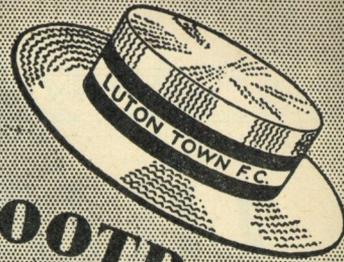




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CLUB NOTES

WE have the pleasure this afternoon of the very first visit of Middlesbro' to Kenilworth Road, and in view of the considerable improvement shown by this team lately a very good match should be the reward for those of you braving these wintry conditions. When we visited Ayresome Park last September 11th they could show only one point from the five League matches already played, and that was from their first game of the season at Plymouth where the result was two goals each. It was not until they met Lincoln City at Ayresome Park on the last Saturday in September, having played eight matches and still having only that one point to their credit, that they obtained their first win, by two goals to one. During October Middlesbro' suffered defeat only once, at Swansea, by two clear goals, even going to the extent of trouncing West Ham on the last day of the month by no less than six clear goals. They then blotted their copy-book again by losing at Ewood Park the very next Saturday by nine clear goals, only to retrieve some of this loss of face by defeating the strong Fulham side by four goals to two. Since then their only defeat apart from the Cup Tie with Notts. County two weeks ago was at Liverpool on December 4th when the result was three to one against. The story of this Middlesbro' side on their return to the Second Division after an absence of twenty-five years therefore is one of very fluctuating fortunes but they seem to have found some steadiness lately—due no doubt to the efforts in no small degree of Bert Mitchell and Joe Scott—and in fact there is even talk up North of being in the promotion struggle by the time the end of the season approaches. Good luck to them if they are, after such a shocking beginning.

The conditions here last Saturday made football entirely out of the question and so we had no alternative but to postpone the Combination fixture with Cardiff City Reserves arranged for the afternoon, also the County Youth Championship Match with Middlesex which was to take place in the morning. This latter match has now been arranged to be played by Floodlight on Thursday, February 3rd. We were hoping to re-arrange this for Saturday, January 29th, but Middlesex have been called upon to provide players that day for the F.A. Youth XI or an Arsenal XI for Final International Trial teams. As the match had to be played before February 5th, the above date was the only one suitable to both sides. Five of our lads under 18 have been chosen to play in this match, and there is no doubt they have been playing well enough to justify

selection. Among them is Alan Collier who, although not being chosen to play for the England Youth XI, did enough at Leicester recently in the Trial Match to catch the eyes of the Selectors and be noted for the future.

Despite all our efforts to persuade Rotherham to print a few more tickets for next Saturday they would not agree as they felt they have quite enough room for everyone wishing to see the match. We asked them to ticket a section of the ground so that those of you travelling from Luton and district would have the satisfaction at the outset of knowing you would obtain admittance, but again we were told there would be enough room, particularly as near-neighbours Doncaster Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday are also at home that day. We feel that those of you contemplating making the journey need have no fear of not being able to see the match. Several local coach firms are arranging transport, as well as British Railways who inform us of the following 3 Excursion Trains being run:—

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(3) The 10.15 a.m., also non-stop from Luton, arrives Rotherham 1.35 p.m.

The arrangements are that those travelling on No. 3 will return from Rotherham on the 4.45 p.m. arriving non-stop at Luton at 8.10 p.m., No. 2 party will catch the 4.55 arriving non-stop at Luton 8.50 p.m., and No. 1 party will catch the 5.05, arriving Bedford 8.42, Flitwick 8.59, Leagrave 9.14 and at Luton 9.21 p.m. All three trains, both journeys, are Buffet Cars. Railway Tickets can be obtained from the Bobbers Club on Monday night. The 7/6 tickets allocated to the Bobbers Club will also be on sale there on Monday night as from 7 o'clock until all are sold.

If the result of next Saturday's match at Rotherham is a draw the replay will take place here on the following Wednesday, kick-off 2.15 p.m. We shall be ticketing the Centre Stand ONLY, and tickets at 7/6 each can be obtained at the office in Kenilworth Road, after the Reserve match with Millwall Athletic, by Season Ticket Holders only for their usual seat. Season Ticket Book must be produced. Season Ticket Holders not so applying will be given until 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday in which to make personal or postal application for a ticket for their usual seat (stamped addressed envelope and complete Ticket No. 35 please in the latter case), after which time they will be available to the public.

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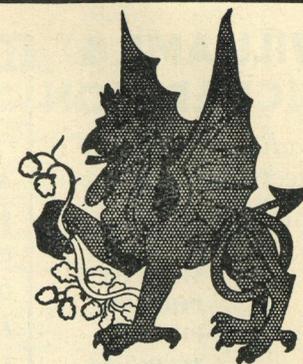
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FIRST LIST

A	Aston Villa	Blackpool
B	Burnley	Newcastle U.
C	Chelsea	Manchester C.
D	Huddersfield	Cardiff City
E	Leicester City	Everton
F	Manchester U.	Bolton W.
G	Preston N.E.	West Brom.
H	Sheffield Utd.	Arsenal
K	Sunderland	Portsmouth
L	Tottenham H.	Sheffield Wed.
M	Wolverh'pton	Charlton Ath.
N	Bristol Rovers	West Ham U.

