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BLACKPOOL

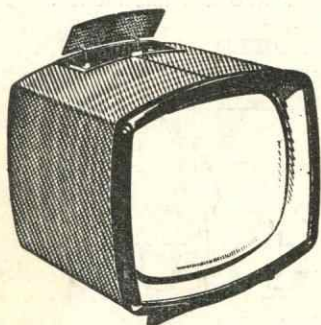


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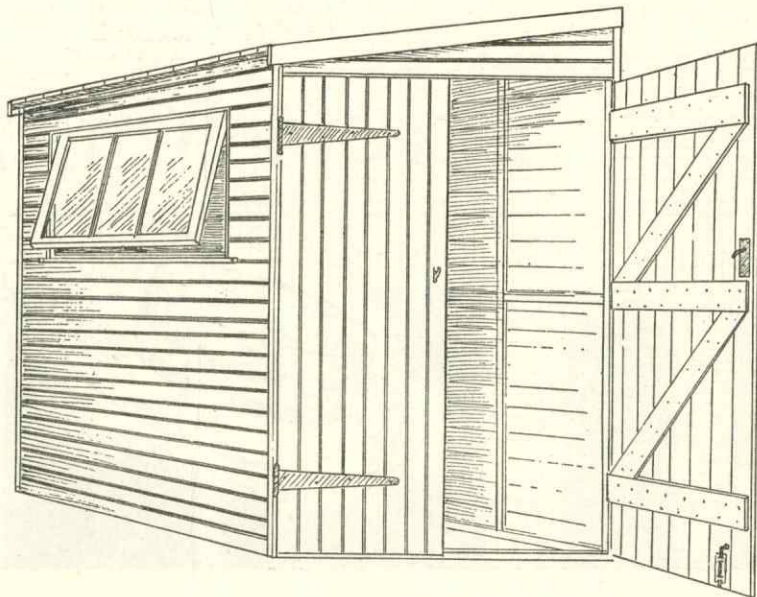
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### CLUB NOTES

WHAT a grand performance! And what a bitter disappointment that a new Club record was not set up at the first attempt on Saturday!

We shall never really know why our opponents today are not Nottingham Forest the conquerors of Cup-Holders Bolton Wanderers last Saturday. If we had won at Blackpool what a match this would have been!—two semi-finalists in what could have been a dress rehearsal for the great day at Wembley!

Although this has not come to pass, the replay provides a most attractive fixture this afternoon and we welcome Blackpool to Kenilworth Road to continue our Cup struggle.

The 1-1 draw on Saturday brought back vivid memories of our last Cup clash with Blackpool way back in 1954. That meeting was in the 3rd Round and, played at Blackpool, there was a similar 1-1 result. In that match we took the lead through a great goal scored by George Cummins but Blackpool managed to equal our effort. It took four matches to decide who would go forward to the 4th Round and unfortunately we finished on the losing side. We went down 2-0 in the third replay after a 0-0 draw here at Luton and a 1-1 draw at Villa Park. But remember we were only in the Second Division at that time.

To finally only draw on Saturday was in the nature of a tragic ending to a fine performance by our lads, for Blackpool scored with what was actually the last kick of the match.

With all the Luton fans—and how well you voiced your support!—rising, ready to sing "Yes, we do like to be beside the seaside" all the way home, Charnley spotted an unexpected opportunity and fired the ball home. What a disappointment!

It was a great pity for we definitely had the edge on Blackpool in all departments. We had all read in the Press of the outstanding Blackpool defence and we all know the menace of that evergreen winger, Stanley Matthews. With Blackpool firm favourites for the Cup we were not given any chance at Bloomfield Road, a ground where not once have the visitors been victorious all this Season.

But how near we came to overcoming all the forecasters' predictions of having no chance of a place in the semi-finals!

For the many Luton fans who made the long journey by road, rail or air the seaside atmosphere provided a vital stimulant to their Cup fervour. Those who did not have a ticket but took their chance at the turnstiles found adequate space inside and the final gate was well below the ground record.

