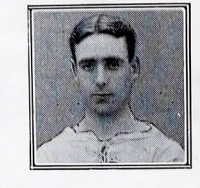


LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

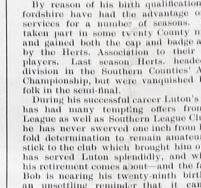
THE TEAM FOR 1909-10.



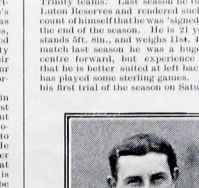
RICHARD THOMAS JARVIS.
This is the third season Jarvis has had with Luton. He came two seasons ago to understudy Peter Platt in goal, and showed some excellent form with the Reserve team that he was frequently called upon to play in Southern League matches towards the end of last season. Standing 5ft. 11in. and weighing about 125 stone, he is of first rate physique for a goal-keeper, and his invariably exhibits admirable judgment. Last season he was immensely popular with the home crowd.
Born at Nuncoton 26 years ago, Jarvis played for Coventry City when he was 17. He was afterwards with Whitwick Whiterose for two seasons and later was understudy to Lyall, for Sheffield Wednesday, for three seasons. While at Sheffield he gained several medals, including experience of First League football. He came to Luton from Hastings.



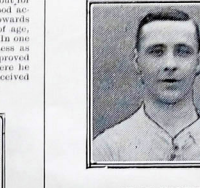
THOMAS ALBERT QUINN.
Quinn, who has been given charge of the centre forward position, vacated by Morrises, the Scottish International, possesses an excellent reputation as a goal-scorer. A native of Woodwich, he is 22 years of age, stands 5ft. 8in., and weighs 11 stone. Last season he was with Dulham and Grassendale, and his earlier clubs include Forest Green and Bromley. While with Bromley he gained both Amateur Cup and Southern League medals, and he has also represented Kent. He prefers inside left to centre forward.



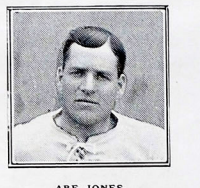
WALTER JESSE RAYNER.
Rayner enters up his third season as a professional player, and it is expected he will captain the Reserve team. A native of Leyton, he is 24 years of age, stands 5ft. 11in., and weighs 12 stone. Following local successes he captained Leytonstone three seasons and South Weald one season, both these teams winning the Essex Senior Cup and South Essex League. Altogether he possesses 17 medals for various Essex competitions, and has represented his County on several occasions. Two years ago he signed as a professional for Norwich City. He captained the Reserve team in his first season at Norwich, and last season figured in 16 Southern League matches. Rayner has played in all positions at back and half-back, but is essentially a right back. His methods are robust and he shows most as a fearless and unerring tackler.



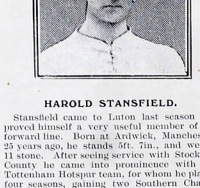
EDWARD JONES POTTS.
Another of Luton's new recruits, Potts, is making his initial appearance as a professional at the end of the season. He is 23 years of age, stands 5ft. 8in., and weighs 11st. 4lbs. In one match last season he was a huge success as centre forward, but suffered a fracture that he is better able to get back, where he has played some sterling games. He received his first trial of the season on Saturday.



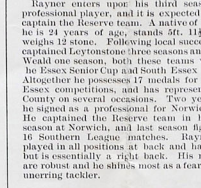
FRED HAWKES.
Second only in popularity to his namesake Bob, is Fred Hawkes, who is a born and bred Lutonian, and for several seasons figured in the most formidable half-back line Luton Town have ever possessed. He is within a couple of months of his twenty-eighth birthday, stands 5ft. 8in., and weighs 11st. He learned his football with the Christ Church Sunday School team, whom he captained the two years they won the "Reporter" Shield. With Bob Hawkes, he afterwards played for the Stanley club, and subsequently also assisted the Victoria. Then he was drafted into the Luton reserve team, with whom he played a season and a half before being promoted to the first eleven. While he was a member of the Reserves they won the Heds. Cup, Bole-League, and Horke, and Bucks. Shield. This is his ninth season with the Town team, and during that time he has been one of the most regular of players, having missed only about half-a-dozen matches in all those years. He has been a professional seven seasons, and a year or two back was given a well-deserved benefit. In Junior football, and for the Reserves, he played inside right, but in the first team has always been right half. One of the most consistent of players, he has rendered Luton yoman service. Incidentally, he has refused several offers from First League clubs.



