

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

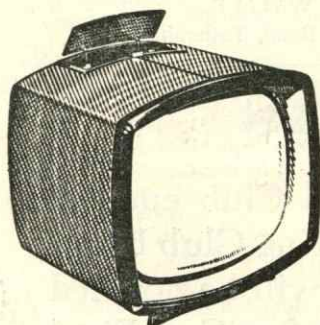


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B. ATTENS

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Outside Right
P. LYE

8
Inside Right
L. ADDERS

5
Centre Half
S. HEADS

9
Centre Forward
P. OLES

3
Left Back
H. E. M. LOCK

6
Left Half
T. R. ELLIS

10
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D. ORES

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F. LORING

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CLUB NOTES

WELCOME to "Wembley Stadium," Kenilworth Road, Luton!

Here it is, what you have all been waiting for, the League match of the season, a full dress rehearsal for May 2nd, Luton Town versus Nottingham Forest!

Tonight we present an entry to our own miniature Wembley by payment at the turnstiles without the anxiety of awaiting the outcome of your luck in the draw!

Given fine weather this evening we can all expect to be surrounded by rather more spectators than is average, for more than usual interest has been roused in the outcome of this clash between the two Finalists.

On paper, to soccer fans all over the country, this evening's fixture should prove a big pointer to whether it will be the red or white shirted players who chair their captain and the Cup off the Wembley turf! Many will take tonight's game to be a preview of the Final and a fair indication of the standard which will be set at the real Wembley. They will also expect the result to be a prediction of the Wembley score.

Remember, such a clash, although raising exciting thoughts of May 2nd, is, for the players, little more than a normal League match. Forgetting the Wembley cloud which hangs over this match there is the question of League points; a question which our lads will be only too pleased to answer by making more secure our position in Division I.

Our present League position, whilst somewhat relieved by our well-earned point at Preston, still gives room for a little anxiety and we are by no means as safe as we would wish to be. Tonight's game will, therefore, be on our part a quest for a win which can relieve any relegation worries which might be lingering in the backs of our minds.

The Forest, to whom we extend the warmest of welcomes this evening, are luckier in that their League position presents no worries of any nature. They have enjoyed a very successful season and no doubt would have been by now one of the teams fighting for a place among the first five in the Table if their run in the Cup had not been so successful.

We are certain that a win is foremost in the minds of our team this evening and it would be folly indeed to expect tonight's form to be repeated at Wembley when so much more is at stake. We feel we must remind fans that conditions will be vastly different. The lush Wembley turf will be a very great improvement on our much more used pitch, also there will be the expanse of that great Stadium and the nerves synonymous with the great day; all factors which can alter any player's form in a moment, and which make it impossible to gain any lead from tonight's performance.

Last Saturday the lads from the Forest were hosts to the lads from Highbury. Things did not go really right for them and after their initial attacks Arsenal did most of the attacking without possessing the punch needed to turn it into goals and victory. When the Forest did attack the strong Arsenal defence did not falter. When Arsenal did score it seemed as if the Gunners were going to outshoot the bowmen of Sherwood Forest. They did however manage to equalise but reports indicate that there is too much complacency about their play. Let us hope it continues, for it will help us secure two vital points and give us, in turn, a psychological advantage when next we meet!

Our crowded programme of fixtures has meant that our first team have played no less than four games, all away from home, since the last edition of our Club Notes less than a fortnight ago.

Easter Saturday provided our last home fixture and produced two valuable points at the expense of Newcastle United and a step back on to the goal trail. It was a definite improvement on our display the previous day, when a very casual and lack-lustre performance saw us suffer a humiliating defeat against the Toffeemen from Everton.

On Easter Monday our fortune and form of the previous Saturday vanished. With the tough programme we have on hand it will be necessary in the remaining fixtures, as it was on this occasion, to rest key players. Too much football is the most potent enemy of the soccer star and although we were well and truly beaten at Everton on Easter Monday a certain contribution to this result must have been made by this unavoidable team changing.

Our quest for the honour of winning three Cups in one Season received a setback a week ago yesterday when Crystal Palace beat us 1-0 in the semi-final of the Southern Floodlight Cup. It gave us the opportunity to introduce some of our promising young reserve players to the first team and all gave a good account of themselves although they lacked the experience to give us a place in the final.

Our match with Tottenham Hotspur last Saturday, is probably a game we will all want to forget. In the first half the Spurs did not give us the opportunity to show our true form and they dictated the play and we were 2-0 down at the interval. The second half produced more spirit from our front line but a harsh decision which disallowed a Gordon Turner goal set us back on our heels and the only other score was a Spurs' third goal just before the end.

Last Monday however, events took a turn for the better. At Deepdale, the Town took on proud Preston and definitely came off best. It was again a strange Town team with Allan Brown on the right wing. Our lads battled under the handicap of a badly gashed head received by Terry Kelly midway during the first half, which caused a major re-organisation of the team. They also had to overcome a harsh penalty decision against them. All this achieved, merit is due to them for bringing back a precious point from the 0-0 draw.

This match saw the return of Eire internationals George Cummins and Brendan McNally. Last Sunday they played for their country against Czechoslovakia, and Cummins in particular was outstanding in their 2-0 victory. Our congratulations go to them both.

Last Saturday, on the Town ground, the "Stiffs" version of our match this evening brought us a 2-1 victory over the Forest Reserves. Our superiority was not truly reflected by the score, but even so a similar result this evening will be most satisfying.