The thrills and excitement of the start was all that was expected. Crisp raids set up by both sides kept all the fans hot under the collar, but, as was to be expected, there were a host of early mistakes caused by over-eagerness. Even so, it appeared to take less time for the players to overcome their Cup nerves than it did the crowd!

Our forwards soon came up against the power of the Blackpool defence. They proved beyond all doubt that there is definitely more than one kind of Blackpool Rock!

Our half back line was outstanding while the full backs were not put off by the reputation of the two Blackpool wingmen. With two strong defences gaining the upperhand, the football was, inevitably, of a negative nature as far as goals were concerned. All the same the crowd were kept on tip-toe waiting for that one fatal mistake which could mean a goal and, in all probability, a place in the semi-final.

It was a long and anxious wait.

But when it did come, to the joy of the many Luton fans, it was one for us. We all cheered our

hearts out when with only six minutes to go, Billy Bingham popped up in the middle to head home a short cross from Bob Morton. Naturally, coming so near the end, every Luton fan was discussing just how he would travel to the semi-final, and doing so with such an air of excitement that the famous Tower further along the Promenade must have rocked on its foundations!

That Blackpool home record was really in trouble. It took a desperate last minute effort to save the face of the Seaside and give them a second chance—a chance our fans who saw the game would all dispute, for we never let Blackpool gain the upperhand.

Such a performance against the Cup favourites must give us a distinct advantage for success this afternoon. To lose would certainly be an injustice after our display at Bloomfield Road and our lads will be out to make new history for us and give 100 per cent of their best.

Our tails are up! The morale, the confidence and the determination to succeed, are qualities prominent in our team and all the lads will be hoping to see you at the semi-final a week on Saturday!

Where that will be we do not yet know, venue depending of course on the outcome of the two replayed Ties, both being played today. The F.A. are hoping that the results of these two matches will enable them to decide on the venue when they meet tomorrow. With the semi-finals being played on Saturday week, March 14th there is not much time in which to make all the necessary arrangements, and this position would of course be aggravated if further replays are necessary. Tickets for semi-final ties are shared equally between the two competing teams and the Club on whose ground the match is being played. If we do get through this Round with Blackpool we anticipate being able to give each of our Season Ticket Holders one seat, application for which will have to be made at the Office. All Standing Tickets will be obtainable by personal application at the Luton Bobbers Club. We hope to give full details in next Saturdays "Telegraph" and "Green 'Un," also in our Programme at next Saturday's match with Charlton Reserves. Applications cannot be accepted over the telephone.

The keen interest in the Cup-Ties has had the effect of overshadowing the performances of the "Stiffs" these past few weeks. Last Saturday our Reserves were in conflict with Bristol City Reserves at Ashton Gate and had a new leader in the person of Gordon Turner. His place at inside right has been taken by a young and very promising player, Albert McCann. This youngster replaced the unfit Turner at Highbury against the Gunner's second string a week ago last Saturday and showed exceptional ability. Gordon Turner did not, however, have a chance to shine the way the sun did last Saturday, and Bristol City won 1-0.

Our League programme has taken something of a serious knock with our good Cup run. A look at the League chart will show you that at present we are five games behind the team immediately above us, Leeds United. To recapitulate, the fixtures that have had to be postponed through bad weather or Cup games are West Bromwich Albion, West Ham United and Preston North End, all away from home, and our home fixture with Nottingham Forest. It certainly looks as if a crowded end-of-the-Season fixture programme is in store! So far arrangements have been made to play Preston North End on Monday, April 6th and West Ham United the following Monday, April 13th, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

We wish all the lads luck this afternoon. Ahead there is the prospect of a most thrilling and exciting semi-final, and as the Wembley trail draws to an end, the F.A. Cup glints in the Spring sunshine. Let's hope we reach it first!

