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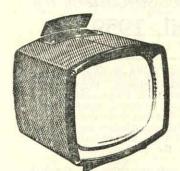


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TODAY Saturday, 25th April, 1959

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CLUB NOTES - continued

against West Ham United Reserves on Monday evening, 27th April, with the kick-off arranged for 6.30 p.m. On Tuesday, 28th April we have the final of the Chiltern Youth League Cup, with players in the 14-16 year old group. This is a match between Dunstable Pioneers and Icknield, kick - off at 6.30 p.m. This junior brand of soccer is first class entertainment and excellent value for the small admission charge of 6d., to the Grandstand only. On Thursday, 30th April kick off 6.30 p.m. there will be another fine display of up - and - coming soccer stars when our Youth team take on West Ham Youth in a South - East Counties' League match. Keen soccer fans will not wish to miss these two fixtures.

We wish to express our thanks to the many people and organisations who regularly attend Kenilworth Road each match in an official capacity - The Luton Band who do a very good job indeed, the Police, the Ambulance Brigades (St. John's and Vauxhall Motors), the Gatemen, Stewards, Refreshment Staff, Programme Sellers, the Public Announcers, Hospital Scheme Commentators and lastly but not least our Printers. All contribute in their particular way to the successful running of the Club and rightly feel they have a part in the successes achieved.

It is always a sad moment when the last match is over. When the Gates are closed on the League fixtures this afternoon many of you will no doubt be at a loss for your Saturday afternoon's entertainment. But do not despair, it will only be four months before we open again on the green grass of a new Season. We thank you for your support this Season and wish you all the pleasures an English Summer can bring and hope you all have the satisfaction of enjoying them with the knowledge that next Season we will begin as Cup favourites - to retain the Cup of course!

CLUB NOTES

TODAY we welcome all you many fans of Luton Town to Kenilworth Road for the last League match of Season 1958 - 59.

When we close the door on our fourth season in the top division this afternoon it will not be passed over as just another completed term in our history. This season has given us all something extra special to remember and we can be rightly proud of our achievements in the soccer world.

Next Saturday sees the culmination of all that every soccer club dreams of when our team files out onto that wonderful Wembley turf. This will be the 78th F.A. Cup Final and with the great day so close it is difficult to keep one's thoughts on the more immediate business of this last League

You are no doubt all excited at our success in reaching Wembley for the first time in our history and our only regret is that you cannot all be with us to share this event. It was unfortunately unavoidable that many of you have had to be disappointed and will not be able to be actually present at this game but our ticket allocation just does not permit it.

Our successful run in the F.A. Cup has brought honour to the Club and at long last recognition that we are not just the Cinderella of the First Division. Win or lose next Saturday—and we can only think of victory for us—to be a finalist is no mean feat and could not have come at a more appropriate time. Our long-serving skipper, Syd Owen, will retire from his playing career after the Final and with Allan Brown's most deserving cause for a Cup Final medal we are pleased that they can achieve this honour with

Cup success has also brought additional personal recognition for several of our Cup side.

By far the greatest was bestowed upon Syd Owen when he was elected "Footballer of the Year" by the Football Writers' Association, an award so richly deserved for his consistent form throughout this season. He has given the Club wonderful service and this honour plus next week's captaincy at Wembley will give him retirement with the success he deserves.

Our congratulations must also go to no less than four other members of our Cup side.

Goalkeeper Ron Baynham has been selected to go with the England team on the fabulous Americas tour which covers over 18,000 miles with matches against Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, Peru in Lima, Mexico in Mexico City and United States in Los Angeles.

Dave Pacey, our consistently good left half, is also to go on tour. He has been selected to join the Young England Party to tour Italy and Germany.

Full back Brendan McNally and inside left George Cummins have each been awarded a further international cap. They have both been selected to represent their country in the second leg of the European Nations Cup against Czecho-slovakia in Bratislava on 10th May. Eire won the first leg in Dublin 2-0.

Last Monday evening our lads played their fourth consecutive away match within eight days when they visited Ewood Park to play Blackburn Rovers. With changes being necessary in all matches of our stiff League programme since the semi-final, unity and understanding amongst the players has naturally suffered, with no one having much chance to settle down. This apparent loss of form which many sports writers, particularly from the North predict will mean a poor final, should

not be taken too much to heart. If you cast your mind back to the visit of Wembley opponents Nottingham Forest it is clear that our full team has strength in defence and is an attacking force which cannot be treated lightly.

A dusty pitch and lively ball cut out all hope of precision Soccer when Portsmouth visited us on Wednesday evening.

With McNally, Owen, Bingham and Gregory out we were again below full strength, but lowly Pompey, whilst showing some neat approach work, were never really able to find the punch which is needed to win matches.

