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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th, 1955

THE OFFICIAL VIEWPOINT

GOOD EVENING—Way back in January, the original date for our clash with Luton, the fixture looked nothing more than an average attraction although the Hatters were then running second to Blackburn Rovers after 25 games, and Blues were occupying the eighth position in the table with a game in hand. Circumstances alter cases, and although Luton's position has not changed a great deal, ours has, and there is no need to stress the urgency of to-night's match.

We have had some pretty hectic tussles with Luton these post-war years, but none has been more heavily loaded with speculation and possibility than this game, the result of which means so much to both clubs. During one of their most successful seasons in which they have maintained a regular place with the promotion challengers—they headed the table last Autumn, slipped a little and then crept back to lead Blackburn Rovers early in March—Luton have proved one of the most consistently attractive teams in the Division.

Blues 1955 record will take some beating, and the Easter maximum of six points from the three games, enabled us to start our final challenge as promotion prospects with a favourite's chance. But that memorable run of away successes had to end, and it was no use trying to hide the disappointment last week end.

Our forwards could not find the form which produced eleven Easter goals, and the Staffordshire side were more at home on the dusty Vale Park pitch.

TALKING POINTS

(BY THE EDITOR)

HELLO—Feeling kind of touchy are you? Must be the atmosphere. It's not easy to put over the nonchalant stuff with promotion just around the corner. But remember, the chap next to you may be a stranger to these parts, and he's got his worries too.

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There's never been a more exciting wind up to the end of the Second Division season than the current one, and the end of the season meetings between promotion rivals has made the set-up all the more intriguing.

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Here are the fixtures in which the leading clubs will figure during the next few weeks' struggle for honours:

BLACKBURN ROVERS :

April 23rd Leeds United (a); April 30th Bury (h.).

LEEDS UNITED :

April 23rd Blackburn Rovers (h).
April 30th Fulham (a).

LUTON TOWN :

April 20th Birmingham City (a);
April 23rd Port Vale (h.) April 27th
Bristol Rovers (h.); April 30th
Doncaster Rovers (a.).

BIRMINGHAM CITY :

April 20th Luton Town (h.); April
23rd Notts County (h.); April 25th
Hull City (a.); April 30th Liverpool
(a.); May 4th Doncaster Rovers (a.).

STOKE CITY :

April 18th Rotherham United (a.);
April 20th Doncaster Rovers (a.);
April 23rd Bristol Rovers (h.); April
25th Port Vale (a.); April 30th
Plymouth Argyle (a.).

WEST HAM UNITED :

April 23rd Bury (a.); April 26th
Liverpool (h.); April 30th Lincoln
City (a.); May 2nd Notts Forest (a.).

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At St. Andrew's on Thursday, April 28th (6.30) the Birmingham Youth Committee Football Association will stage the final of the Birmingham City F.C. Cup Competition between the Youth Clubs of Kynoch and Little Bromwich. Use St. Andrew's Street entrance for seats and Cattell Road for standing.

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On Monday, 25th April, the B'ham and District Works A.F.A. will be staging the Final of the Birmingham City F.C. Challenge Shield at St. Andrew's. The kick-off will be at 6.30 p.m. At the time of going to Press the Semi-Finals still have to be played.

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Birmingham Schools F.A. meet Derby Schools F.A. in the second leg of a Challenge Match on Monday, 2nd May at St. Andrew's. The Birmingham boys got off to a good start with a 1-0 victory in the first leg at Derby on 12th April.



JACK BADHAM

OUR LAST SIX GAMES WITH LUTON TOWN

1951-52—At St. Andrew's: B'ham City 3 (Stewart, Briggs, Purdon), Luton Town 1. At Luton—Birmingham City 4 (Warhurst, Stewart, Purdon, Smith), Luton Town 2 (Stobart, Taylor).

1952-53—At St. Andrew's: B'ham City 2 (Briggs and Murphy), Luton Town 2 (Turner and Moore). At Luton—Birmingham City 1 (Briggs), Luton Town 0.

1953-54—At Luton: Luton Town 2 (Downie and Cummins), Birmingham City 0. At St. Andrew's: Birmingham City 5 (Murphy 3, Purdon 2), Luton Town 1 (Downie).

CUP FINAL TICKETS

AS in previous seasons, the club will allot a fair proportion of Cup Final tickets to regular supporters. The method of allocation will, as usual, be by ballot, and applications must be submitted in accordance with the conditions set out below. Any communication not conforming with these requirements will be ignored.

Paste four programme discs for any four days on a postcard, and on the same side of the card add your names and address only. Address the card to the Secretary, Birmingham City F.C., St. Andrew's Ground, Birmingham 9. The postcards must be received not later than Wednesday, 27th April. All successful applicants will be notified by post after the ballot.

