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The ticket number for the ball on Easter Saturday, April 9th, 1955, was 7949.

## SPECIAL NOTICE to all SUPPORTERS

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The Bobbers are hoping NEXT SEASON to put a BIG SCHEME into operation which will be most beneficial to the supporters and to the Football Club. But to do this we want quite a large number of you from the town and all outlying districts to form a Committee.

Club during the close season, so any supporter wishing to be one of the Committee please write to me,

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A Supporters' Meeting will be arranged at the Bobbers Stand

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## CLUB NOTES

WHAT momentous days these are for us, with each match we play having so much importance attached to it. We were very disappointed indeed having to return from Birmingham on Wednesday last without at least a share of the points, but that extra bit of luck or run of the ball, whichever you prefer, seems to have deserted us lately for these last six matches in particular have been real "humdingers." We certainly deserved a point at St. Andrews, last Wednesday, but a penalty decision against us proved the turning point of the game, a decision about which our lads protested most strongly, but all in vain. As Peter Murphy brought the ball along just inside the dead-line and in the penalty box, Wally Shanks played the ball most definitely but Murphy fell over his legs after the ball had gone for a corner. The Referee was right on the premises and promptly pointed to the spot, but we felt it was a harsh decision and especially as there was no apparent danger. Particularly were we more disappointed still when five minutes later George Cummins, right in front of goal and preparing to shoot, was bundled unceremoniously

off the ball in a way in which we thought Law 12 could with justification have been applied but play was waved on. It is just such incidents as these and the manner in which they are dealt with which can and do make all the difference to the run of the game. John Groves at outside left badly hurt an ankle after only five minutes play which reduced his usefulness for the rest of the match—Gordon Turner scored a brilliant goal so bringing his number scored to date this season, including 5 in the F.A. Cup, to 36, but he also had an ankle damaged which necessitated attention on the touchline and the rest of the game being played on the wing. George Cummins too suffered an ankle injury and Roy Davies a kick on a knee, but despite all this, as a Reporter put it "By half-time it was Birmingham straggling and struggling. It took a penalty to give them that old bite and bustle." Our defence after the opening minutes when undoubtedly Birmingham were the better team, found they could cope most adequately with all the "Blues" could devise against them, but we could not again get the ball into the net and so our matches lost for the season rose from ten to eleven.

With only one point separating the top six teams, the following might prove interesting:—

	Played	To Play	F.	A.	Aver.
Blackburn ..	40	Leeds (a), Bury (h) ... ..	113	76	1.487
Leeds ..	40	Blackburn (h), Fulham (a) ... ..	65	52	1.250
Birmingham	38	Notts. C. (h), Hull (a), Liverpool (a), Doncaster (a) on May 4th	81	43	1.883
Luton ..	39	Port Vale (h), Bristol R. (h), Doncaster (a) ... ..	79	51	1.549
Stoke ..	39	Bristol R. (h), Port Vale (a), Plymouth (a) ... ..	66	44	1.500
Rotherham	38	Plymouth (h), Swansea (h), Port Vale (a), Liverpool (h) on May 2nd	84	62	1.355

The only fixtures affecting the above to be played after April 30th, are those two shown: Doncaster v. Birmingham on May 4th, and Rotherham v. Liverpool on May 2nd. It may be that we shall not know whether we have gained promotion or not until these two matches have been played, in which case we shall be in Copenhagen before we know our fate. West Ham, of course, could still come into the final reckoning, with four matches still to play, but as three of them are "away" fixtures it seems most unlikely—but one never knows in this game.

Cheadle, but we notice he is fit again and all ready to try and stop our lads today.

There are still a few tickets unsold for the Schoolboys' International Match, England v. Eire, to be played on this Ground, next Saturday afternoon, kick-off 3 p.m. They will not be on sale inside the ground today, as has been the case lately, for the Schools' Officials are at Wembley this afternoon, in charge of 900 schoolboys attending the England v. Wales Schoolboys' Match. Tickets for the Eire match can be purchased at the Office in Kenilworth Road after this match, but as all tickets are not likely to be sold before next Saturday, arrangements are being made to open cash turnstiles to the Bobbers Stand, Terraces and Enclosure on the day of match. As this will be our first Schoolboys' International Match to be held in Luton we hope there is a good attendance to warrant the Authorities taking us into consideration for another occasion. Tickets are 5/- and 4/- (Reserved Seats), Enclosure 3/-, Bobbers Stand 2/-, Terrace 1/6.

