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LUTON TOWN

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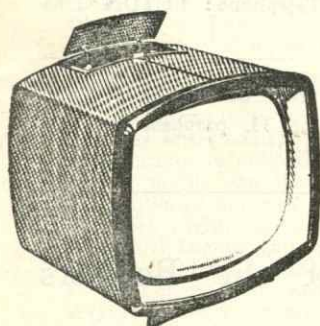


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CLUB NOTES

JUST five weeks to go! As the big day draws nearer excitement and interest in Luton Town's first Wembley appearance is gaining unprecedented momentum.

Throughout the town interest in our good fortune has never before reached such a high level. The sales of rosettes, rattles and miniature cups are booming. The local industry of straw hat making, which gave us the title of "Hatters," has steadily dwindled over the years but suddenly now once again it has sprung to life and demand is exceeding supply! It seems everyone is going to wear a 'boater' for the great day, whether they manage to visit the giant Wembley Stadium or have to be content with showing their enthusiasm in front of their own television screen.

Many fans we know are counting off the days to 2nd May as if it were Christmas, but in place of holly and mistletoe for decoration, black and white favours of all descriptions are the order of the day.

This keen interest shown by you fans is a wonderful morale booster to every member of our team. It is great to know that a large percentage of the huge Wembley crowd will be urging Luton forward and this will do much to dispel those Cup Final nerves. To walk out onto that vast arena with millions of eyes watching you in the Stadium and at home via television is the stiffest hurdle our lads have to overcome to bring the Cup back to Luton.

There is, of course, the chance for us to become Triple Cup Holders this season. Regular readers of these Notes will recall that we commented on being drawn first from the hat in the 3rd Round and hoped we would be the last team left in the competition. There is nothing to report but full confidence that this prophecy will be so. In addition the Southern Floodlight Cup is once again within our grasp. Next Wednesday, 1st April, we visit Selhurst Park to take on Crystal Palace in the semi-final of this competition. The kick-off is at 7.30 p.m. Last, but not least, is the challenge of Dunstable Town for the right to hold the Bedfordshire Senior Professional Cup. A date for this fixture has still to be arranged, but we are seriously thinking of agreeing to the suggestion of the Beds. Football Association to play this match on the night of Monday or Tuesday, May 4th or 5th, when we hope the Senior of all Cups will be on show for you all to see.

Forgetting the Cup for a moment—if it is possible—this afternoon brings our second battle for League points in two days. Our success in the Cup has unfortunately not meant everything else in the camp is milk and honey. The quest for League points and the fight to avoid relegation has continued amongst all the teams below us in the chart. With our Cup replays not allowing the postponed League games to be fitted in some of these teams have overtaken us. It is easy to look at the League chart and conclude that although very few points separate us from the 'hot seat' at the bottom of the League we have numerous games in hand. Whilst we are confident of staying in the top class these games have all to be played with Wembley in mind and it will require all the support you can muster to see us through this tough programme.

At the time of going to press with these notes the result of yesterday's home fixture with Everton was unknown. We hope, of course, that victory will have been ours and if two more points can be secured today our position will ease to take some of the tension from the coming matches.

Our opponents this afternoon are the lads from Tyneside, Newcastle United. We welcome them to Kenilworth Road with an added interest today.

The "Magpies" are excellent opposition for a team such as ours about to embark on what is the most important game it has ever played in its history, the Cup Final. Why? Well just consider our opponents' record. If this Newcastle team does not know the "feel" of Final Day then no one does. This Club has had phenomenal good fortune in the F.A. Cup competition having played in the Final on ten occasions and proudly carried the Cup back to St. James' Park six times. No Club can have such a record without having the know-how of the type of soccer which wins the chance to tread the golden way up to the Royal Box to receive the trophy. Success by our lads today can confirm that we will lead the way up that stairway!

