

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

SEMI-FINAL REPLAYED TIE

Norwich City

v.

Luton Town

at St. Andrew's Ground, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18th, 1959

KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

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HISTORY-MAKERS

WHEN a team is but 90 minutes away from Wembley, there's no need to emphasise the importance of the occasion. This can be a history-making day for this afternoon's F.A. Cup semi-final rivals. Indeed both clubs have already made history by reaching this stage of the competition, and, quite naturally, there's an air of desperation about their second meeting when victory means a first appearance at Wembley and all the glamour that goes with a Cup Final.

The achievements of both Luton Town and Norwich City in this season's tournament have aroused nation wide interest—particularly the progress of Norwich, the Third Division "giant killers" whose victories over Manchester United, Cardiff City, Tottenham and Sheffield United made football fairy-tales.

Luton, who disposed of Leeds United, Leicester City, Ipswich and Blackpool, are also in the semi-final for the first time. Their previous best performances were in 1933 and 1952 when they reached the last eight.

In last Saturday's battle at Tottenham Norwich showed their fighting spirit against the First Division favourites. A goal down after half an hour when Allan Brown's header beat Kennon, the Canaries would not be denied, and a dramatic equaliser by Bobby Brennan, celebrating his 34th birthday, earned the replay which Norwich fans regard as a good omen since three 1-1 draws have been the prelude to replay victories in earlier rounds.

In welcoming Luton and Norwich supporters to St. Andrew's, Birmingham City's interest in the match is increased by the fact that both teams include a former Blues player, Syd Owen, Luton's Captain, and Bobby Brennan.

Their Progress to the Semi-Final

LUTON TOWN

ROUND III

Luton Town .. 5	Leeds United .. 1
Bingham 2,	Shackleton
Gregory 2 (1	
pen.), Morton	
H.T. 1-0	£2,850 18,354

ROUND IV

Leicester City .. 1	Luton Town .. 1
McNeil	Bingham
H.T. 0-0	£5,996 36,984

ROUND IV REPLAY

Luton Town .. 4	Leicester City .. 1
Brown 3,	Leek
Gregory	
H.T. 2-0	25,000

ROUND V

Ipswich Town .. 2	Luton Town .. 5
Derek Rees 2	Pacey, Morton 2,
	Bingham,
	Gregory.
H.T. 1-4	26,700



ROUND VI

Blackpool .. 1	Luton Town .. 1
Charnley	Bingham
[H.T. 0-0	30,634

ROUND VI REPLAY

Luton Town .. 1	Blackpool .. 0
Brown	
H.T. 0-0	£4,600 30,069

NORWICH CITY

ROUND I

Norwich City .. 3	Ilford .. 1
Hill, Brennan 2	Winch
H.T. 0-1	13,960

ROUND II

Swindon .. 1	Norwich City .. 1
Richards	Hill
H.T. 1-1	14,755

ROUND II REPLAY

Norwich City .. 1	Swindon .. 0
Crossan	
H.T. 0-0	£1,612 12,235

ROUND III

Norwich City .. 3	Manchester U. 0
Bly 2, Crossan	
H.T. 1-0	£4,500 38,000

ROUND IV

Norwich City .. 3	Cardiff City .. 2
Crossan, Bly 2	Hewitt, Bonson
H.T. 0-1	£4,500 38,000

ROUND V

Tottenham H. .. 1	Norwich City .. 1
Jones	Allcock
H.T. 0-0	£9,315 67,633

ROUND V REPLAY

Norwich City .. 1	Tottenham H. .. 0
Bly	
H.T. 0-0	£6,000 38,000

ROUND VI

Sheffield U. .. 1	Norwich City .. 1
Russell	Crossan
H.T. 1-0	£7,450 57,000

ROUND VI REPLAY

Norwich City .. 3	Sheffield U. .. 2
Brennan, Bly 2	Pace, Summers
H.T. 2-1	£6,100 38,000

NORWICH CITY'S CAPTAIN RON ASHMAN



LUTON TOWN'S
SKIPPER
SYD OWEN

LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION I

	Goals				P		
	P.	W.	L.	D.			
Wolves	33	21	9	3	85	40	45
Manchester U.	34	19	9	6	83	58	44
Arsenal	34	18	10	6	75	55	42
Bolton W.	30	15	8	7	58	46	37
Blackpool	31	13	8	10	47	35	36
West Ham U.	32	16	13	3	65	57	35
W.B. Albion	31	12	9	10	69	54	34
Birmingham City	31	15	12	4	60	53	34
Blackburn R.	33	13	12	8	63	58	34
Preston N.E.	32	15	13	4	56	56	34
Burnley	31	13	12	6	58	57	32
Nottingham F.	29	14	12	3	54	45	31
Newcastle U.	33	14	16	3	65	65	31
Everton	33	13	16	4	57	71	30
Leeds United	34	11	15	8	44	61	30
Chelsea	32	13	16	3	61	78	29
Luton Town	28	9	10	9	52	46	27
Manchester C.	32	10	15	7	57	74	27
Tottenham H.	33	9	17	7	64	78	25
Aston Villa	31	9	18	4	44	70	22
Leicester City	31	7	17	7	48	78	21
Portsmouth	32	6	18	8	53	83	20