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES :

League : Boyd 34 ; Govan, Murphy and Warhurst each 32 ; Astall and Kinsey each 31 ; Green 29 ; Hall and Merrick each 27 ; Brown 23 ; Lane and Smith (T.) each 20 ; Newman 16 ; Allen 13 ; Schofield 10 ; Watts 7 ; Badham 6 ; Cox, Rowley and Warmington each 4 ; Hill 2 , Bradbury, Martin and Stewart each 1.

Cup : Astall, Boyd, Brown, Govan, Green, Hall, Kinsey, Merrick, Murphy and Smith (T.) each 4. Warhurst 3 ; James 1.

FIRST TEAM GOALSCORERS :

League : Murphy 17, Kinsey 14, Govan 13, Brown 11, Astall and Lane each 8, Warhurst 4, Warmington 2, Boyd and Rowley each 1.

Cup : Brown 2, Astall, Govan and Kinsey each 1, Opponents (o.g.) 1.

SECOND TEAM APPEARANCES :

Schofield 33 ; Cox 28 ; Martin 27 ; Watts 26 ; Bannister and Hurly each 25 ; Allen and Bradbury each 23 ; Stewart and Warmington each 21 ; Lane 18 ; Badham and Hill each 17 ; James and Newman each 16 ; Farmer and Linnecor each 14 ; Hall and Sissons each 12 ; Rowley 9 ; Plumley 7 ; Smith (T.) 5 ; Cochrane, Metcalfe and Miller each 4 ; Govan, Green and Murphy each 3 ; Cowley, Jakeman and Warhurst each 2 ; Astall, Kinsey, Nicholls and Smith (P.) each 1.

SECOND TEAM GOALSCORERS :

Bradbury 17, Hurly 12, Lane 11, Warmington 9, Stewart 7, Cox and Rowley each 6, James and Murphy each 3, Cochrane and Linnecor each 2, Allen, Bannister, Badham, Farmer, Hill and Kinsey each 1. Opponents (o.g.) 3.

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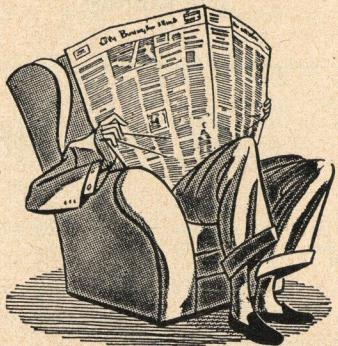
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LAST WEEK'S LINE UP

Port Vale 2, Birmingham City 0.

Port Vale: King; Turner, Potts; Mullard, Cheadle, Sproson; Askey, Smith, Done, Gifficks, Cunliffe.

Birmingham City: Schofield; Hall, Badham; Boyd, Smith, Warhurst; Lane, Kinsey, Brown, Murphy, Govan.

Referee: N. C. Taylor (Wiltshire).

Scorers: Askey and Done for Port Vale.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Birmingham City Reserves 2, Norwich City 2.

Birmingham City: Plumley; Allen, Martin; Bannister, Newman, Watts; Cox, Linnecor, Bradbury, Warmington, Hill.

Norwich City: Nethercott; Holmes, Hepple; Carberry, Foulkes, Englefield; Hansell, Kell, Laxter, Brennan, Collins.

Scorers: Cox and Bradbury for Birmingham, Baxter and Collins for Norwich.

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Last season's marksmen: Turner 16, Downie 12, Mitchell 12, Cummins 4, Pye 4, Davies 3, Moore 3, Morton 2, Watkins 2, McJarrow, Pemberton, Scott and Shanks one each. Opponents (o.g.) 2.

LEAGUE TABLES

(Up to April 16th)

DIVISION I

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Chelsea	40	19	9	12	77	55	50
Wolverhampton Wand.	39	18	11	10	85	63	46
Portsmouth	38	17	11	10	67	53	44
Manchester City	39	17	12	10	72	61	44
Sunderland	40	13	9	18	60	54	44
Manchester United	38	18	14	6	78	68	42
Arsenal	39	17	14	8	65	57	42
Burnley	40	15	9	15	50	47	41
Everton	38	16	14	8	58	60	40
Aston Villa	38	17	15	6	64	71	40
Charlton Athletic	38	15	15	8	72	68	38
West Bromwich Albion	39	15	16	8	73	88	38
Preston North End	39	15	17	7	76	58	37
Huddersfield Town	38	12	13	13	57	64	37
Newcastle United	36	15	15	6	79	71	36
Bolton Wanderers	38	12	14	12	61	64	36
Sheffield United	38	15	17	6	61	80	36
Blackpool	39	13	17	9	52	60	35
Tottenham Hotspur	38	13	17	8	66	68	34
Cardiff City	38	12	16	10	58	68	34
Leicester City	38	10	18	10	65	81	30
Sheffield Wednesday	40	7	23	10	58	97	24