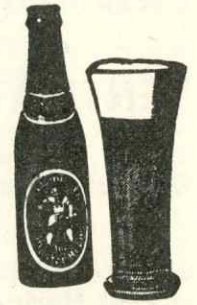


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7 Bingham Outside Right  
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11 Perry Outside Left  
10 Durie Inside Left  
6 Kelly, H. Left Half

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Goal

3 Hawkes, K. Left Back  
6 Pacey Left Half

10 Cummins Inside Left  
11 Gregory Outside Left

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8 Mudie Inside Right  
7 Matthews Outside Right

4 Hauser Right Half

2 Armfield Right Back

Farm Goal

Kick-off 3 p.m.



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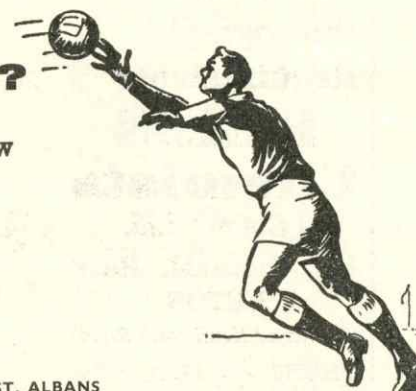
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1958	FIRST XI—Division 1	Attendance	1957/8	F	A
Aug. 23 Sat.	West Brom.	24425	5 1	H	1 1
" 26 Tues.	Leeds United	25498	2 0	A	1 1
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham City	32000	1 1	A	1 0
Sept. 3 Wed.	Leeds United	13497	1 1	H	1 1
" 6 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	25715	...	H	4 1
" 10 Wed.	Manchester City	30771	2 2	A	1 1
" 13 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	19699	1 0	H	0 0
" 17 Wed.	Manchester City	18160	1 2	H	5 1
" 20 Sat.	Burnley	23760	2 1	A	2 2
" 27 "	Preston N. End	23056	1 3	H	4 1
Oct. 4 "	Leicester City	32017	1 4	A	1 3
" 11 "	Nottingham Forest	30187	0 1	A	1 3
" 18 "	Chelsea	24864	0 2	H	2 1
" 25 "	Portsmouth	24831	0 5	A	2 2
Nov. 1 "	Aston Villa	18714	3 0	H	2 1
" 8 "	Newcastle United	53420	2 3	A	0 1
" 15 "	Tottenham H. (1)	23592	0 0	H	1 2
" 22 "	Manchester United	41195	0 3	A	1 2
" 29 "	Wolves	20648	3 1	H	0 1
Dec. 6 "	Blackpool (2)	14140	2 1	A	0 3
" 13 "	Blackburn Rov.	13475	...	H	1 1
" 26 Fri.	Arsenal	21870	4 0	H	6 3
" 27 Sat.	Arsenal	56501	0 2	A	0 1
1959					
Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham C.	18354	3 0	H	0 1
" 10 "	Leeds U.—Cup-3	36984	...	H	5 1
" 24 "	Leicester—Cup-4	27277	...	H	4 1
" 28 Wed.	Leicester (Replay)	27787	2 1	A	2 4
" 31 Sat.	Bolton Wanderers	15753	3 2	H	6 2
Feb. 7 "	Burnley	26700	...	A	5 2
" 14 "	Ipswich T.—Cup-5	15786	2 1	H	4 3
" 21 "	Leicester City	30634	...	A	4 1
" 28 "	Blackpool Cup-6	...	...	H	...
March 4 Wed.	Blackpool (Replay)	...	...	H	...
" 7 Sat.	Chelsea	3 1	A	H	...
" 14 "	Portsmouth (S.F.)	2 1	H	...	...
" 21 "	Aston Villa	0 2	A	...	...
" 27 Fri.	Everton	0 1	H	...	...
" 28 Sat.	Newcastle U.	0 3	H	...	...
" 30 Mon.	Everton	2 0	A	...	...
April 4 Sat.	Tottenham H.	1 3	A	...	...
" 6 Mon.	Preston N. End	0 1	A	...	...
" 11 Sat.	Manchester Utd.	2 2	H	...	...
" 13 Mon.	West Ham United	2 1	A	...	...
" 18 Sat.	Wolves	1 1	A	...	...
" 20 Mon.	Blackburn Rov.	2 0	A	...	...
" 25 Sat.	Blackpool	2 0	H	...	...
To be arranged	West Brom. Albion	2 4	A	...	...
	Notts. Forest	3 1	H	...	...