DIVISION III

	Goals				P.		
	P.	W.	L.	D.			
Hull City	36	22	8	6	77	41	50
Plymouth A.	35	19	5	11	79	49	49
Brentford	34	16	7	11	54	35	43
Colchester U.	34	15	9	10	58	46	40
Tranmere R.	36	16	13	7	63	54	39
Southend U.	36	16	13	7	65	58	39
Reading	35	15	12	8	59	48	38
Bury	36	14	13	9	59	46	37
Southampton	36	13	13	10	75	67	36
Accrington	35	13	12	10	57	50	36
Bournemouth	37	14	15	8	51	57	36
Halifax Town	33	15	13	5	54	62	35
Norwich C.	30	13	9	8	53	42	34
Newport Co.	35	13	14	8	56	57	34
Chesterfield	36	12	15	9	56	55	33
Swindon Town	34	12	14	8	43	42	32
Bradford C.	35	12	15	8	60	62	32
Wrexham	33	11	12	10	49	55	32
Mansfield Town	34	12	14	8	60	77	32
Queen's P.R.	34	12	15	7	54	69	31
Stockport Co.	35	10	18	7	49	63	27
Notts County	35	7	16	12	46	72	26
Doncaster R.	37	11	24	2	41	78	24
Rochdale	35	6	20	9	30	63	21

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Who's Who at Luton

RON BAYNHAM (goalkeeper). One of the best in the game, he has three England caps and has played for the Football League. Is considered by many good judges to have been discarded by England too early, and must be in the running for a further cap against Scotland.

BRENDAN McNALLY (right-back). At the moment is keeping fellow countryman, Eire international Seamus Dunne, out of the side. A strong, well-built player, he had his career interrupted last season by the removal of two cartilages, but he has now regained full confidence.

KEN HAWKES (left-back). Had to wait six years for his first League chance, which came a year last December. He has never been out of the team since then.

JOHN GROVES (right-half). His conversion to the half back line is a comparatively recent innovation, for he began the season at inside left. The way to a place for him was paved when Morton was moved to centre forward. Strong in the tackle, and good in the air, he makes exceptionally accurate use of the ball. Son of the former Derby County and Portsmouth inside forward Arthur Groves.

SID OWEN (centre-half). Is in his last season as an active player and hopes to crown his career with a Wembley appearance. At 36, he is still one of the best centre-halves in the game and is fancied to take over the managership of Luton in May. The club captain and coach, he has been with Luton since 1947 when they signed him from Birmingham.

DAVE PACEY (left-half). A local who has made a considerable advance since turning professional less than two years ago. Luton signed him immediately he had completed his National

Service. Was a Luton schoolboy footballer and went to play in senior amateur football with Hitchin Town.

BILLY BINGHAM (outside-right). Bought from Sunderland during the close season and Luton consider him cheap at the price. Scored the goals that earned Luton replays against both Leicester and Blackpool.

ALLAN BROWN (inside-right). Scorer of a hat-trick in the replay with Leicester and the only goal against Blackpool last week. Brown has only recently regained the form that caused him to be chosen to lead Scotland's forward line against England last April. He had to step down because of injury and he has been a most unlucky player in this respect. Twice he missed going to Wembley with Blackpool. Has played at centre forward for most of the season, but seems to appreciate the extra room he gets in an inside position. Luton signed him from Blackpool two years ago.

BOB MORTON (centre-forward). A much-switched player who is now having yet another spell in the middle in an attempt to solve Luton's most pressing problem. Recently he has been well among the goals and it is likely to be a long time before he returns to right half, which is his best position. In all, he has occupied seven different positions.

GEORGE CUMMINS (inside-left). Schemer of the line, and on current form he is one of the most brilliant inside forwards in the country. An Eire international.

TONY GREGORY (outside-left). Is really an inside-forward and gained England youth caps in that position. A local, he played for Bedfordshire and Vauxhall Motors before turning professional. Joined the army for his National Service last week.