The life of Newcastle United in this year's Cup competition was unfortunately very short. To lose at home to a young and very inexperienced Cup-fighting side from Chelsea must have been very humiliating from their supporters' point of view. It cannot however be assumed that Newcastle no longer have any fight in them and by the time next year and Cup Ties come round once more that threat of another Newcastle Cup win will be as real as ever.

Recent League matches have not been overwhelmingly successful for the Tynesiders. Last Saturday they managed a 1-0 home victory over Arsenal and were, prior to yesterday's fixtures, four places above us in the chart with 33 points from 34 games. Past weeks have not brought many goals from their forwards and it seems that if we can find the back of the Newcastle net for two or three goals this afternoon, victory and two precious points will be ours.

Looking back to our two League encounters last season we certainly have a score to settle with this Newcastle side. We had absolutely no success against the "Magpies" who stole all four points from us! At Newcastle we lost by the odd goal in five and in the return clash at Kenilworth Road we were humbled to the tune of three goals to nil.

Our visit to St. James' Park, last November, was no more profitable. After a very keen struggle we went down by the only goal of the match which, coupled with last season's results, gives us the incentive for a win and adequate revenge.

Why not practice for Wembley? Let's hear the full power of your Cup-trained voices of encouragement which could help us to obtain two precious points from those "Magpies"!

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Owen
Centre Half

9
Morton
Centre

BROWN

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9
Curry
Centre

5
Scoular
Centre Half

Harvey
Goal

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3
Hawkes, K.
Left Back

6
Pacey
Left Half

10
Cummins
Inside Left

11
Gregory
Outside Left

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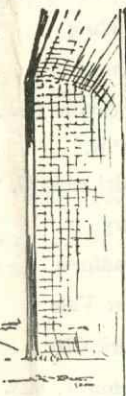
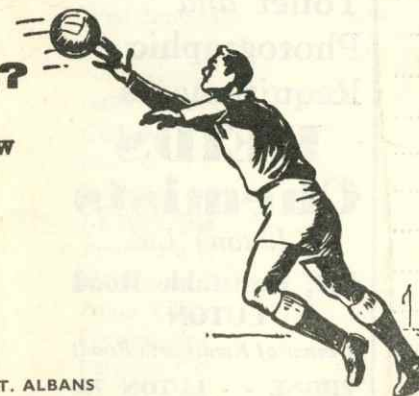
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FIRST LIST

A Arsenal	West Ham U.
B Bolton Wan.	Tottenham H.
C Burnley	Manchester U.
D Everton	Aston Villa
E Leeds United	Chelsea
F Leicester City	Portsmouth
G Manchester C.	Notts. Forest
H Preston N.E.	Wolverh'pton
K West Brom.	Blackpool
L Bristol Rov.	Huddersfield
M Derby County	Barnsley
N Fulham	Grimsby T.

SECOND LIST

A Ipswich Town	Cardiff City
B Leyton O.	Rotherham U.
C Lincoln City	Liverpool
D Scunthorpe U.	Sheffield Utd.
E Sheffield Wed.	Brighton & H.
F Stoke City	Charlton Ath.
G Sunderland	Middlesbro'
H Swansea T.	Bristol City
K Accrington	Rochdale
L Bradford City	Southend Utd.
M Brentford	Bournemouth
N Chesterfield	Tranmere R.

THIRD LIST

A Halifax Town	Doncaster R.
B Hull City	Norwich City
C Mansfield T.	Reading
D Newport Co.	Plymouth A.
E Notts. County	Stockport Co.
F Southampton	Q.P.R.
G Swindon T.	Colchester U.
H Wrexham	Bury
K Coventry City	Bradford
L Exeter City	Port Vale
M Shrewsbury	York City
N Chelsea Res	Luton T. Res.

