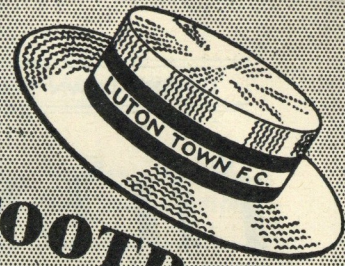


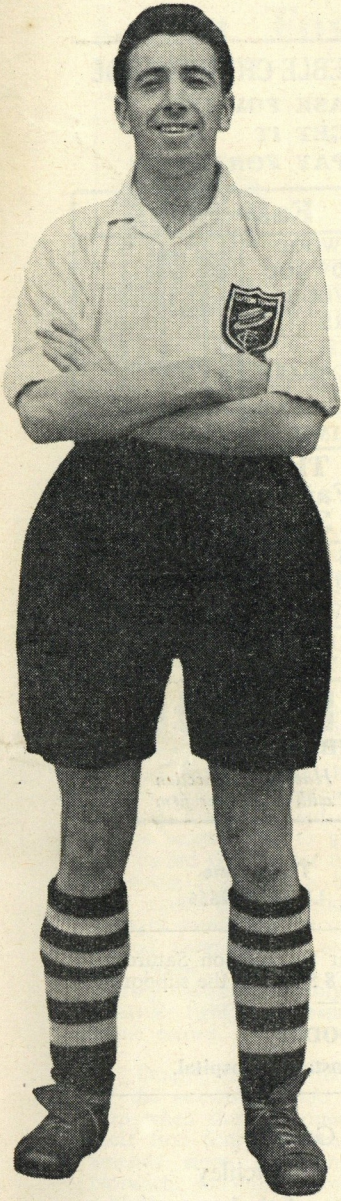
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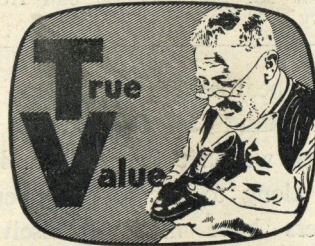
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CLUB NOTES

WE had some very bad luck at Bristol last Saturday when we had to leave both points behind. Sid Owen suffered an injury after only four minutes' play which prevented him from playing in his normal position for the rest of the match, and this indeed was a serious handicap. Despite this, however, our lads deserved to be on the winning side at the change over for they played some lovely football and several shots were luckily diverted to safety. Terry Kelly had the great satisfaction of scoring a goal on his League baptism, but he is the first to thank Jimmy Adam for his work in leading up to it. Gordon Turner scored a really magnificent goal in the second half to give us the lead, and if a shot by Sid Owen after that had hit the net instead of being saved by a back with the goalkeeper well beaten then the odds are that we would have brought home the bacon. Everyone of our lads played magnificently and they received nothing but praise from all who witnessed this most stirring match. Certainly the Rovers will not have a harder fight this season to retain their unbeaten home record.

Despite the fact that our Reserve side started off the season not too well in the Combination Cup when they obtained three points only from their first four matches they have almost made amends since in losing one more match, at Norwich, to finish second place in the Section with the same number of points as the Champions of the Section but with a poorer goal average. We are only .231 of a goal down, but this is sufficient to prevent our lads appearing in the Semi-finals of the Cup. A great pity, but we think they are to be congratulated for the way in which they nearly overcame the handicap of the poor start. We feel sure they will again be well among the leaders in the Combination League Table, the fixtures of which begin today.

We saw some nice football here last Thursday under the Floodlights when we met the West German Champions, Dortmund F.C. in a Friendly Match. We lost by the only goal scored late in the second half, a brilliant effort from outside the penalty box. Our lads had previously experienced some atrocious luck with their shooting, for two

efforts alone by Wally Shanks fully deserved a full reward. But the point is that some most entertaining football was seen which highly delighted the 11,213 fans present. How much the electricity breakdown earlier in the day affected our gate we do not, of course, know but although there was quite a good crowd present we do feel that the football played in these Friendly Matches does deserve a better response. Every one of the matches yet played under the Floodlights here have been well worth watching and we fully expected a gate round about the twenty thousand mark for the visit of this crack German team. The Germans were highly delighted, and surprised, at the applause they received when they scored their goal. They thought it magnificent and most encouraging.

The lads from Devon are our visitors today, and we welcome them once more to Kenilworth Road. They have experienced some dreadful luck this season so far in the way of injuries, which accounts quite a lot for their present position in the Table. They have yet to earn full bonus away from home, although they have on three occasions, at Liverpool, Blackburn and Derby, obtained a share of the spoils. They always put up a good fight here, however, and we remember most vividly that day in February, 1947, when, although not too well placed in the League, they came here and before we knew where we were they were four goals up. We managed to eventually score three to make the picture from our point of view look a little more respectable, but it was a match everybody expected us to win handsomely. As a matter of interest our team that day was Bywater; Cooke, Lake; Soo, Gager, Gardiner; Waugh, Driver, Billington, Connelly and Duncan. Our scorers were Connelly, Billington and a penalty by Cooke.

