

F.A. CUP—Round 4 (Replay)

LUTON TOWN

v.

LEICESTER CITY

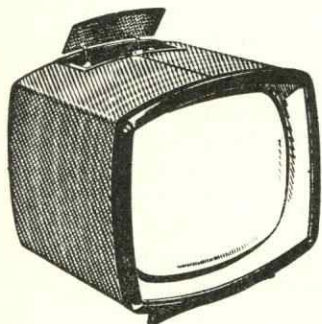


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Issued by order of the Council of The Football Association.
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Stanley Rous, Secretary.

Due to incidents at the Luton Town v. Blackburn Rovers match here on 13th December last we have been ordered by the Football Association to print the above Notice in our Official Programme for the month commencing 12th January. We hope sufficient attention will be given to this warning and so prevent any re-occurrence or any further action being taken by the Football Association and ourselves.

CLUB NOTES

A LONG ball down the middle, a muddle between Leicester City's right back Cunningham and goalkeeper Maclaren, a quick dash and a tap from "centre forward" Billy Bingham and there was the ball in the back of the net for the equaliser!

That was the sequel of events immediately following the Morton-Bingham switch which enables us this evening to say to Leicester City "Welcome once again to Kenilworth Road."

Before anything more is said we feel we must give a special welcome to goalkeeper Maclaren who last Friday was the victim of a very foolish and stupid poison-pen writer. We are sure we echo the feelings of all true Luton fans when we apologise to Mr. Maclaren and his Club for the distasteful letter he received. This supposed "supporter" is a smear on the Town and the farther he is from Kenilworth Road the better we will like it. We bear you no malice Mr. Maclaren except to say may your back ache from picking the ball from the back of the net tonight!

For the many Luton fans—there were between four and five thousand of you—who made the round-trip to Leicester it would have seemed an injustice had Luton failed to equalise. And rightly so, for we were definitely the superior team for all but a few minutes during the second half.

It was early in this period that Leicester had their only real chance of scoring a goal and unfortunately for us, they took it! The scorer, young McNeill, was delighted and so were all the Leicester fans. To over 30,000 Midlanders this goal was a tonic which raised a cheer for anticipated victory. Luckily our lads regained the upper hand and when the equaliser did come the cheer from the Luton supporters quite equalled the volume following the City's goal. Well done all you Luton fans!

The opportunities which came to our forwards were plenty and the game could really have been won long before McNeill's goal came along. Some of the blame can of course be placed upon our forwards, but in all fairness the treacherous surface did not assist to make that quick turn which is so often necessary to take advantage of a colleague's pass. The ground was very hard and there was no guarantee that the lively ball would run true across the surface.

Both sides found the utmost difficulty in controlling the ball, and themselves, on this surface and consequently defenders tended to make rather hefty clearances as a safety measure against coming unstuck trying to play real football. This, from the spectators point of view, produced rather negative football at times and reduced scoring chances for the forwards. Nevertheless we are sure no Luton fan was disappointed with the match nor disagreeable with the result for it seems we have ended a run of defeats at Leicester. Yes at long last the tough nut of Filbert Street has really been cracked!

Astonishingly enough our clash tonight for the right to play Ipswich Town away in the 5th Round is our third and Leicester City's fourth consecutive Cup match. This situation has of course been brought about by the lack of thought shown for soccer fixtures by Mother Nature's playboy called Climate! With League fixtures upset and matches postponed neither Luton nor Leicester have had the opportunity of gaining any of the relaxation from Cup soccer provided by League games.

With Leicester City as Cup opponents this evening the match has an added flavour. There has always been that extra ingredient of interest in our clashes with the City which probably stems from that exciting 5th Round Tie way back in

February 1949. There is probably no need to recall the details of this Tie for such matches make soccer history and are recalled often as examples of outstanding play by all who saw them. It will suffice to say that after a 5-5 draw here at Kenilworth Road we were diverted off the Wembley trail by 5-3 at Filbert Street in the replay. You will remember that it was Leicester's year for they strode on to reach Wembley only to be defeated by another Midland's side, Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The memories which live from those two matches still overshadow a much more recent Cup clash between our two Clubs. This was in January 1956 when we met in the 3rd Round here at Luton. Once again our English climate took a hand in the affairs and the match was postponed from the original date to the following Wednesday. When it was played we could not match the fire of the Leicester forwards and we went out of the Cup 4-0. Probably such a result is, on our part, best forgotten, but we all hope for adequate revenge this evening.

Success under our floodlights tonight will indeed offer the opportunity of making a further step towards Wembley in the 5th Round. The draw already having taken place we know what fate awaits us. Ipswich Town are, as were our 3rd Round opponents Leeds, an unknown Cup quantity for we have never before met in the competition. In the 4th Round Ipswich had a great win 1-0 away at Stoke, a very difficult team to beat on their own ground at any time. On the face of it one would expect the Tie to be an easy hurdle, but experience has taught us to be very wary of making such assumptions. All Cup games are hard battles no matter what calibre the opposition and this will prove no exception despite it being played on Valentine's Day.

If we do travel to Ipswich we have a headache to face in that there will not be near enough tickets by half for reserved seats to cover our season ticket holders. The Ipswich Board had not met when these Notes were being penned, but we were told they were seriously considering making the match an 'all ticket' one. There would therefore be enough tickets to cover everybody who applied, as our allocation is in the region of 6,000, but not enough for seats. The arrangements would therefore be as follows:

Season Ticket Holders. One seat per Ticket Book as far as allocation allows. Holders to apply by post, enclosing Yellow Slip No. 41 accompanied by remittance of 5/6 or 4/6 and stamped addressed envelope. Tickets (Standing) for other parts of Ground would also be available. **Please retain Slip for Round 5 in case of Replay.**

All other applicants. Standing Tickets available as from Wednesday, February 4th, either by post or personal application at 70, Kenilworth Road, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. or at the Bobbers Stand Club every evening after February 4th from 7 p.m. until disposed of.

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Baynham F.A. Cup—Round 4 (Replay)

Goal

3 Hawkes, K.
Left Back
6 Pacey
Left Half
10 Cummins
Inside Left
11 Gregory
Outside Left

Linesmen:

Red Flag:
Mr. J. H. Brooks (London)

Orange Flag:
Mr. R. O. Hounsell (London)

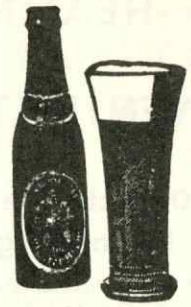
8 Kelly
Inside Right
7 Riley
Outside Right
4 Newman
Right Half
2 Cunningham
Right Back

Maclaren
Goal

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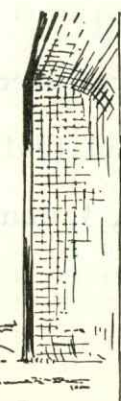
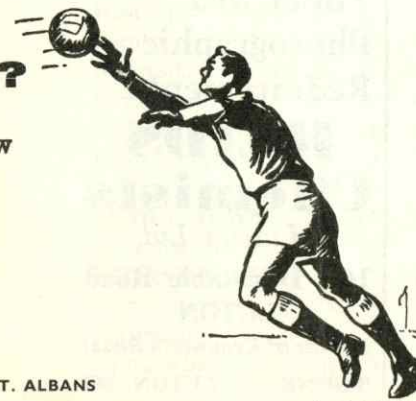
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