DIVISION II

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Blackburn Rovers	40	22	13	5	113	76	49
Leeds United	40	21	12	7	65	52	49
Luton Town	38	20	10	8	78	49	48
Stoke City	37	19	9	9	64	41	47
Birmingham City	37	19	10	8	79	42	46
Rotherham United	37	21	12	4	82	61	46
West Ham United	38	18	11	9	72	61	45
Bristol Rovers	39	19	14	6	73	64	44
Notts County	39	20	15	4	71	69	44
Swansea Town	38	16	14	8	81	73	40
Middlesbrough	39	18	17	4	69	77	40
Liverpool	38	14	15	9	84	87	37
Bury	38	14	16	8	70	68	36
Fulham	38	13	15	10	70	73	36
Nottingham Forest	38	15	18	5	52	57	35
Hull City	38	12	17	9	43	60	33
Doncaster Rovers	38	14	19	5	55	85	33
Lincoln City	38	11	18	9	63	77	31
Port Vale	38	10	17	11	44	66	31
Plymouth Argyle	40	11	22	7	55	80	29
Ipswich Town	38	10	24	4	52	88	24
Derby County	40	6	25	9	50	79	21

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Chelsea	27	16	7	4	64	36	36
Bristol City	27	13	7	7	46	31	33
Arsenal	27	13	8	6	64	39	32
Birmingham City	26	14	8	4	56	51	32
West Ham United	27	12	8	7	57	57	31
Tottenham Hotspur	27	11	8	8	55	47	30
Norwich City	26	12	8	6	52	42	30
Leicester City	26	13	11	2	54	47	28
Luton Town	26	10	10	6	61	45	26
Brighton and Hove	26	10	11	5	48	56	25
Coventry City	28	8	11	9	33	53	25
Portsmouth	28	7	13	8	49	61	22
Bournemouth	29	7	15	7	43	62	21
Millwall	27	9	15	8	40	59	21
Cardiff City	25	5	10	10	32	42	20
Charlton Athletic	28	6	16	6	32	58	18

LEAGUE TABLES

(Up to April 16th)

WEST MIDLAND ALLIANCE

West Midland Section

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Hall Green Amateurs	21	17	1	3	75	19	37
Allens Cross	25	17	6	2	87	36	36
Birmingham City Colts	24	15	6	3	74	39	33
Catherine-de-Barnes	22	12	5	5	62	40	29
Alvechurch	22	14	8	0	68	52	28
Castle Rovers	22	11	7	4	54	46	26
Morris Motors	27	10	12	5	60	73	25
Kenilworth	20	10	8	2	55	42	22
Sheldan Town	26	10	5	1	51	82	21
Coventry Amateurs	21	8	10	3	49	41	19

Birmingham Section

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Bolton Amateurs	22	19	2	1	110	36	39
Birmingham City B'	23	18	3	2	113	33	38
Bordesley Rovers	24	14	7	3	84	61	31
Malt Mill United	20	14	4	2	80	42	30
Catherine-de-Barnes 'A'	26	11	12	3	76	70	25
Castle Rovers 'A'	21	10	8	3	58	43	23
Whiteheath	18	9	5	4	59	67	22
Allens Cross 'A'	22	10	10	2	52	69	22
Wreoley Amateurs	22	8	13	1	45	67	17

WARRICKSHIRE COMBINATION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Birmingham City A'	31	24	3	4	150	33	52
West Bromwich Albion	30	25	3	2	129	33	52
Warwick Town	29	17	6	6	97	59	40
Rugby Town Reserves	29	13	5	11	69	56	37
Worcester City 'A'	30	15	9	6	74	55	36
Nuneaton Borough R.	30	14	10	6	44	62	34
Aston Villa 'B'	31	11	9	11	52	44	33
Lockheed Reserves	31	14	12	5	95	64	33
Coventry City 'A'	32	13	6	7	70	64	32
Banbury Spen. Res.	30	12	11	7	68	71	31

**NEXT MATCH AT
ST. ANDREWS**

TOMORROW, FOOTBALL COMBINATION.

CARDIFF CITY RESERVES

6.30 p.m.

SATURDAY NEXT, FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NOTTS COUNTY

3 p.m.

