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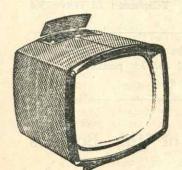


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#### Club Notes



WEMBLEY at last, After 75 years of endeavour our lads have accom-plished the dream of

at Wembley. Sid and the lads have come through to bring this honour to their Club, and what a proud day it will be for Luton if that and what a proud day it will be for Luton if that elusive Cup is won and the players can show it on their triumphal ride through the town. Whether or not they will have the Cup to show on their return to Luton, which will probably be on Sunday, May 3rd, it will be a triumphal entry, for we are sure many of you will want to be present to give the lads a great welcome back home. Further details will be given in later Programmes.

In overcoming the last hurdle to get to Wembley our lads had a terrific battle at St. Andrew's Ground, Birmingham, a week last Wednesday, following their match at White Hart Lane the previous Saturday, when both sides scored one goal to make a re-play necessary. The match at St. Andrews was the harder of the two, for the Norwich side started attacking right from the start and kept it up throughout the match. Our defence was magnificent, and we say again that if there is a better centre half in the country than our own Sid then indeed we have not seen him. Ron Baynham too, played a hero's part, and again we say there is very little his equal in the country, certainly none his superior. The two full backs and wing halves were also great, but the forwards were rather disappointing in that they never seemed to get together to play the football we all know they are capable of playing. Perhaps the hard relentless tackling was responsible for this. In scoring 12 goals against First Division sides to reach the Semi Final we fully expected this form to be repeated in the match with Third Division Norwich City, but again it was proved that the matches of the Semi Final Tie are very hard, and both proved to be the case, for one goal scored by both the winning teams (ignoring our drawn match at White Hart Lane), carried Nottingham Forest and ourselves through to the Final. It should be a splendid match at Wembley on May 2nd, for both teams play football on the classical lines and so we should see football at its

Our First Team Programme has now been completed to the end of the season as follows:— Apr. 1 Wed. Crystal Palace A Southern

Floodlight Cup 4 Sat. Tottenham H. A Div. 1 k.o. 3.00 6 Mon. Preston N.E. - A Div. 1 k.o. 7.00 9 Thurs. Notts. Forest - H Div. 1 k.o. 7.15 Manchester U. H Div. 1 k.o. 3.00 West Ham U. A Div. 1 k.o. 7.30 " 13 Mon. West Brom. - A Div. 1 k.o. 7.15 " 15 Wed. Wolverh'pton A Div. 1 k.o. 3.00 Blackburn R. A Div. 1 k.o. 7.30 " 20 Mon. Portsmouth - H Div. 1 k.o. 6.30 " 22 Wed. Blackpool - H Div. 1 k.o. 3.00 ., 25 Sat.

WEMBLEY F.A. Cup Final May 2 Sat.

From this you will see that a very strenuous time lies ahead before that programme is completed to leave the last week before Wembley completely free. We met a snag when trying to fit in our date with Portsmouth, which was the last to be arranged. Our only free mid-week date was Wednesday or Thursday, April 22nd or 23rd. But upon contacting the Portsmouth Club

they told us they had already arranged to play Everton on April 22nd. They offered however to get in touch with Everton to see if they would agree to bring forward their fixture a week to April 15th, and this the Everton Club agreed to do. We are most grateful to both Everton and Portsmouth for so readily agreeing to alter their date to accommodate us. Everton have also helped us for our match at Goodison Park, on Monday, in that they have agreed to bring forward the time of kick - off 15 minutes to 2.45 to enable us to catch the 5.15 p.m. train back that same night, otherwise another night's stay in the North would have been necessary. Who says there is no decency in football? Everton are now managed by Mr. Johnny Carey, who gave up the position at Blackburn, last October, to take on the "Toffeemen."

Included in the above is the date of our Semi-Final Tie with Crystal Palace in the Southern Floodlight Cup Competition. Should we win this match our problem will be how to fit in before April 18th our Final with either Arsenal or West Ham, the other Semi-Finalists. It will be quite a problem.

To help prepare our lads for the arduous five weeks ahead they have been basking in the sunshine down at Bournemouth, since last Sunday, and have all thoroughly enjoyed the respite from training and ball practise. It was felt that a change of surroundings and air just now would tone them up physically and mentally and so the opportunity was taken to have these last few days 'away from it all.' We are sure they will all feel the better for it.

A problem faced "The Three Wise Men" as the Selection Committee has been called while they were down at Bournemouth in that the Eire Football Association asked for the services of Brendan McNally and George Cummins in the International Match with Czechoslovakia to be played at Dalymount Park, Dublin, on Sunday, 5th April. We have never stood in the way of International honours coming to any of our players, but in view of our present position would we be justified in granting them permission to play for their country? It was finally agreed that the necessary permission would be granted, and so Dublin has been informed to this effect. Neither player will be selected to play at Tottenham, on Saturday, April 4th, but they will both join the party at Preston, on Monday, April 6th, when of course their inclusion in that match will be

During the week we have signed a Scot, John Kilgannon, from Stenhousemuir, and hope to play him in our Combination side during the holiday. John hails from Bannockburn, is 23 in June, and is a ball playing inside forward. He was recommended to us by Wally Shanks' brother living in Scotland and from all reports we have made a capture. We welcome him to his new Club and wish him every success in the game and much happiness in his new surroundings.

The Chiltern Youth Football League are holding a Dance at the Winter Assembly Hall, tomorrow night. Tickets can be obtained at the door. All are welcome in this effort to raise funds for this League which combines the youth of both Dunstable and Luton.

Included in this programme is a parody composed by Mr. Matt. Robertson, the Luton Bandmaster. The Band will lead the singing, assisted by Mr. Mathieson McGowan, at today's match, and the Band will again lead the singing at tomorrow's match but Mr. McGowan unfor-tunately cannot be present. If it goes well we shall approach Wembley to see if they will agree to it being sung 'on the great day.'

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