Captained by George Cummins our lads started off in fine form with two or three narrow escapes for the Pompey goal in the first few minutes. After this Portsmouth settled down and very nearly took the lead, but in a most unusual manner the danger was averted. Ron Baynham was alleged to have fouled a Pompey forward and in doing so was injured. With Wembley so near it was a worried crowd which watched him leave the field. Seamus Dunne took over the green jersev and to the roars and delight of all the crowd saved Harris's spot kick. This was after 15 minutes and 10 minutes later, to the relief of the crowd, Baynham returned to resume in goal.

Back at full strength the Town took command and Dave Pacey, by virtue of his keenness to follow up every attack, found himself in a scoring position from an astute pass by George Cummins and calmly accepted the chance.

The second half started with the Town in a lack - a - daisical mood and Harris equalised with our defence acting as nothing more than spectators. The last half hour was however all Luton. There was some slick shooting by our forwards and two more goals came to clinch our 3 - 1 victory. First, Turner scored with a really fine drive and then Cummins scored with a well - judged lob from the edge of the penalty area.

This afternoon, to complete our League programme, we welcome the return of 6th Round Cup victims Blackpool to Kenilworth Road. Not unnaturally we have the distinct desire to prove our 1-0 victory was by no means a lucky win and we wish to complete our fixtures with flying

This is our fourth meeting of this Season and to date the honours are even as regards match results. In our two visits to Blackpool - one of which was of course a Cup Tie - we have lost 3-0 and drawn 1-1. Our cup replay here at Luton was the triumph which led us to our first semi-final appearance. We have therefore won one game each and the other has been drawn. The goal average of two goals for us and four against is a clear indication of the strength of both defences but we hope to settle this little account this afternoon with a big win to put the score right on our side. The match this afternoon will of course be our final rehearsal ready for Cup Final Day and Blackpool will provide a stiff but nevertheless very good test.

For those of you interested in statistics our good fortune in the Cup has aided our League attendance this Season. Without including today's attendance our average League home gate has been just under 20,000; a definite increase over last year's average of 18,418. In addition the three Cup matches played at home were watched by 75,700 spectators.

Although this is the last Senior game of the Season at Kenilworth Road, next week we have three matches here in three days. Our Reserve team complete their programme with a game

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FIRST LIST

A	Arsenal	Portsmouth
В	Birmingham	Chelsea
C	Bolton Wan	Blackburn R
D	Burnley	Newcastle U
E	Everton	Wolverh'pton
F	Leeds United	West Ham U
G	Leicester City	Manchester U
Н	Manchester C	Aston Villa
K	Preston N. E	Tottenham H
L	West Brom	Notts. Forest
M	Bristol Rov	Charlton Ath
N	Derby County	Bristol City

SECOND LIST

A	Fulham		Rotherham U
В	Ipswich Town		Middlesbro'
C	Leyton O.		Cardiff City
D	Lincoln City		Sheffield Utd
E	Scunthorpe U.		Huddersfield
F	Sheffield Wed,		Barnsley
G	Stoke City		Grimsby T
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K	Swansea T.		Liverpool
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A	Chesterfield	. Reading
В	Halifax Town	. Tranmere R
C	Hull City	. Bury
D	Mansfield T	. Bournemouth
E	Newport Co	Stockport Co
F	Notts. County	Colchester U
G	Southampton	Doncaster R
Н	Swindon T	Norwich City
K	Wrexham	Rochdale
L	Aldershot	York City
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League Table 1958 - 59 DIVISION ONE

Up to and including Wednesday, 22nd April, 1959

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Manchester United	41	24	7	10	102	64	55	
West Ham United	41	21	6	14	85	69	48	
Bolton W	41	19	10	12	76	65	48	
Burnley	41	19	9	13	79	68	47	
BLACKPOOL	41	18	10	13	65	48	46	
West Bromwich	40	17	12	10	85	67	46	
Arsenal	40	19	8	13	81	65	46	
Blackburn Rov	41	17	10	14	75	67	44	
Birmingham C	39	19	5	15	78	64	43	
Chelsea	41	18	4	19	76	94	40	
Nottingham Forest	41	17	6	18	71	72	40	
Preston North End	41	17	6	18	68	75	40	
Newcastle Utd,	40	17	5	18	77	77	39	
Everton	41	17	4	20	71	86	38	
Leeds United	41	14	9	18	56	74	37	
LUTON TOWN	41	12	12	17	67	70	36	
Tottenham Hotspur	41	13	9	19	83	93	35	
Leicester City	40	10	10	20	64	94	30	
Aston Villa	40	11	6	23	57	86	28	
Manchester City	40	10	8	22	61	94	28	
Portsmouth	41	6	9	26	62	107	21	

NEXT MATCHES

MONDAY, 27th APRIL, 1959

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Luton Res. v. West Ham Res. Kick - off 6.30 p.m.

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