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DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III (South)					
Arsenal Cardiff	Blackb'rn Lincoln	Aldershot Exeter C					
Bolton Sheff, W	Bristol R Plymouth	Brentford Leyton O,					
Burnley Blackpool	Bury Hull C						
Chelsea Sheff. U	Derby C Swansea	Colch'ster Southend					
Everton Newcastle	Donc'ster Notts C	Crystal P Q.P.R					
Man, C W. Brom,	Luton T Leeds U	Gill'gh'm Brighton					
	M'dd'bro' Birm'ham	Millwall Coventry					
Portsm'th Charlton	Notts F Roth'ham						
P.N.E Leicester	Port V Liverpool	Newport Swindon					
Sund'land Man. U	W. Ham Fulham	Watford South'ton					
DIVISION III (North)							
Barrow Work'gt'n	Crewe Stockport	Oldham Scunth'pe					
Carlisle Tranmere		Southport Mansfield					
Chester Rochdale	Gatesh'd Darl'gt'n	Wrexham Halifax					
Chest'rf'd Hartlep'ls	Grimsby Bradford	York C Accregton					

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CLUB NOTES

WE extend a hearty welcome to our near-neighbours from the Boleyn Ground on this Easter Saturday in a match that is almost certain to have a big bearing on the outcome of the top final positions at the end of the season. When these Notes were being penned, on Wednesday last, the "Hammers" were lying in a very comfortable fourth place only two points behind us with the same number of games played but with two in hand on the two Clubs occupying second and third places. West Ham had a hard nut to crack yesterday no doubt when they were at home to Fulham but they have been playing so well lately that it would surprise us if they have not greatly improved their prospects as a result of that match. When we met the "Hammers" in London last November to finish on the losing side by the odd goal in three it was considered by all but the most fervant West Ham supporters that they were very fortunate to get away with both points. How their goal escaped on at least three occasions will always remain a mystery to our lads, but it did and it is goals that count. One point at a time does not appear very much but supposing we had obtained one point that day we would be feeling a little happier today for the Table given on another page would show Luton four points above West Ham instead of only two. It is not so much that a point is gained as that a point is being taken from the other team which can, as on this occasion, mean a vital difference of two points. Whatever the result of today's match however we feel sure the very cordial relationship which exists between our two Clubs will be in no way impaired and we say in all sincerity-may the best team

We thought we were going to bring home the full ration of bacon with us from Liverpool last Saturday, especially when we were one goal to the good with only five minutes to go. Our lads had played magnificently to take the lead, no mean achievement on your opponent's ground after being three to one in arrears, but each goal scored was the result of excellent approach work allied to delightful football, and even the Liverpool fans then had given up all hope of their team getting even a point from this match. If Bernard Streten had not received a painful knock on a knee about a quarter of an hour from the end we are quite sure there would have been no bonus for the Anfield Road boys, but Streten was not able to get up to the ball as it came over from the corner kick and four of the Liverpool players, all bunched together in front of our goal, managed to head the ball into the net. There was great satisfaction that we had obtained one point, for Liverpool are a very good team and they will not drop many more points this season, especially if they play as well as they did against us, but we so nearly had them both. Only a magnificent save by the Liverpool goalie prevented Roy Davies having his name included with the other two scorers, and if this had found the back of the net, which it richly deserved to do, then we would have had a two-goals lead and Liverpool would not have been able to gird their loins sufficiently to wipe out that deficit. Altogether a very good game, full of interest and good football from both sides, very reminiscent of the replayed Cup Tie at Leicester in February 1949 when we lost by five goals to three after almost catching up from a four goals to one deficit.

Those of you who were present here last Saturday to see our second string play Bristol City Reserves must have felt very disappointed in our lads' display, for they never seemed able to cope with the spoiling tactics adopted by their opponents. If however you had seen practically the same team playing at White Hart Lane last Monday night when our lads held a strong and experienced Spurs side to a draw of one goal each you would have been proud of them and thoroughly enjoyed the game into the bargain. It was a most pleasing game with some really fine football from both sides and a draw was a very fair result taking the game right through.

Our Assistant Manager and Coach, Mr. Tim Kelly, has been offered the Managerial Chair at Bedford Town and after much consideration has decided to accept it and we, not wishing to stand in his way, have agreed to release him. He starts his duties directly after the Easter Holiday is over and he goes from Kenilworth Road with the happy assurance that we wish him well in his new appointment. Tim came to us in August 1952 and in those three seasons has assiduously applied himself, particularly in the coaching of our youngsters. We shall watch his progress with his new Club with much interest.

