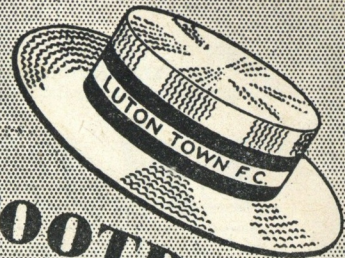


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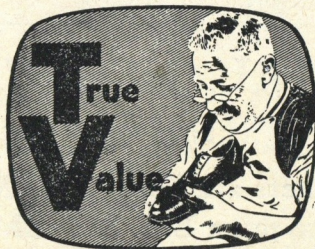
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CLUB NOTES

WE approach our last First Team home match of the 1954/55 Season knowing that if we do not gather maximum points from it that our hopes of promotion this year will be but a dream. Two most valuable points were gained last Saturday from Port Vale after a very hard struggle, when at one period, despite an overwhelming superiority we had enjoyed until then, our visitors from the Potteries scored two good goals and indeed with a little more steadiness might have gone on to have made our position almost untenable for they had two good chances of scoring which were not accepted. When Peter MacEwan scored his first goal in League football after some brilliant play by Gordon Turner the Vale faltered, to be finally succumbed by another goal by Turner, his second of the match and his 38th this season. But until those last two goals were scored we almost did die of heart failure, as the local Press put it. With Birmingham, Rotherham and Stoke all winning their matches last Monday night, so knocking us down from second position to fifth, this match tonight as a consequence turns out to be the most important one at Kenilworth Road since our last match of the 1936/37 Season when we beat Torquay United to finish as leaders of the Third Division (South) and so gain promotion. It is a most intriguing position and one which will keep us all on tenterhooks until the League's last match of Birmingham City at Doncaster, on Wednesday next, has been played. And yet there were only 16,700 people here last Saturday!

Bristol Rovers, our opponents this evening, are very much out of the running as far as promotion is concerned for this season, but when we met them at the Eastville Stadium, last October, where we had to admit defeat by the odd goal in five, promotion was very much the topic of conversation in Bristol for both the Rovers and City were at or near the top of their respective Leagues. The City, as everyone knows, has gone on to simply walk away with the Third Division by no less than nine points lead over their nearest challengers, a very fine performance indeed, but the Rovers have not maintained the pace they set and have gradually slipped behind in the race. At the same time they are a very hard team to beat and we know we shall have to pull out all we possess to get those two points this evening. Geoff Bradford is their leading goal scorer and undoubtedly a match-winner if given any chances. He has unfortunately for the game and the Rovers in particular been the victim of injuries this season, which in turn affected his form, but he seems to be

back to his sharp-shooting ways again. We shall always remember the goal he scored against us at Bristol last season when he beat Les. Hall cleverly in mid-field and then, after running thirty yards or so, let loose an unstoppable shot from outside the penalty box. A goal worth going a long way to see.

Congratulations to all concerned in the magnificent achievement of Bedfordshire in reaching the Finals of the F.A. County Youth Championship for the first time in their history. The Bedfordshire lads were without question the better all-round team in their match against the Staffordshire Youth here, last Friday evening, to win the match by four goals to one, but the opposition was very good and it could be seen that they had not reached the semi-finals by a fluke. They had a long journey in getting here, nearly six hours on the road, which is not good preparation for such a match. However despite the very dry ground conditions some very good football was seen, particularly in the second half, when the Bedfordshire team played very well. The Final is a two-legged affair, and unfortunately we shall not have the privilege of staging the home match at Kenilworth Road as it could not be fitted in this week although we offered to stage it next Monday night. There were only 659 spectators here last Friday evening to see these lads win through to the Finals. A sad reflection on local support for football, Youth or otherwise, and yet we had to put up with all that criticism when Manchester City visited us in the F.A. Cup a few weeks ago.

Tomorrow night, kick-off 7 o'clock, the Annual Referees' Match will be played here, and on Saturday we shall be staging the long-awaited Schoolboys' International Match, England versus Eire, in the afternoon, kick-off 3 o'clock. In the evening, kick-off 6.30, our very last match of the season will be played which is a Metropolitan League fixture with Windsor and Eton. Tickets are still on sale at the Office in Kenilworth Road for the Schoolboys' International Match, but turnstiles will be opened all round the ground on the day of the match as there are still quite a few tickets unsold.

This time next week we shall be in Copenhagen enjoying a Tour of four matches, a trip the lads thoroughly deserve in view of their hard struggle. We shall play to win, of course, and try to keep the flag flying for old England, but whatever the result we hope to cement even further the friendliness which exists between our two peoples and to enjoy the world-renowned hospitality of our hosts.

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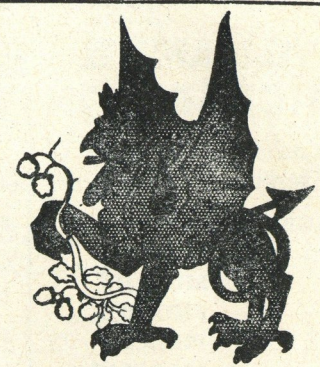
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10 Bradford Inside Left
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5 Warren Centre Half

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6 Shanks Left Half

10 Watkins Inside Left

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8 Biggs Inside Right

2 Bamford Right Back

11 Pemberton Outside Left

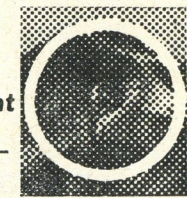
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FIRST XI Division II		Attendance 1953/54		F. A.	
Sat.	Aug. 21	Notts. Forest	19,832	0 1	H 3 0
Tues.	" 24	Bury	15,535	1 0	A 1 2
Sat.	" 28	Ipswich Town	20,265	...	A 1 3
Wed.	Sept. 1	Bury	13,654	3 2	H 3 2
Sat.	" 4	Birmingham City	16,347	2 0	H 1 0
Wed.	" 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	Workington (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	16,704	...	H 4 2
Wed.	" 27	Bristol Rovers	...	1 1	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	360	3 1	A	2 0	
Football Combination							
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.	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	0 0	
Thurs.	" 28	Leicester City	...	4 3	A		
Sat.	" 30	Millwall Athletic	...	3 1	A		

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Stoke City	41	21	10	10	69	44	52
Rotherham Utd.	40	24	4	12	88	62	52
Birmingham C.	40	21	9	10	85	44	51
Leeds United	41	22	7	12	67	52	51
LUTON TOWN	40	21	8	11	83	53	50
Blackburn Rov.	41	22	5	14	113	78	49
West Ham Utd.	39	18	9	12	73	65	45
Notts. County	40	20	5	15	72	70	45
BRISTOL ROV.	40	19	6	15	73	66	44
Swansea Town	41	16	9	16	83	81	41
Middlesbrough	40	18	4	18	70	79	40
Bury	40	15	9	16	75	70	39
Liverpool	39	15	9	15	86	88	39
Fulham	40	14	10	16	75	76	38
Notts. Forest	40	16	6	18	55	58	38
Doncaster Rov.	40	14	7	19	57	87	35
Hull City	41	12	10	19	44	66	34
Lincoln City	39	12	9	18	66	77	33
Port Vale	40	10	11	19	46	71	31
Plymouth A.	41	11	7	23	55	82	29
Ipswich Town	40	11	5	24	55	89	27
Derby County	41	6	9	26	50	82	21

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