, Hawley 1, Hooker 1, Jones 1, Richardson 1, Opponents 4.

TODAY'S QUIZ

Our last quiz presented no problems. The answer was Jackie Gibbons and Ron Greenwood. First correct answer came from Mr. E. Blight of Hanworth. For today's quiz give the results and goalscorers in our Cup games with Luton in 1952.

'DOC' GOES

John Docherty was transferred to Reading a fortnight ago. Doc thus ended his second spell with us as he first joined us in 1959 from Scottish juniors St. Roches, moved to Sheffield United in March 1961, returning here just over 2 years ago. We wish him every success with Reading and thank him for his past services.

HERE AND THERE

Gordon Phillips has asked to be placed on the transfer list. A product of our Junior team, Gordon has been ever-present since October 1966—a run of 73 consecutive games.

Keith Hooker having completed his apprenticeship has now signed a new contract as a fully-fledged professional.

During George Dobson's absence the Club did not win a game. On scoring during his Bradford come-back he moved into third place in our scoring chart.

In each of the last 15 games the opposing side has scored first.

One supporter Mr. B. F. Wells of 42 Ivanhoe Road, Hounslow West, offers to let his 4-berth caravan at Selsey Bill to supporters at a reduced price with 50 per cent. of the proceeds to go into Club shares. All enquiries direct to Mr. Wells please.

Our game with Chesterfield on Grand National Day will begin at 3.45 p.m. We have signed on amateur forms

We have signed on amateur forms Dave Boothman who has scored nearly 40 goals this season for Hampton Reserves. Dave recently had a trial with Grimsby but prefers to join his local Club.

We have also signed on amateur forms goalkeeper John Maskell from Wycombe Wanderers

THE BEES

A supporter recently asked for the derivation of our nickname. We thought you might be interested in the following history supplied by Mr. V. H. Wayling (Hitchin Town) from Football Museum records.

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Brentford started as a small junior team. Mr. J. Hinton Bailey was the moving spirit in it, and also played for the club in its early days. It was not until 1893 that the club achieved any notoriety, when they won the West London Alliance. They progressed and in 1894 they won the Middlesex Junior Cup and the following season annexed the West Middlesex Cup. In 1897-98 they reached their zenith as an amateur club; they won both the Middlesex and London Senior Cups. In the Final of the latter they defeated Ilford 5-1 in the final after having had the game abandoned the week before because of hurricane, wind, and rain after 5 minutes play. In the League, they were members of the London League and ended second to Thames Ironworks (now West Ham United). The Reserve team won the Kingston & District League Challenge Cup. They were considered this year the strongest amateur side in London apart from the Corinthians. In 1898-99 they entered

the Division 2 of the Southern League. They ended fourth. In 1899-90, they were severely punished by the F.A. for offences against the rules and almost wound up. Because of this the following season they were forced to sign professional players and adopted the "Pro" code. In 1900-1 they won the Second Division without losing a game: Goals 63-11. They applied to join the 1st Division by right, but were refused, Wellingborough and Northampton being preferred to them. After many complaints by Supporters they were eventually accepted only because Gravesend were unable to continue. but it was later on in the summer when this occured and thus good players were hard to obtain. At this time the club was turned into a limited Company. The club had a poor season and did not win a game until November after a memorable game with New Brompton. winning 2-0 after losing their goalkeeper; total points 20. The next season was even worse; they finished last with only 5 points.

The first gate the club ever took brought 2/6d. The first ground the Club had was Boston Park, this taking

us up to 1904.

CASUALTY CORNER
Ian Lawther is doubtful for today's

game because of a slight pull sustained at Doncaster. George Dobson has also been a 'flu casualty this week. Tom Higginson is back in action today and John Richardson has resumed training.

BACK BRENTFORD F.C. CAMPAIGN 1968

Once again "Big B Radio" leads the way with its "BACK BRENTFORD" campaign. This is your chance to do your part in helping this club to survive.

This great club must have a rallying point, a voice to direct those who want to assist and "Big B Radio" proudly

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Come to the "BACK BRENTFORD" rally here in the Bees Club on Tuesday, 27th February at 8 p.m., and come prepared to help or don't come at all.

Those vague promises people made a year ago and never kept, to you we say don't come, but to all who need this Club, and that means those prepared to help in practical and financial ways, we say welcome.

We will organise you into working units of five and co-ordinate your efforts and make no mistake this is a "BACK BRENTFORD" rally not a debate, we want people who will make this slogan a living weapon in Brentford's fight for survival.

GOAL SCORING COMPETITION v. BRADFORD, Sat. 3rd February 1st goal: 15 mins. 40 secs. 2nd goal: 22 mins. 08 secs.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

RON FENTON

We have been fortunate to obtain from Birmingham City a small quantity of photographs of Ron Fenton. Ron has very favourably impressed Griffin Park fans and we are sure his well-taken goal against Bradford will be only the first of many for the Bees. You can obtain his photo from any Supporters' hut at the usual price.

BIG NIGHT TONIGHT!

Don't forget tonight's big St. Valentine's Dance in the Bees Club. The very popular "Westsiders" provide the music and all the usual trimmings will ensure a great evening for all. A few tickets (5s. each) will be held back for sale on the door but why not play safe and buy yours from a Supporters' hut immediately after the match.

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NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

Many people have remarked on the absence from recent matches of committee members, Arthur and Flo Morris. We regret that Arthur has been very ill recently. Incidentally, both Mr. and Mrs. Morris were recently made Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Club.

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Luton		28	15	8	5	56	31	38
Bradford C.		31	17	4	10	47	34	38
Chesterfield		28	15	7	6	53	28	37
Crew Alex.		28	14	9	5	53	32	37
Southend		29	14	9	6	41	33	37
Aldershot		28	12	11	5	48	35	35
Hartlepools		30	14	5	11	34	38	33
Wrexham		28	11	7	10	45	35	29
BRENTFORD		30	12	4	14	41	41	28
Swansea		28	11	6	11	46	50	28
Notts Co.		29	10	8	11	35	49	28
Halifax		28	9	9	10	32	43	27
Doncaster		28	8	10	10	39	40	26
Newport		28	9	8	11	30	41	26
Lincoln		30	10	6	14	46	49	26
Port Vale		29	8	9	12	43	48	25
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Workington		30	7	9	14	40	58	23
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