Who is our oldest supporter? We have had a letter this week from a Mr. Billington of Harpenden who is in his 86th year and who follows "The Town" regularly and has done since the very early days.

Charles Buchan's Football Monthly contains an article in the current issue by Bob Morton, as well as very interesting news, facts, observations, etc. on this absorbing subject of football. A small caption in last month's issue made us smile when a nice young thing turned to her swain and said "If the club is so hard up why do they give away so many free kicks?" We are glad to note that the steadily increasing number of female fans at Kenilworth Road know the game better than to ask such a question. Price is 1/6 monthly.

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**MacEwan**  
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**Done**  
Centre

5  
**Cheadle**  
Centre Half

**King**  
Goal

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**Aherne**  
Left Back

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**Watkins**  
Inside Left

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Mr. D. A. Hurley (Chertsey)

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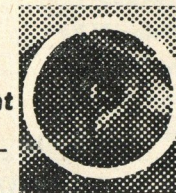
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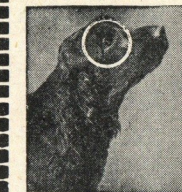
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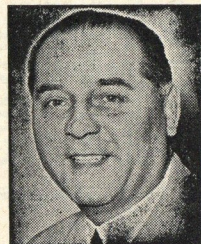
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

**FIRST LIST**

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

**SECOND LIST**

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

**THIRD LIST**

A	Coventry City	.....	Northampton	.....
B	Gillingham	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
C	Leyton O.	.....	Aldershot	.....
D	Millwall Ath.	.....	Swindon T.	.....
E	Reading	.....	Norwich City	.....
F	Shrewsbury T.	.....	Colchester	.....
G	Southampton	.....	Crystal Palace	.....
H	Torquay Utd.	.....	Q.P.R.	.....
K	Walsall	.....	Exeter City	.....
L	Accrington	.....	Darlington	.....
M	Barnsley	.....	Carlisle	.....
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**FIXTURES**