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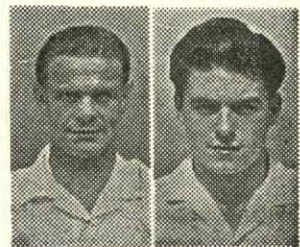
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1958	FIRST XI—Division I	Attendance	1957/8	F	A
Aug. 23 Sat.	West Brom.	24425	5 1	H	1 1
" 26 Tues.	Leeds United	25498	2 0	A	1 1
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham City	32000	1 1	A	1 0
Sept. 3 Wed.	Leeds United	13497	1 1	H	1 1
" 6 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	25715	2 2	A	1 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	2 1	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	1 1	H	5 1
" 24 "	Leicester—Cup—4	27277	1 1	A	1 1
" 28 Wed.	Leicester (Replay)	27277	2 1	A	2 4
" 31 Sat.	Bolton Wanderers	27787	3 2	H	6 2
Feb. 7 "	Burnley	15753	2 1	A	5 2
" 14 "	Ipswich T.—Cup—5	2 700	2 1	H	4 3
" 21 "	Leicester City	15786	1 1	A	1 1
" 28 "	Blackpool Cup—6	30634	1 1	H	1 0
March 4 Wed.	Blackpool (Replay)	30069	3 1	A	3 3
" 7 Sat.	Chelsea	29175	0 2	A	1 3
" 21 "	Aston Villa	...	0 1	H	1 1
" 27 Fri.	Everton	...	0 1	H	1 1
" 28 Sat.	Newcastle U.	...	0 3	H	1 1
" 30 Mon.	Everton	...	2 0	A	...
April 4 Sat.	Tottenham H.	...	1 3	A	...
" 6 Mon.	Preston N. End	...	0 1	A	...
" 9 Thurs.	Notts. Forest	...	3 1	H	...
" 11 Sat.	Manchester Utd.	...	2 2	H	...
" 13 Mon.	West Ham United	A	...
" 15 Wed.	West Brom. Albion	...	2 4	A	...
" 18 Sat.	Wolves	...	1 1	A	...
" 20 Mon.	Blackburn Rov.	A	...
" 22 Wed.	Portsmouth	...	2 1	H	...
" 25 Sat.	Blackpool	...	2 0	H	...

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League Table 1958 - 59
DIVISION ONE

Up to and including Saturday, 21st March, 1959

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	34	22	3	9	90	42	47
Manchester United	35	20	6	9	87	58	46
Arsenal	35	18	6	11	75	56	42
Blackpool	33	14	10	9	50	39	38
Bolton W.	32	15	7	10	62	53	37
Birmingham C.	33	16	5	12	65	56	37
West Ham United	33	17	3	13	69	60	37
Blackburn Rov.	34	14	8	12	65	59	36
Burnley	33	15	6	12	63	59	36
West Bromwich	32	12	10	10	71	59	34
Preston North End	34	15	4	15	60	64	34
Nottingham Forest	31	15	3	13	60	50	33
NEWCASTLE U.	34	15	3	16	66	65	33
Chelsea	33	14	3	16	64	79	31
Everton	34	13	4	17	58	73	30
Leeds United	35	11	8	16	44	65	30
LUTON TOWN	29	9	9	11	53	49	27
Tottenham H.	34	10	7	17	67	79	27
Manchester City	33	10	7	16	58	77	27
Aston Villa	33	11	4	18	50	72	26
Portsmouth	33	6	9	18	54	84	21
Leicester City	33	7	7	19	51	85	21

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
" 27 "	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
" 31 "	Leicester City	1639	A	1 4
Feb. 7 "	Fulham	1010	H	3 0
" 14 "	Arsenal	2444	A	1 1
" 21 "	Bristol City	1322	A	0 1
March 7 "	Charlton Ath.	1903	H	1 1
" 21 "	Brighton & H. A.	2805	H	4 2
" 28 "	Chelsea	...	A	...
" 30 Mon.	Swansea Town	...	H	...
April 4 Sat.	Notts. Forest	...	H	...
" 18 Sat.	Swansea Town	...	A	...
" 25 "
To be arranged	Tottenham H.	...	A	...
	West Ham Utd.	...	H	...
	Ipswich Town	...	H	...

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