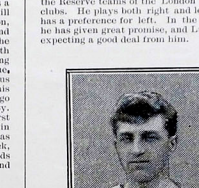
ABE JONES.
Abe is entering on his fourth season as the colleague of the Hawkes in Luton's half-back line. Born at Epton, in Staffordshire, he is about 29 years of age, stands 5ft. 7in., and weighs 12st. His first club of note was West Bromwich Albion, for whom he played in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup competition. Afterwards he went to Middlesbrough and in 1904 played in the Inter-League Match against Scotland, and in the North v. South trial, being selected as first reserve for the International match against Scotland. As a centre half he is a sterling worker, and one who never knows when he is beaten. The harder the game the greater he becomes. He has been a member of the well-known Birmingham pre-reformation centre forward, W. H. Jones. The latter, this year, has gone to Brighton, and a little rivalry may be expected when the two brothers meet.
It may be added that Abe is a splendid specimen of an all-round athlete. He possesses medals for swimming and fancy diving, and takes great pride in the fact that he has been privileged to save three lives.



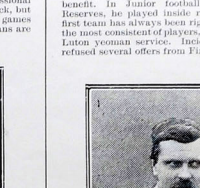
HAROLD STANSFIELD.
Stansfield came to Luton last season and proved himself a very useful member of the forward line. Born at Anwick, Manchester, 25 years ago, he stands 5ft. 7in., and weighs 11 stone. After seeing service with Stockport he came into prominence with the Tottenham Hoopster team, for whom he played four seasons, gaining two Southern Charity Cup medals. He has played in all positions in the front line, but is seen at his best on the extreme wing. Last season he figured regularly at outside left and this season he has been transferred to outside right.



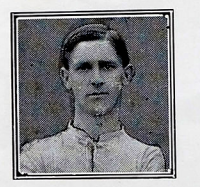
JOSEPH JOHNSON.
A native of Anwick, Manchester, Johnson came to Luton from Millwall last season, having previously played for Opeaswah Clarence, Bournemouth, United, Grimsby Town and Carlisle United. He possesses Lancashire Combination and Western League medals, the latter being won while with Millwall. He is 24 years of age, stands 5ft. 8in., and weighs 11st. 4lbs. His position is outside left, but last season did not have many chances of distinguishing himself in the first team owing to the frequency with which Stansfield was selected for the position. Now that Stansfield has moved to the right wing, Johnson will have every opportunity of proving his worth.



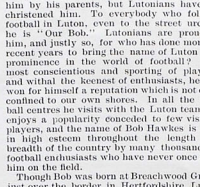
CHRISTOPHER SLENETT.
Though this is Slenett's first season as a professional he is not new to professional football, having played as an amateur for Norwich City Reserves last season and for Tufnell Park in the London League in the two preceding seasons. He is 22 years of age, stands 5ft. 8in., and weighs 11st. 4lbs. Born at Stratford, Essex, he first played for Park Albion, with whom he was associated three seasons, his colleagues including Allen of West Ham, Morrison, of Leyton, and Bacon, of Norwich City. His favourite position is centre half, and he has a tasking style. Though not at all shrewd he is a very polished player.



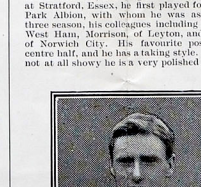
ALEXANDER DIVINE.
This is Divine's third season as a professional and he has yet to win his spurs. Born at Liverpool, he is 26 years of age, stands 6 feet, and weighs 11st. 7lbs. Until three seasons ago he was unable to play football regularly, but he nevertheless assisted several good teams as an amateur, among them being Beaulieu, Kent Cup Competitions. Two seasons ago he signed on for Norwich City with his friend Rayner, with whom he was associated in the South Coast team. His favourite position is outside left, but he has also played at outside right and centre forward. In Luton's first trial match a fortnight ago he figured at outside right and showed plenty of speed, but he was unfortunately incapacitated in the early stages of the game and has not yet resumed playing.



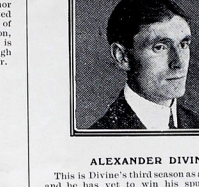
GEORGE THOMAS HEDLEY.
Hedley was the last player to be signed on for Luton's first team this season, and his displays in the trial matches indicate that he will prove of the utmost value in the defence. Though but 24 years of age he has had a splendid experience of life abroad, and he is a good stander. A native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, he played in his early years for West Stanley in the North Eastern League. He came out as a professional with Middlesbrough, then joined the famous Heart of Midlothian club, and afterwards played for Hull City. Last season he was with Leicester Fosse and played in 22 of their 28 first league games, being partnered by Blackett (one of Luton's old backs) on several occasions. His height is 5ft. 9in., and his weight 11st. The position to which he has always been accustomed is right half, and he is always be relied upon as one of the safe men of a side.