Next Saturday morning—kick-off 11.30, as the visitors have to travel 85 miles—we are staging the First Round of the F.A. Youth Challenge Cup. Last season on each occasion until we were knocked out in the Second Round we were drawn away from home. These youngsters of ours are playing some very nice football and are well worth watching.

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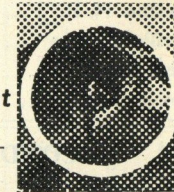
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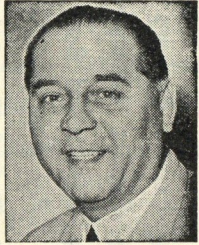
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NOTE: The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

INTERNATIONAL MATCH			
A	Wales	Scotland	.....
LEAGUE MATCHES			
B	Arsenal	Portsmouth	.....
C	Burnley	Bolton W.	.....
D	Chelsea	Manchester U.	.....
E	Everton	Sunderland	.....
F	Leicester City	Huddersfield	.....
G	Manchester C.	Aston Villa	.....
H	Newcastle U.	Tottenham H.	.....
K	Preston N.E.	Charlton Ath.	.....
L	Sheffield Utd.	Blackpool	.....
M	West Brom.	Sheffield Wed.	.....
N	Wolverh'pton	Cardiff City	.....

SECOND LIST

A	Birmingham	Swansea T.	.....
B	Bury	Derby County	.....
C	Hull City	Port Vale	.....
D	Ipswich Town	Fulham	.....
E	Leeds United	West Ham U.	.....
F	Lincoln City	Doncaster R.	.....
G	Middlesbro'	Notts. County	.....
H	Notts. Forest	Blackburn R.	.....
K	Rotherham U.	Bristol Rovers	.....
L	Stoke City	Liverpool	.....
M	Brentford	Colchester	.....
N	Brighton & H.	Norwich City	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Bristol City	Aldershot	.....
B	Coventry City	Exeter City	.....
C	Gillingham	Watford	.....
D	Leyton O.	Bournemouth	.....
E	Millwall Ath.	Q.P.R.	.....
F	Reading	Northampton	.....
G	Shrewsbury T.	Crystal Palace	.....
H	Southampton	Newport Co.	.....
K	Torquay Utd.	Southend Utd.
L	Walsall	Swindon T.
M	Scunthorpe	Rochdale
N	Charlton Res.	Luton T. Res.

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FIXTURES, 1954-55

FIRST XI	Division II	Attendance	1953/54	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 21	Notts. Forest	19,832	0 1	H 3 0
Tues., .. 24	Bury	15,535	1 0	A 1 2
Sat., .. 28	Ipswich Town	20,265	...	A 1 3
Wed., Sept. 1	Bury	13,654	3 2	H 3 2
Sat., .. 4	Birmingham City	16,347	2 0	H 1 0
Wed., .. 8	Lincoln City	13,390	1 1	A 2 1
Sat., .. 11	Middlesborough	15,891	...	A 2 0
Wed., .. 15	Lincoln City	11,972	1 0	H 2 1
Sat., .. 18	Stoke City	17,325	0 1	H 3 1
Sat., .. 25	Rotherham United	17,114	1 2	A 0 2
Sat., Oct. 2	Derby County	17,156	2 1	H 2 0
Sat., .. 9	Bristol Rovers	30,623	3 3	A 2 3
Sat., .. 16	Plymouth Argyle	...	2 1	H
Sat., .. 23	Fulham	...	1 5	A
Sat., .. 30	Swansea Town	...	2 0	H
Sat., Nov. 6	Notts. County	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 13	Liverpool	...	...	H
Sat., .. 20	West Ham United	(1)	0 1	A
Sat., .. 27	Blackburn Rovers	...	2 1	H
Sat., Dec. 4	Port Vale	...	...	A
Sat., .. 11	Doncaster Rovers	(2)	2 0	H
Sat., .. 18	Nottingham Forest	...	1 2	A
Sat., .. 25	Hull City	...	3 1	H
Mon., .. 27	Hull City	...	2 1	A
Sat., Jan. 1	Ipswich Town	...	...	H
Sat., .. 8	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...	...
Sat., .. 15	Birmingham City	...	1 5	A
Sat., .. 22	Middlesborough	...	...	H
Sat., .. 29	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	...
Sat., Feb. 5	Stoke City	...	1 1	A
Sat., .. 12	Rotherham United	...	1 1	H
Sat., .. 19	Derby County (5)	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 26	Bristol Rovers	...	1 1	H
Sat., March 5	Plymouth Argyle	...	2 2	A
Sat., .. 12	Fulham (6)	...	1 2	H
Sat., .. 19	Swansea Town	...	1 1	A
Sat., .. 26	Notts. County	...	2 1	H
Sat., April 2	Liverpool	...	...	A
Fri., .. 8	Leeds United	...	1 1	H
Sat., .. 9	West Ham United	...	3 1	H
Mon., .. 11	Leeds United	...	1 2	A
Sat., .. 16	Blackburn Rovers	...	0 2	A
Sat., .. 23	Port Vale	...	...	H
Sat., .. 30	Doncaster Rovers	...	3 1	A