We then considered whether or not the position should be filled and it was decided that in view of our promotion prospects it ought to be filled at once. Upon whom should the choice fall? A policy has been adopted this season of giving our own playing staff every opportunity of filling a position before looking elsewhere for a replacement should one become necessary. Here was a position on the Staff-should we adopt the same policy here? It was agreed that we should and straightaway it was felt that the man for the job was our own Captain, Syd Owen. In view of the fact however that Syd is still playing and, what is more, hope we shall have a few more year's service from him on the field, decided to offer him the position of Player/Coach. Syd was delighted with the suggestion, accepted immediately, and so will combine the two duties until the end of his playing career. With his wide experience including International calls, his great ability as a Captain and his general approach to the game we feel that a wise choice has been made and shall be very surprised if the appointment does not turn out to be one of the most successful we have ever made.

We will give out the results of yesterday's matches over our loud speakers during the afternoon and space has been provided in this Programme for you to keep a note of them should you wish to do so. We will also give out today's results of the top three or four teams if they come through in time.

Tickets for the Schoolboys' International Match to be played on this ground on the afternoon of Saturday, April 30th will be on sale at the various Refreshment Bars after today's match and at all subsequent matches until they are all sold. It is an All-Ticket Match, so those of you who wish to see it are advised to purchase your Ticket without delay for enquiries are continually being received from neighbouring Counties and Towns, and once the Tickets are sold there will be no other means of obtaining admission to the ground. Prices are, Centre Stand 5/-, Wing Seats 4/-, Enclosure 3/-, Bobbers Stand 2/-, Terraces 1/6.

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Owen

GROVES

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Football League—Div. II

Aherne Left Back

> Shanks Left Half

Cummins Inside Left

mins Adam
Left Outside Left

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TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCORES

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

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		SECOND	LIST
	A	Bury	Swansea T
-	В	Hull City	Blackburn R
-	C	Ipswich Town	Bristol Rovers
	D	Leeds United	Notts. County
-	E	Lincoln City	Fulham
-	F	Middlesbro'	Port Vale
Concession	G	Notts. Forest	Liverpool
-	H	Rotherham U	Derby County
NAME AND ADDRESS OF	K	Stoke City	Doncaster R
-	L	Brentford	Crystal Palace
-	M	Brighton & H	Northampton

N Bristol City Bournemouth

	THIRD	LIST
A	Coventry City	Swindon T
В	Gillingham	Colchester
C	Leyton O	Norwich City
D	Millwall Ath	Southend Utd
E	Reading	Exeter City
F	Shrewsbury T	Newport Co
G	Southampton	Aldershot
Н	Torquay Utd	Watford
K	Walsall	Q.P.R
L	Accrington	Hartlepools
M	Barnsley	Chesterfield