The Men from Norwich

SANDY KENNON (goalkeeper). Born at Durban, South Africa.

First signed for Norwich from Huddersfield Town on a month's trial on February 5th, and made a dramatic first appearance in the sixth round Cup-tie replay against Sheffield United. Next day he was signed.

BRYAN THURLOW (right-back). Born at Loddon, near Norwich, and is a big local favourite. Is speedy and fearless and has hit top form in his first full season with the Canaries' League and Cup side.

RONALD ASHMAN (left-back). A Fenland man—he was born at Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire. Began with Norwich as a centre-forward and has played in representative F.A. and Third Division matches. Is the City's popular captain and longest-serving player.

ROY McCROHAN (right half-back). Born at Reading and is Norwich's No. 1 utility player. Started as a winger, switched to full back, and has found his best berth at wing half—after seven positional changes and seven years with Norwich.

BARRY BUTLER (centre half-back). Born at Stockton-on-Tees and joined Norwich last season after five years with Sheffield Wednesday. Powerfully built, he is one of the best "stoppers" in the Third Division and is a splendid clubman. Has yet to miss a League or Cup match with Norwich.

MATT CROWE (left half-back). Born at Bathgate, West Lothian, and formerly played for Partick Thistle. He is the City's only Scot, and is the outstanding capture of recent seasons. Appeared at inside forward in several matches before switching to left-half with big success.

ERROL CROSSAN (outside-right). Born in Montreal, Canada, and was an ice-hockey player before joining Manchester City, his first English soccer club, five years ago. Had brief spells with Gillingham and Southend, but has now struck peak form with Norwich, who signed him last October.

TERRY ALLCOCK (inside-right). Leeds born, and the brains of this "new" streamlined Norwich team. Joined Bolton Wanderers straight from school and was signed by Norwich a year ago this month. Ex-Lancashire League cricketer, and an all-round sportsman.

TERRY BLY (centre-forward). Born at Fincham, Norfolk, and is Norwich's find-of-the-season. Injury almost wrecked his football career till a spell with Norwich reserves restored his fitness—and confidence. His two goals rocked Manchester United in the third round, and he followed with two more against Cardiff, the winner in the replay against Spurs and two more golden goals against Sheffield United (replay).

JIMMY HILL (inside-left). Born at Carrickfergus, County Antrim. Played 11 matches for Newcastle last season after being transferred from Linfield. Began as a right-winger, but since Crossan's signing has settled down expertly as an inside-forward.

BOBBY BRENNAN (outside-left). Born in Belfast. Joined Norwich from Fulham in 1953—the Canaries' most expensive player. An ex-Irish international he also served Luton (where he gained his cap) and Birmingham with distinction.