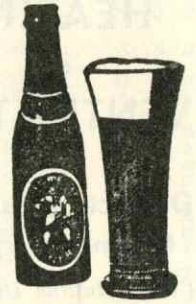
Remember, there are now only nineteen more shopping days to Final Day, so make sure you are well equipped with black and white favours and, of course, a straw boater to complete your outfit. There will be a lot of encouraging to do at Wembley and unfortunately not as many of you as we would wish will be able to share the occasion in person as it actually happens. But do not let this deter you. You may be one of the lucky supporters who have drawn a Final ticket, so let us have your own rehearsal of your Wembley cry to meet the challenge of this evening's match which is itself a rehearsal for this great occasion in our history. Let's hear from you!

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Right Back
4
Groves
Right Half
7
Bingham
Outside Right
8
Brown
Inside Right

Referee:
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11
Imlach
Outside Left
10
Barratt
Inside Left
6
Palmer
Left Half
3
Thomas
Left Back

NOTTS. FOREST

Shirts Red
Knickers White
Stockings Red and White Hoops

Spectators are asked **NOT TO CROSS THE PLAYING FIELD** after the match

Baynham
Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half
9
Morton
Centre



9
Wilson
Centre

5
McKinlay
Centre Half

Fraser
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3
Hawkes, K.
Left Back

6
Pacey
Left Half

10
Cummins
Inside Left
11
Gregory
Outside Left

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

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Quigley
Inside Right
7
Gray
Outside Right

4
Whitefoot
Right Half

2
Whare
Right Back

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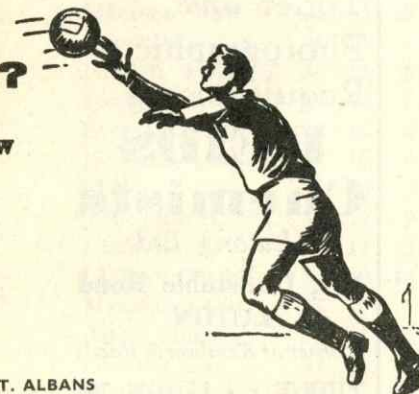
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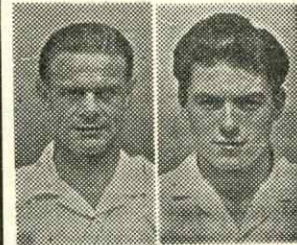
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1958	FIRST XI—Division 1	Attendance	1957/8	F	A
Aug. 23 Sat.	West Brom.	24425	5 1	H	1 1
" 26 Tues.	Leeds United	25498	2 0	A	1 1
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham City	32000	1 1	A	1 0
Sept. 3 Wed.	Leeds United	13497	1 1	H	1 1
" 6 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	25715	2 2	H	4 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	1 1	H	1 1
" 26 Fri.	Arsenal	21870	4 0	H	6 3
" 27 Sat.	Arsenal	56501	0 2	A	0 1
Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham C.	18354	3 0	H	0 1
" 24 "	Leicester—Cup—3	36984		A	1 1
" 28 Wed.	Leicester (Replay)	27277		H	4 1
" 31 Sat.	Bolton Wanderers	27787	2 1	A	2 4
Feb. 7 "	Burnley	15753	3 2	H	6 2
" 14 "	Ipswich T.—Cup—5	2-700		A	5 2
" 21 "	Leicester City	15786	2 1	H	4 3
" 28 "	Blackpool Cup—6	30634		A	1 1
March 4 Wed.	Blackpool (Replay)	30069		H	1 0
" 7 Sat.	Chelsea	29175	3 1	A	3 3
" 21 "	Aston Villa	27401	0 2	A	1 3
" 27 Fri.	Everton	22954	0 1	H	0 1
" 28 Sat.	Newcastle U.	20880	0 3	H	4 2
" 30 Mon.	Everton	32620	2 0	A	1 3
April 4 Sat.	Tottenham H.	1 3	A	0 3	0 0
" 6 Mon.	Preston N. End	0 1	A	0 0	
" 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		

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 "		...		
" 20 "	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
Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham City	2282	A	3 2
" 24 "		...		
" 31 "	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	1322	A	0 1
March 7 "	Charlton Ath.	1903	H	1 1
" 21 "	Brighton & H. A.	2805	H	4 2
" 28 "	Chelsea	1765	A	0 3
" 30 Mon.	Swansea Town	2202	H	5 2
April 4 Sat.	Notts. Forest	2070	H	2 1
" 16 Thurs.	Tottenham H.	...	A	
" 18 Sat.	Swansea Town	...	A	
" 25 "		...		
To be arranged	West Ham Utd.	...	H	
	Ipswich Town	...	H	

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League Table 1958 - 59

DIVISION ONE

Up to and including Wednesday, 8th April, 1959

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	37	24	4	9	98	49	52
Manchester United	39	23	6	10	101	64	52
Burnley	38	18	8	12	77	66	44
Arsenal	37	18	7	12	77	59	43
West Ham United	37	20	3	14	78	66	43
Blackpool	37	16	10	11	60	45	42
Bolton Wand.	37	16	9	11	72	61	42
West Bromwich	36	15	11	10	79	60	41
Blackburn Rov.	37	15	10	12	69	60	40
Birmingham C.	34	16	5	13	66	59	37
NOTTS. FOREST	35	15	6	14	63	56	36
Preston North End	39	16	5	18	63	72	37
Everton	38	16	4	18	66	78	36
Newcastle Utd.	37	16	3	18	71	73	35
Chelsea	37	16	3	18	69	89	35
Tottenham H.	39	12	9	18	77	88	33
Leeds United	38	12	8	18	49	71	32
LUTON TOWN	34	10	10	14	58	58	30
Manchester City	37	10	8	19	59	85	28
Aston Villa	37	11	5	21	55	80	27
Leicester City	37	9	9	19	59	89	27
Portsmouth	37	6	9	22	58	98	21

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 11th April, 1959

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