SECOND LIST

A	Bury	Notts. Forest
B	Hull City	Birmingham
C	Lincoln City	Ipswich Town
D	Liverpool	Blackburn R.
E	Notts. County	Fulham
F	Plymouth A.	Derby County
G	Port Vale	Doncaster R.
H	Rotherham U.	Stoke City
K	Swansea T.	Leeds United
L	Aldershot	Swindon T.
M	Brentford	Brighton & H.
N	Colchester	Watford

THIRD LIST

A	Coventry City	Torquay Utd.
B	Exeter City	Bournemouth
C	Gillingham	Reading
D	Leyton O.	Shrewsbury T.
E	Millwall Ath.	Walsall
F	Newport Co.	Q.P.R.
G	Norwich City	Northampton
H	Southampton	Bristol City
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FIXTURES

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FIRST XI	Division II	Attendance	1953/54	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 21	Notts. Forest	19,832	0 1 H 3 0	
Tues., .. 24	Bury	15,535	1 0 A 1 2	
Sat., .. 28	Ipswich Town	20,265	... A 1 3	
Wed., Sept. 1	Bury	13,654	3 2 H 3 2	
Sat., .. 4	Birmingham City	16,347	2 0 H 1 0	
Wed., .. 8	Lincoln City	13,390	1 1 A 2 1	
Sat., .. 11	Middlesborough	15,891	... A 2 0	
Wed., .. 15	Lincoln City	11,972	1 0 H 2 1	
Sat., .. 18	Stoke City	17,325	0 1 H 3 1	
Sat., .. 25	Rotherham United	17,114	1 2 A 0 2	
Sat., Oct. 2	Derby County	17,156	2 1 H 2 0	
Sat., .. 9	Bristol Rovers	30,623	3 3 A 2 3	
Sat., .. 16	Plymouth Argyle	15,059	2 1 H 3 1	
Sat., .. 23	Fulham	33,500	1 5 A 1 3	
Sat., .. 30	Swansea Town	15,555	2 0 H 1 2	
Sat., Nov. 6	Notts. County	10,395	2 1 A 3 3	
Sat., .. 13	Liverpool	15,887	... H 3 2	
Sat., .. 20	West Ham United	23,034 (1)	0 1 A 1 2	
Sat., .. 27	Blackburn Rovers	17,314	2 1 H 7 3	
Sat., Dec. 4	Port Vale	14,052	... A 1 1	
Sat., .. 11	Doncaster Rovers	14,541 (2)	2 0 H 3 0	
Sat., .. 18	Nottingham Forest	11,943	1 2 A 5 1	
Sat., .. 25	Hull City	15,853	3 1 H 1 1	
Mon., .. 27	Hull City	39,890	2 1 A 4 0	
Sat., Jan. 1	Ipswich Town	16,581	... H 3 2	
Sat., .. 8	Workington (F.A. Cup-3)	18,853	... H 5 0	
Sat., .. 22	Middlesborough	...	... H	
Sat., .. 29	Rotherham U. (F.A. Cup-4)	...	... A	
Sat., Feb. 5	Stoke City	...	1 1 A	
Sat., .. 12	Rotherham United	...	1 1 H	
Sat., .. 19	Derby County (5)	...	2 1 A	
Sat., .. 26	Bristol Rovers	...	1 1 H	
Sat., March 5	Plymouth Argyle	...	2 2 A	
Sat., .. 12	Fulham (6)	...	1 2 H	
Sat., .. 19	Swansea Town	...	1 1 A	
Sat., .. 26	Notts. County	...	2 1 H	
Sat., April 2	Liverpool	...	... A	
Fri., .. 8	Leeds United	...	1 1 H	
Sat., .. 9	West Ham United	...	3 1 H	
Mon., .. 11	Leeds United	...	1 2 A	
Sat., .. 16	Blackburn Rovers	...	0 2 A	
Sat., .. 23	Port Vale	...	... H	
Sat., .. 30	Doncaster Rovers	...	3 1 A	
To be arranged	Birmingham City	...	1 5 A	