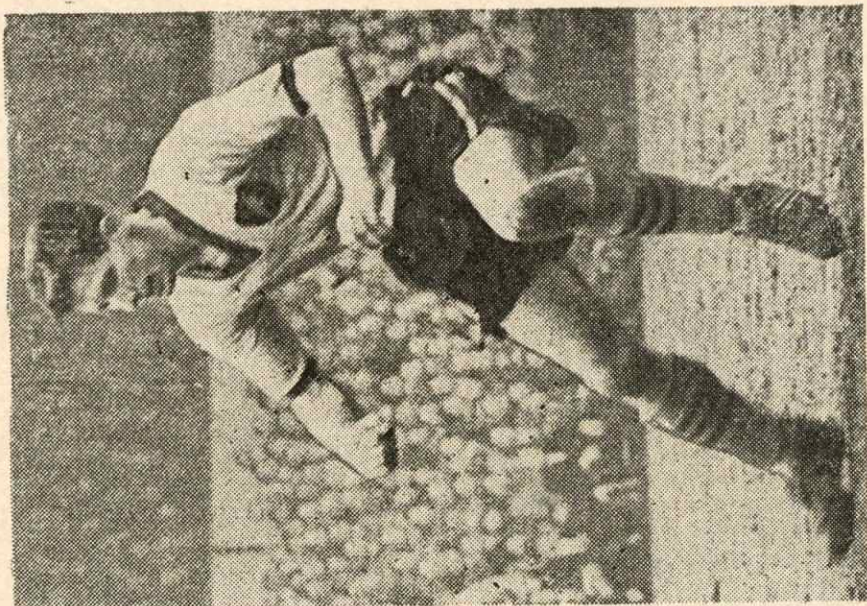
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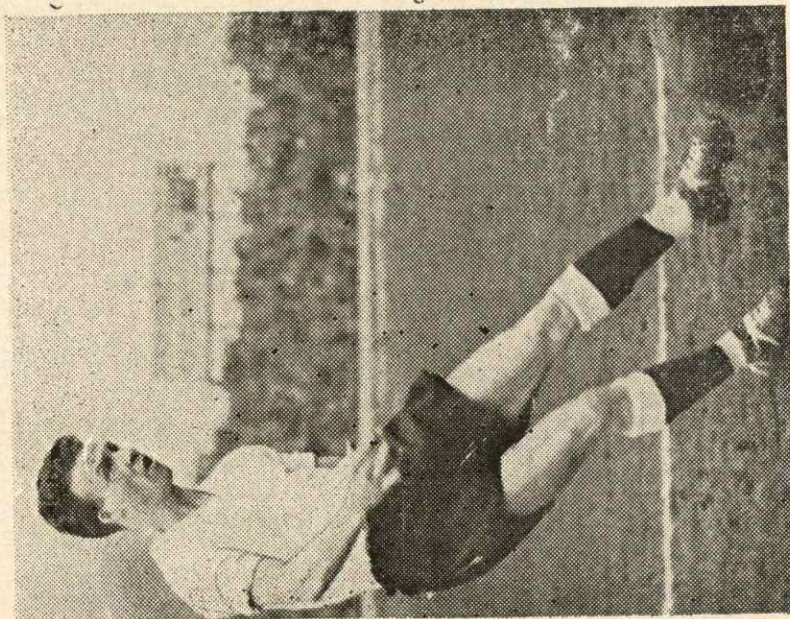
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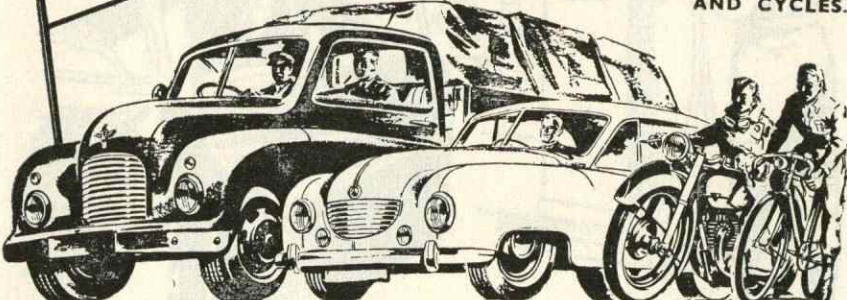


BILLY BINGHAM—Luton Town's Irish international right winger.

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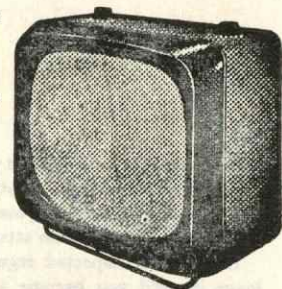


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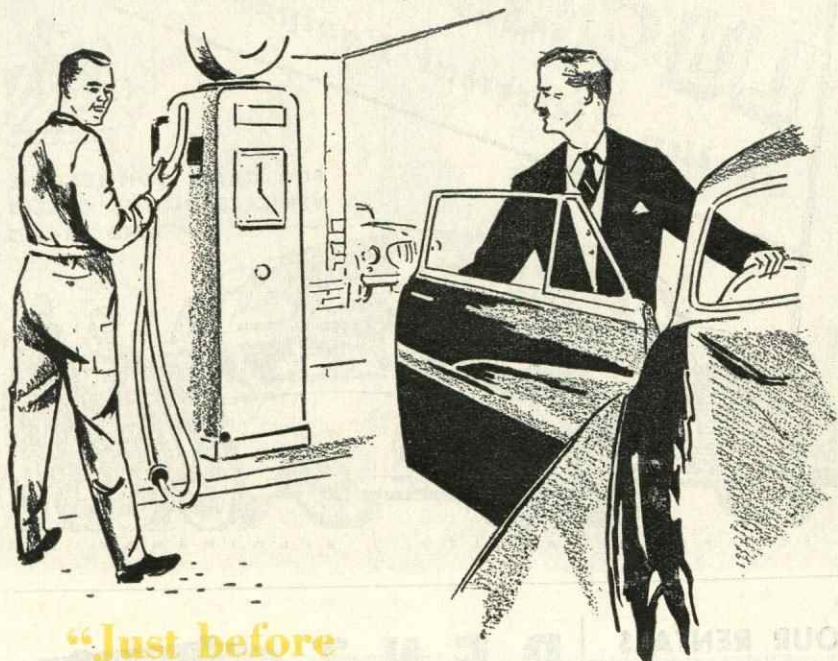
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