KEY TO SCORE BOARD

A	{ MANCHESTER CITY WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
B	{ DONCASTER ROVERS STOKE CITY
C	{ LEICESTER CITY EVERTON
D	{ NEWCASTLE UNITED PRESTON NORTH END
E	{ BURY NOTTINGHAM FOREST
F	{ FULHAM SWANSEA TOWN

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FIXTURES 1954-1955

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

Date	Name of Club	Gr.	Result
1954			
Aug. 21st	Stoke City	A	1-2
.. 25th	Bristol Rovers	H	2-1
.. 28th	Rotherham United	H	3-1
.. 30th	Bristol Rovers	A	0-1
Sept. 4th	Luton Town	A	0-1
.. 8th	Ipswich Town	H	4-0
.. 11th	Hull City	H	0-0
.. 15th	Ipswich Town	A	2-1
.. 18th	Lincoln City	A	1-1
.. 25th	Bury	H	1-3
Oct. 2nd	Leeds United	A	0-1
.. 9th	Fulham	A	1-2
.. 16th	Swansea Town	H	2-0
.. 30th	Derby County	H	1-1
Nov. 6th	West Ham United	A	2-2
.. 13th	Blackburn Rovers	H	3-1
.. 20th	Plymouth Argyle (1)	A	0-1
.. 27th	Port Vale	H	7-2
Dec. 4th	Notts County	A	2-3
.. 11th	Liverpool	(2) H	9-1
.. 18th	Stoke City	H	2-0
.. 25th	Nottingham Forest	H	0-1
.. 27th	Nottingham Forest	A	2-0
1955			
Jan. 1st	Rotherham United	A	2-0
.. 8th	F.A. Cup—Hull City	A	2-0
.. 29th	F.A. Cup—Bolton Wand.	H	2-1
Feb. 5th	Lincoln City	H	3-3
.. 12th	Bury	A	1-0
.. 19th	F.A. Cup—Doncaster R.	H	2-1
Mar. 2nd	Leeds United	H	2-0
.. 5th	Swansea Town	A	3-0
.. 12th	F.A. Cup—Manchester C.	H	0-1
.. 16th	Doncaster Rovers	H	4-1
.. 19th	Derby County	A	0-0
.. 26th	West Ham United	H	1-2
.. 30th	Fulham	H	3-2
April 2nd	Blackburn Rovers	A	3-3
.. 8th	Middlesbrough	A	5-2
.. 9th	Plymouth Argyle	H	3-1
.. 11th	Middlesbrough	H	3-0
.. 16th	Port Vale	A	0-2
.. 20th	Luton Town	H	0-1
.. 23rd	Notts County	H	A
.. 25th	Hull City	H	A
.. 30th	Liverpool	A	A
May 4th	Doncaster Rovers	A	A

* Cup Competition.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Name of Club	Gr.	Result
1954			
Aug. 21st	Coventry City	H	6-3
.. 25th	Norwich City	A	2-2
.. 28th	Coventry City	A	2-1
Sept. 1st	Norwich City	H	1-2
.. 4th	Leicester City	H	2-4
.. 8th	Luton Town	A	1-3
.. 11th	Leicester City	H	1-3
.. 15th	Luton Town	H	2-3
.. 18th	Watford	A	2-3
.. 22nd	Ipswich Town	H	3-1
.. 29th	Ipswich Town	A	1-5
Oct. 2nd	Watford	H	2-1
.. 7th	Northampton Town	A	2-0
.. 9th	Northampton Town	H	2-0
.. 23rd	West Ham United	H	5-2
Nov. 6th	Bournemouth	H	3-0
.. 13th	Norwich City	A	3-2
.. 20th	Millwall	H	0-3
.. 27th	Portsmouth	A	2-2
Dec. 4th	Arsenal	H	2-1
.. 18th	Luton Town	A	2-2
.. 25th	Leicester City	A	1-1
.. 27th	Tottenham Hotspur	H	3-0
1955			
Jan. 1st	Coventry City	H	0-1
.. 8th	Brighton & Hove A.	H	3-0
.. 22nd	Bournemouth	A	3-2
Feb. 5th	Chelsea	A	2-4
.. 9th	Brighton & Hove A.	A	2-5
.. 12th	Leicester City	H	2-1
.. 19th	Cardiff City	A	1-4
.. 26th	West Ham United	A	2-6
Mar. 5th	Luton Town	H	2-1
.. 12th	Charlton Athletic	A	1-0
.. 19th	Charlton Athletic	H	2-0
.. 26th	Tottenham Hotspur	A	6-0
.. 29th	Bristol City	A	1-2
April 2nd	Portsmouth	H	3-2
.. 8th	Chelsea	H	3-1
.. 11th	Arsenal	A	0-7
.. 16th	Norwich City	H	2-2
.. 21st	Cardiff City	A	A
.. 25th	Millwall	A	A
.. 30th	Coventry City	A	A
May 7th	Bristol City	A	A

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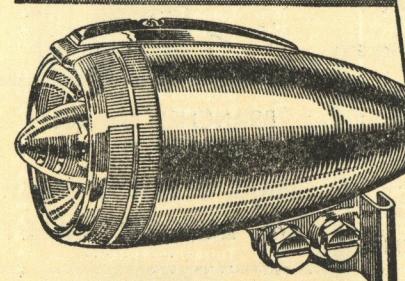
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