RESERVE FIXTURES	Combination Cup	Attendance	1953/54	F. A.
Wed., Aug. 25	Coventry City	2,833	2 0 H 2 2	
Sat., .. 28	Northampton T.	3,045	1 2 H 8 2	
Mon., .. 30	Coventry City	2,759	1 4 A 0 3	
Sat., Sept. 4	Watford	3,417	1 2 A 2 4	
Wed., .. 8	Birmingham City	1,999	4 0 H 4 2	
Sat., .. 11	Watford	3,109	2 1 H 4 1	
Wed., .. 15	Birmingham City	1,638	1 1 A 3 0	
Sat., .. 18	...	...	...
Wed., .. 22	Norwich City	3,667	0 0 A 1 4	
Sat., .. 25	Leicester City	1,913	2 1 A 3 1	
Wed., .. 29	Norwich City	3,372	2 0 H 2 1	
Sat., Oct. 2	Ipswich Town	3,814	4 1 A 0 0	
Wed., .. 6	Leicester City	3,398	3 4 H 2 2	
Sat., .. 9	Ipswich Town	3,298	1 2 H 3 0	
Thurs., .. 14	Northampton Town	360	3 1 A 2 0	
Football Combination				
Sat., Oct. 16	Charlton Athletic	1,216	1 1 A 1 1	
Sat., .. 23	Norwich City	2,779	2 1 H 6 1	
Sat., .. 30	Bournemouth	3,251	5 2 A 4 0	
Sat., Nov. 6	Arsenal	4,010	5 3 H 1 6	
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	4,304	0 1 A 0 1	
Sat., .. 20	Coventry City	1,873	... H 7 0	
Sat., Dec. 4	Portsmouth	3,221	4 2 H 4 1	
Sat., .. 11	Tottenham Hotspur	Postponed	0 0 A	
Sat., .. 18	Birmingham City	2,701	... H 2 2	
Sat., .. 25	Norwich City	911	1 1 A 2 3	
Mon., .. 27	Bristol City	3,197	... A 0 2	
Sat., Jan. 1	Brighton & Hove	3,683	... A 3 1	
Sat., .. 22	Portsmouth	...	2 2 A	
Sat., .. 29	Millwall Athletic	...	5 1 H	
Sat., Feb. 5	West Ham United	...	2 1 H	
Sat., .. 12	Arsenal	...	3 2 A	
Sat., .. 19	Bournemouth	...	2 2 H	
Sat., March 5	Birmingham City	...	... A	
Sat., .. 19	Tottenham H.	...	2 1 H	
Sat., April 2	Bristol City	...	... H	
Fri., .. 8	Coventry City	...	... A	
Mon., .. 11	Leicester City	...	5 2 H	
Sat., .. 16	Chelsea	...	2 2 H	
Sat., .. 30	Millwall Athletic	...	3 1 A	
Sat., May 7	Leicester City	...	4 3 A	
To be arranged	Brighton & Hove	...	... H	
	Cardiff City	...	2 1 A	
	Chelsea	...	0 0 A	
	Charlton Athletic	...	3 2 H	
	Cardiff City	...	4 0 H	

LEAGUE TABLES, 1954-55

Up to and including Saturday, 8th Jan., 1955

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 2	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst	P.
Blackburn R.	26	16	2	8	84	51	34 34
LUTON TOWN	25	15	3	7	58	36	33 35
Notts. County	26	14	4	8	49	42	32 32
Leeds United	26	14	4	8	43	39	32 32
Rotherham Utd.	26	14	3	9	59	47	31 31
Stoke City	25	12	6	7	38	27	30 30
Fulham	25	12	6	7	54	46	30 30
Birmingham C.	24	11	5	8	48	26	27 27
West Ham Utd.	25	10	7	8	46	48	27 29
MIDDLESBRO'	26	12	3	11	43	49	27 27
Swansea Town	25	10	6	9	53	50	26 29
Bristol R.	25	11	4	10	50	43	26 26
Bury	26	9	8	9	49	46	26 26
Liverpool	25	10	4	11	53	57	24 26
Hull City	25	8	7	10	29	34	23 23
Lincoln City	26	9	5	12	44	52	23 23
Notts. Forest	26	9	4	13	33	39	22 22
Port Vale	25	6	8	11	28	44	20 21
Doncaster R.	24	9	2	13	36	59	20 21
Derby County	25	5	6	14	35	52	16 16
Plymouth A.	26	4	7	15	37	56	15 17
Ipswich Town	26	6	2	18	40	64	14 14

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division 1	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Chelsea	11	8	2	1	29	12	18
Tottenham H.	12	7	3	2	29	15	17
Portsmouth	14	6	5	3	29	18	17
Birmingham C.	11	6	3	2	24	14	15
West Ham U.	13	5	5	3	24	26	15
Bristol City	14	5	5	4	21	18	15
Norwich City	14	6	2	6	22	21	14
Coventry City	14	5	3	6	18	29	13
LUTON TOWN	11	5	2	4	30	18	12
Arsenal	11	4	3	4	24	18	11
Millwall	14	4	3	7	24	29	11
Brighton	11	4	2	5	13	26	10
Charlton Ath.	11	3	2	6	14	21	8
Cardiff City	13	1	6	6	15	24	8
Bournemouth	13	3	2	8	16	30	8
Leicester City	13	3	2	8	15	29	8

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