RESERVE FIXTURES	Combination Cup	Attendance	1953/54	F. A.
Wed., Aug. 25	Coventry City	2,833	2 0	H 2 2
Sat., .. 28	Northampton T.	3,045	1 2	H 8 2
Mon., .. 30	Coventry City	2,759	1 4	A 0 3
Sat., Sept. 4	Watford	3,417	1 2	A 2 4
Wed., .. 8	Birmingham City	1,999	4 0	H 4 2
Sat., .. 11	Watford	3,109	2 1	H 4 1
Wed., .. 15	Birmingham City	1,638	1 1	A 3 0
Sat., .. 18	...	...	...	...
Wed., .. 22	Norwich City	3,667	0 0	A 1 4
Sat., .. 25	Leicester City	1,913	2 1	A 3 1
Wed., .. 29	Norwich City	3,372	2 0	H 2 1
Sat., Oct. 2	Ipswich Town	3,814	4 1	A 0 0
Wed., .. 6	Leicester City	3,398	3 4	H 2 2
Sat., .. 9	Ipswich Town	3,298	1 2	H 3 0
Thurs., .. 14	Northampton Town	...	3 1	A 2 0
Football Combination				
Sat., Oct. 16	Charlton Athletic	...	1 1	A
Sat., .. 23	Norwich City	...	2 1	H
Sat., .. 30	Bournemouth	...	2 2	A
Sat., Nov. 6	Arsenal	...	5 3	H
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	...	0 1	A
Sat., .. 20	Coventry City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 27	...	...	...	...
Sat., Dec. 4	Portsmouth	...	4 2	H
Sat., .. 11	Tottenham Hotspur	...	0 0	A
Sat., .. 18	Birmingham City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 25	Norwich City	...	1 1	A
Mon., .. 27	Bristol City	...	...	A
Sat., Jan. 1	Brighton & Hove	...	...	A
Sat., .. 8	Charlton Athletic	...	3 2	H
Sat., .. 15	Cardiff City	...	4 0	H
Sat., .. 22	Portsmouth	...	2 2	A
Sat., .. 29	Millwall Athletic	...	5 1	H
Sat., Feb. 5	West Ham United	...	2 1	H
Sat., .. 12	Arsenal	...	3 2	A
Sat., .. 19	Bournemouth	...	2 2	H
Sat., March 5	Birmingham City	...	...	A
Sat., .. 19	Tottenham H.	...	2 1	H
Sat., April 2	Bristol City	...	...	H
Fri., .. 8	Coventry City	...	...	A
Mon., .. 11	Leicester City	...	5 2	H
Sat., .. 16	Chelsea	...	2 2	H
Sat., .. 30	Millwall Athletic	...	3 1	A
Sat., May 7	Leicester City	...	4 3	A
To be arranged	Brighton & Hove	...	...	H
	Cardiff City	...	2 1	A
	Chelsea	...	0 0	A

League Tables : 1954-1955

Up to and including Thursday, 14th October, 1954
Football League—Division II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Blackburn Rov.	12	8	1	3	38	23	17
Rotherham Utd.	12	8	1	3	29	19	17
Stoke City	13	7	2	4	17	10	16
Bristol Rovers	12	7	2	3	32	21	16
LUTON TOWN	12	8	0	4	22	15	16
Hull City	12	6	3	3	15	9	15
Fulham	12	7	1	4	31	25	15
Doncaster Rov.	12	7	1	4	21	23	15
West Ham U.	12	6	2	4	24	22	14
Notts. County	12	6	2	4	18	17	14
Leeds United	12	6	1	5	23	22	13
Birmingham C.	12	4	3	5	16	14	11
Liverpool	12	5	1	6	29	27	11
Bury	12	5	1	6	24	25	11
Swansea Town	12	5	1	6	27	28	11
Lincoln City	12	5	1	6	18	23	11
PLYMOUTH A.	12	2	5	5	17	22	9
Port Vale	12	3	3	6	9	19	9
Notts. Forest	12	3	1	8	14	21	7
Derby County	12	3	1	8	21	33	7
Ipswich Town	13	3	0	10	19	28	6
Middlesbrough	12	2	1	9	10	28	5

Combination Cup—Section 3

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Norwich City	14	8	3	3	39	21	19
LUTON TOWN	14	8	3	3	36	22	19
Coventry City	14	7	2	5	30	31	16
Watford	14	7	1	6	26	28	15
Leicester City	14	5	3	6	25	26	13
Birmingham C.	14	6	1	7	31	33	13
Ipswich Town	14	4	3	7	25	28	11
Northampton Town	14	2	2	10	15	38	6

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