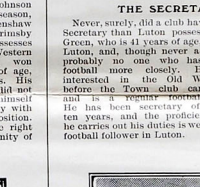
CAPTAIN HAWKES.
Robert Murray Hawkes was the name given him by his parents, but his acquaintances have rechristened him. To everybody who follows football in Luton, even the street children, he is "our Bob." Lutonian is proud of him, and justly so, for who has done more in recent years to bring a name of Luton into prominence in the world of football? The most conscientious and sports-loving of players, and withal the keenest of enthusiasts, he has won for himself a reputation which is not even confined to our own shores. In all the football centres he visits with the Luton team, he enjoys a popularity extended to few visiting players, and the name of Bob Hawkes is held in high esteem throughout the length and breadth of the county by many thousands of football enthusiasts who have never once seen him on the field.
Though Bob was born at Breachwood Green, just over the border in Staffordshire, Lutonians are entitled to regard him as a native product, because his removal to Luton took place at an age when even such an expert in foot-work could not "toddle" unassisted. His earliest football was played with the school-boys of Luton, and he was a member of the earliest football team at a Challenging Shilling given by the "Reporter"—and afterwards he played in turn for the Stanley and Victoria 1900-1 saw his introduction to the Reserve team of Luton town. His success was instant, and the following season saw him drafted into the First team, several months later. This is his eighth season as a regular member of the first eleven, and his fifth season as Captain. Standing 5ft. 8in., and turning the scales at 10st. 8lbs., Bob has all figured as a half-back. His favourite position is left half, and the stirring services he has rendered Luton Town in that capacity are too well known to need specification. The F.A. International Football Competition has been fully alive to his claims to recognition. Bob has three International trial match caps, having played twice for the amateurs versus the North, and once for the Amateurs against the Professionals. He was selected for the South on yet another occasion, but was prevented by an injury from accepting the invitation. As a result of his display in the North v. South game at Chelsea he was selected to play against Ireland in 1907-8, a distinction he is entitled to value very highly, considering that he and H. P. Hawthorn (formerly of Everton) were the only two amateurs chosen for the eleven. Another high honour which fell to him was that of being one of the few amateurs chosen, with the pick of the professionals who played against Scotland, for the Whitson-side tour of 1908, in which two matches were played against Austria and one each against Hungary and Bohemia. In addition, Bob has represented his country in all but three of the Amateur International games played since the inauguration of these fixtures two seasons back. Last season he played in the three matches won by England in connection with the Olympic games, gaining a costly prize gold medal, and he also had three trips to the Continent, to Rotterdam in September, Amsterdam at Easter, and to Basle and Paris at Whitsuntide.



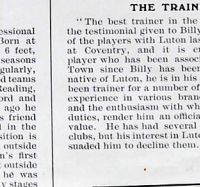
RALPH CHAPMAN.
One of the two youngest members of the team is Chapman, who joined the Reserves last season and was signed on as a professional at the commencement of this year. He is 21 years of age, stands 5ft. 7in., and weighs 11 stone 6lbs. A native of Wombly in Middlesex, he removed to Bedford as a lad, and became prominent in local football, being a member of the Bedford Church Lads' team, then he had a season with Bedford Queens Park Rangers, and two seasons with the Bedford Town team, but he is back in the position to which he has been accustomed on the left side. He imparts a considerable amount of back into his play, and has come on wonderfully since he came to Luton.



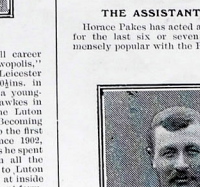
LEONARD RUFFETT.
Though born at Northall, in Bucks, Ruffett is essentially a local player. He came to Luton as a youngster, and played in turn for the Silver Star, Havoc, St. Mary's, and



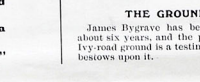
THE SECRETARY.
Never, surely, did a club have a more popular Secretary than Luton possess. Mr. Charles Green, who is 41 years of age, is a native of Luton, and though he has never played, he is probably no one who has followed local football more closely. He has been a member of the Old Wanderers' Club before the Town club came into being, and is a member of the latter. He has been secretary of the club about ten years, and the proficiency with which he carries out his duties is well known to every football follower in Luton.



THE TRAINER.
"The best trainer in the world." This is the testimonial given to Billy Lawson by one of the players with Luton last season, and how at Coventry, and it is endorsed by every player who has been associated with Luton Town since Billy has been the trainer. A native of Luton, he is in his 44th year, and has been trainer for a number of years. His great experience in various branches of athletics, and the enthusiasm with which he regards his duties, render him an official of the greatest value. He has had several offers from other clubs, but his interest in Luton football has persuaded him to decline them.



THE ASSISTANT TRAINER.
Horace Pakes has acted as assistant trainer for the last six or seven years, and is immensely popular with the Reserve players.



THE GROUNDSMAN.
James Preece has been groundsman for about six years, and the present state of the 1-3 road ground is a testimony to the care he bestows upon it.

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