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**1954-1955**

**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	Middlesbrough	...	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	...	15,059	2 1	H	3 1	
Sat., .. 23	Fulham	...	33,500	1 5	A	1 3	
Sat., .. 30	Swansea Town	...	15,555	2 0	H	1 2	
Sat., Nov. 6	Notts. County	...	10,395	2 1	A	3 3	
Sat., .. 13	Liverpool	...	15,887	...	H	3 2	
Sat., .. 20	West Ham United	...	23,034 (1)	0 1	A	1 2	
Sat., .. 27	Blackburn Rovers	...	17,314	2 1	H	7 3	
Sat., Dec. 4	Port Vale	...	14,052	...	A	1 1	
Sat., .. 11	Doncaster Rovers	...	14,541 (2)	2 0	H	3 0	
Sat., .. 18	Nottingham Forest	...	11,943	1 2	A	5 1	
Sat., .. 25	Hull City	...	15,853	3 1	H	1 1	
Mon., .. 27	Hull City	...	39,890	2 1	A	4 0	
Sat., Jan. 1	Ipswich Town	...	16,581	...	H	3 2	
Sat., .. 8	Wokington (F.A. Cup-3)	...	18,853	...	H	5 0	
Sat., .. 22	Middlesbrough	...	13,372	...	H	2 0	
Sat., .. 29	Rotherham U. (F.A. Cup-4)	...	21,231	...	A	5 1	
Sat., Feb. 5	Stoke City	...	21,156	1 1	A	0 0	
Sat., .. 12	Rotherham United	...	18,450	1 1	H	4 0	
Sat., .. 19	Manchester C. (F.A. Cup-5)	...	23,104	...	H	0 2	
Wed., March 2	Derby County	...	5,987	2 1	A	0 0	
Sat., .. 5	Plymouth Argyle	...	25,975	2 2	A	1 2	
Sat., .. 12	Fulham (6)	...	17,966	1 2	H	3 0	
Sat., .. 19	Swansea Town	...	19,422	1 1	A	1 2	
Sat., .. 26	Notts. County	...	16,917	2 1	H	3 1	
Sat., April 2	Liverpool	...	30,710	...	A	4 4	
Fri., .. 8	Leeds United	...	25,775	1 1	H	0 0	
Sat., .. 9	West Ham United	...	27,148	3 1	H	2 0	
Mon., .. 11	Leeds United	...	29,583	1 2	A	0 4	
Sat., .. 16	Blackburn Rovers	...	35,912	0 2	A	0 0	
Wed., .. 20	Birmingham City	...	36,000	1 5	A	1 2	
Sat., .. 23	Port Vale	...	...	...	H	...	
Wed., .. 27	Bristol Rovers	...	...	...	H	...	
Sat., .. 30	Doncaster Rovers	...	...	...	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	...	360	3 1	A	2 0
<b>Football Combination</b>						
Sat., Oct. 16	Charlton Athletic	...	1,216	1 1	A	1 1
Sat., .. 23	Norwich City	...	2,779	2 1	H	6 1
Sat., .. 30	Bournemouth	...	3,251	2 2	A	4 0
Sat., Nov. 6	Arsenal	...	4,010	5 3	H	1 6
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	...	4,304	0 1	A	0 1
Sat., .. 20	Coventry City	...	1,873	...	H	7 0
Sat., .. 27	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sat., Dec. 4	Portsmouth	...	3,221	4 2	H	4 1
Sat., .. 18	Birmingham City	...	2,701	...	H	2 2
Sat., .. 25	Norwich City	...	911	1 1	A	2 3
Mon., .. 27	Bristol City	...	3,197	...	A	0 2
Sat., Jan. 1	Brighton & Hove	...	1,683	...	A	3 1
Sat., .. 22	Portsmouth	...	3,031	2 2	A	5 2
Sat., .. 29	Millwall Athletic	...	3,292	5 1	H	5 0
Sat., Feb. 5	West Ham United	...	4,399	2 1	H	2 4
Sat., .. 12	Arsenal	...	3,595	3 2	A	1 1
Wed., March 2	Bournemouth	...	463	2 2	H	2 3
Sat., .. 5	Birmingham City	...	2,910	...	A	1 1
Mon., .. 7	Chelsea	...	285	0 0	A	2 1
Thurs., .. 17	Cardiff City	...	2,115	4 0	H	3 1
Sat., .. 19	Tottenham H.	...	3,153	2 1	H	2 2
Thurs., .. 31	Charlton Athletic	...	2,510	3 2	H	4 2
Sat., April 2	Bristol City	...	3,260	...	H	0 2
Mon., .. 4	Tottenham Hotspur	...	1,103	0 0	A	1 1
Fri., .. 8	Coventry City	...	2,745	...	A	3 1
Mon., .. 11	Leicester City	...	3,229	5 2	H	1 3
Sat., .. 16	Chelsea	...	2,986	2 2	H	2 2
Mon., .. 18	Brighton & Hove	...	980	...	H	1 1
Mon., .. 25	Cardiff City	...	...	2 1	A	...
Thurs., .. 28	Leicester City	...	...	4 3	A	...
Sat., .. 30	Millwall Athletic	...	...	3 1	A	...

**LEAGUE TABLES, 1954-55**

Up to and including  
Mon., April 18th 1955

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 2**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Blackburn Rov.	40	22	5	13	113	76	49
Leeds United	40	21	7	12	65	52	49
Birmingham C.	38	20	8	10	81	43	48
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>
Stoke City	39	19	10	10	66	44	48
Rotherham Utd.	38	22	4	12	84	62	48
West Ham U.	38	18	9	11	72	61	45
Bristol Rovers	39	19	6	14	73	64	44
Notts. County	39	20	4	15	71	69	44
Swansea Town	39	16	8	15	82	78	40
Middlesbrough	39	18	4	17	69	77	40
Fulham	39	14	10	15	75	74	38
Bury	39	14	9	16	71	69	37
Liverpool	38	14	9	15	84	87	37
Notts. Forest	39	15	6	18	53	58	36
Doncaster Rov.	39	14	6	19	56	86	34
Hull City	39	12	9	18	43	62	33
Lincoln City	38	11	9	18	63	77	31
<b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>31</b>
Plymouth A.	40	11	7	22	55	80	29
Ipswich Town	39	11	4	24	54	88	26
Derby County	40	6	9	25	50	79	21

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division 1**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Chelsea	27	16	4	7	64	36	36
Bristol City	27	13	7	7	46	31	33
Arsenal	27	13	6	8	64	39	32
Tottenham H.	28	12	8	8	58	47	32
Birmingham C.	26	14	4	8	56	51	32
West Ham U.	27	12	7	8	57	57	31
Norwich City	26	12	6	8	52	42	30
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>
Leicester City	27	13	2	12	54	50	28
Brighton	27	10	6	11	49	57	26
Coventry City	28	8	8	12	33	55	24
Portsmouth	28	7	8	13	49	61	22
Millwall	27	9	3	15	40	59	21
Bournemouth	29	7	7	15	43	62	21
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