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		Attendance 1953/54			Attendan
Sat., Au		Notts. Forest 19,832 0 1	н	3 0	Wed., Aug. 25 Coventry City 2,833
Tues., ,,	24		A	1 2	Sat., ,, 28 Northampton T. 3,045
Sat., ,,	28	Ipswich Town 20,265	A	1 3	Mon., ,, 30 Coventry City 2,759
Wed., Sep	t. §1	Bury 13,654 3 2	н	3 2	Sat., Sept. 4 Watford 3,417
Sat., ,,	- 4		н	i ô	Wed., ,, 8 Birmingham City 1,999
Wed.,	8	Lincoln City 13,390 1	A	2 1	Sat., ,, Watford 3,109
Sat., ,,	- 11	Middlesbrough 15,891	A	2 0	Wed., , I5 Birmingham City 1,638
Wed., ,,	15		H	2 1	Sat., ,, 18
Sat., ,,	18	Stoke City 17,325 0 1	H	3	Wed., ,, 22 Norwich City 3,667
Sat., ,,	25	Rotherham United 17.1144 1 2	A	0 2	Sat., ,, 25 Leicester City 1.913 Wed., ,, 29 Norwich City 3,372
Sat., Oct	. 2	Derby County 17,156 2 1	н	2 0	Sat., Oct. 2 Ipswich Town 3,814
Sat., ,,	9		A	2 3	Wed., ,, 6 Leicester City 3,398
Sat., ,,	16		н	3 1	Sat., ,, 9 Ipswich Town 3,298
Sat., ,,	23	Fulham 33,500 5	A	1 3	Thurs., ,, 14 Northampton Town 360
Sat., ,,	30	Swansea Town 15,555 2 0	H	1 2	Football Combination
Sat., Nov	. 6	Notts. County 10,395 2 1	A	3 3	Sat., Oct. 16 Charlton Athletic 1,216
Sat., ,,	13	Liverpool 15,887	н	3 2	6 02 11 - 11 - 61
Sat.,	20	West Ham United 23,034 (I) 0 I	A	1 2	Sat., ,, 30 Bournemouth 3,251
Sat., ,,	27	Blackburn Rovers 17,314; 2 1	H	7 3	
e D-		D V.I.			Sat., Nov. 6 Arsenal 4,010
Sat., Dec			IA	11	Sat., ,, 13 West Ham United 4,304
Sat., ,, Sat.,	11	Doncaster Rovers 14,541 (2) 2 0	H	3 0	Sat., ,, 20 Coventry City 1,873
	25	Nottingham Forest 11,943 1 2 Hull City 15.853 3 1	A	5 1	Sat., ,, 27
M			H	4 0	Sat., Dec. 4 Portsmouth 3,221
mon., ,,	/	Hull City 39,890 2 1	A	4 0	Sat., ,, 18 Birmingham City 2,701
Sat., Jan	. 1	Ipswich Town 16,581	H	3 2	Sat., ,, 25 Norwich City 911
Sat., ,,		Workington (F.A. Cup-3) 18,853	H	5 0	Mon., ,, 27 Bristol City 3,197
Sat., ,,	22		H	2 0	Sat., Jan. Brighton & Hove 1.683
Sat., ,,	29	Rotherham U. (F.A.Cup-4) 21,231	A	5 1	Sat., ,, 22 Portsmouth 3,031
Sat., Feb	. 5	Stoke City 21,156 1	A	0 0	Sat., ,, 29 Millwall Athletic 3,292
Sat., ,,	12	Rotherham United 18,450	H	4 0	Sat., Feb. 5 West Ham United 4,399
Sat., ,,	19		Н	0 2	Sat., ,, 12 Arsenal 3,595
Wed., Marc	h 2	Derby County 5.987 2 1	A	0 0	Wed., March 2 Bournemouth 463
Sat., ,,	5		A	1 2	Sat., ,, 5 Birmingham City 2,910
Sat., ,,	12		H	3 0	Mon., ,, 7 Chelsea 285
Sat., ,,	19	Swansea Town 19,422	A	1 2	Thurs., ,, 17 Cardiff City 2,115
Sat., ,,	26		H	3 1	Sat., ,, 19 Tettenham H 3,153 Thurs., ,, 31 Charlton Athletic 2,510
Sat., Apr	1 2	Liverpool 30,710	A	4 4	Sat., April 2 Bristol City 3,260
Fri., ,,		Leeds United II	H		Mon., ,, 4 Tottenham Hotspur
Sat.,	9	West Ham United 3	н		Fri., ,, 8 Coventry City
Mon. "	- 11	Leeds United 1 2	A		Mon., ,, II Leicester City
Sat., ,,	16	Blackburn Rovers 8 2	A	a delta	Sat., ,, 16 Chelsea
Wed., ,,	20	Birmingham City 1 5	A		Mon., ,, 18 Brighton & Hove
Sat., ,,	23	Port Vale	Н	-	Mon., ,, 25 Cardiff City
Wed., ,,	27	Bristol Rovers !!	H		Thurs., ,, 28 Leicester City
Sat., ,,	30	Doncaster Revers 3	A	ALL PARK TO THE	Sat., ,, 30 Millwall Athletic

NEXT MATCHES

Easter Monday, 11th April FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton Res. v. Leicester Res. Kick-Off 3.15 p.m.

Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Saturday, 16th April :: Kick-Off 3 p.m. FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton Res. v. Chelsea Res. Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Monday, 18th April :: Kick-Off 6.15 p.m. FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton Res. v. Brighton Res. Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Friday, 22nd April :: Kick-Off 7 p.m. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP — SEMI-FINAL

Beds. v. Staffordshire

Saturday, 23rd April :: Kick-Off 3 p.m. FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

Usual First Team Prices of Admission

LEAGUE TABLE : 1954-1955

Up to and including Saturday, 2nd April, 1955

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 2

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Los	For	Agst	P.
LUTON TOWN	34	19	6	9	76	45	44
Blackburn Rov	36	20	4	12	107	73	44
Leeds United	36	19	5	12	57	50	43
WEST HAM U	34	17	8	9	69	56	42
Stoke City	34	16	9	9	56	40	41
Birmingham C	33	16	8	9	68	37	40
Notts. County	35	18	4	13	63	62	40
Rotherham Utd	33	17	4	12	73	57	38
Bristol Rovers	35	16	6	13	67	61	38
Middlesbrough	35	17	4	14	64	66	38
Liverpool	34	14	7	13	77	77	35
Swansea Town	34	13	8	13	70	69	34
Fulham	34	13	8	13	67	66	34
Notts. Forest	34	14	5	15	46	49	33
Bury	34	12	8	14	63	63	32
Hull City	34	10	9	15	39	52	29
Doncaster Rov	34	12	5	17	48	75	29
Lincoln City	34	10	8	16	58	70	28
Plymouth A	36	10	7	19	51	73	27
Port Vale	34	8	10	16	37	60	26
Ipswich Town	35	9	4	22	51	83	22
Derby County	36	6	9	21	47	68	21

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