1958	Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	F	A
Aug. 23 Sat.	Bristol Rovers	4445	...	A 5 4
" 28 Thurs.	Leyton Orient	1295	...	A 1 5
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham C.	2290	...	H 0 2
Sept. 6 "	West Ham United	2913	...	A 3 3
" 13 "	Leicester City	2070	...	H 0 2
" 20 "	Fulham	1188	...	A 1 1
Oct. 4 "	Arsenal	1085	...	H 3 3
" 11 "	Cardiff City	1984	...	H 2 1
" 18 "	Portsmouth	3170	...	A 1 0
" 25 "	Bristol City	1945	...	H 1 3
Nov. 1 "	Charlton Athletic	1227	...	A 4 3
" 8 "	Tottenham H.	2792	...	H 2 0
" 15 "	Brighton & H. A.	4421	...	A 1 1
" 22 "	Chelsea	1738	...	H 2 1
" 29 "	Notts. Forest	1539	...	A 1 4
Dec. 6 "	Portsmouth	1399	...	H 4 1
" 13 "	Cardiff City	413	...	A 0 1
" 20 "	Bristol Rovers	1454	...	H 5 0
" 27 "	Ipswich Town	3752	...	A 1 5
1959				
Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham City	2282	...	A 3 2
" 24 "	Leyton Orient	1920	...	H 3 1
Feb. 7 "	Leicester City	1639	...	A 1 4
" 14 "	Fulham	1010	...	H 3 0
" 21 "	Arsenal	2444	...	A 1 1
" 28 "	Bristol City	...	...	A 0 1
March 7 "	Charlton Ath.	...	...	H
" 14 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	A
" 21 "	Brighton & H. A.	...	...	H
" 28 "	Chelsea	...	...	A
" 30 Mon.	Swansea Town	...	...	H
April 4 Sat.	Notts. Forest	...	...	H
" 18 "	Swansea Town	...	...	A
" 25 "	...	...	...	...
To be arranged	Ipswich Town	...	...	H
	West Ham Utd.	...	...	H

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**League Table 1958 - 59**

**DIVISION ONE**

Up to and including Monday, 2nd March, 1959

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	31	19	3	9	76	39	41
Arsenal	32	18	5	9	73	48	41
Manchester United	32	17	6	9	78	56	40
Bolton Wand.	28	14	7	7	52	42	35
West Bromwich	28	12	10	6	65	44	34
<b>BLACKPOOL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>
West Ham United	30	15	3	12	62	55	33
Birmingham C.	29	14	4	11	53	49	32
Preston North End	31	14	4	13	54	55	32
Nottingham Forest	28	14	3	11	53	38	31
Blackburn Rov.	31	12	7	12	58	56	31
Newcastle Utd.	30	13	3	14	58	57	29
Burnley	28	11	6	11	52	51	28
Everton	31	12	4	15	53	68	28
Leeds United	32	10	8	14	40	58	28
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>
Chelsea	29	12	2	15	55	69	26
Manchester City	30	8	7	15	48	70	23
Tottenham H.	31	8	7	16	57	75	23
Leicester City	29	7	7	15	48	69	21
Portsmouth	30	6	8	16	49	74	20
Aston Villa	30	8	4	18	42	69	20

**NEXT MATCH**

Saturday, 7th March, 1959

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**Luton Town Reserves**

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**Charlton Ath.**

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