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1
Goal
R. EDDYCASH

Kick-off : 8 a.m.

2
Right Back
PRICELOW

3
Left Back
P. ROMPTERMS

4
Right Half
H. E. M. LOCK

5
Centre Half
D. ORES

6
Left Half
DOUGLAS FERR

7
Outside Right
M. OLDINGS

8
Inside Right
F. LORING

9
Centre Forward
S. ERVISS

10
Inside Left
P. LYEWOOD

11
Outside Left
T. R. ELLIS

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J.C.

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WELCOME all of you today in this our debut at Kenilworth Road in the First Division of the Football League. After seventy years of striving we last season accomplished our greatest ambition to date, and although we were denied the great honour of being Champions of our Division because of a slightly inferior goal average to Birmingham City we had the satisfaction of knowing that our goal average was better than that of Rotherham United who thus unfortunately had to stay 'put' at least for another season. The night we returned from Doncaster knowing we were sure of promotion was indeed "our finest hour." There were many nice things said about us at the small reception held on the team's return to Luton, and although it was very late we had the great satisfaction and honour of the then Mayor of Luton coming along and joining us in our triumph. We feel that the lads thoroughly deserved, by their skill and great sportsmanship, bringing this great honour to Luton, and the success was acclaimed by sporting people all over the land. Now that we are in the higher sphere we shall continue to play the skilful football spectators like to see for such football is bound to be the more successful in the long run.

In the two matches already played in the senior League, both from home—a very severe test for a Club moving into a higher grade—we feel we have by no means been out of our depth. A very creditable performance was given at Charlton last Saturday when we had the satisfaction of gaining our first point in a match played in stifling hot weather, and at Preston last Wednesday evening we played some copy-book football which left the Preston lads wondering which way to go next. How they escaped a defeat of anything up to five goals they themselves will never know for apart from brilliant goalkeeping we struck the woodwork three times and somehow easier chances than those accepted by Preston were allowed to go begging. It is of course goals which count, and though it was most disappointing to have to come away from Deepdale without even a share of the spoils, we had the satisfaction of knowing that we made a lot more friends in the North by our splendid football. We were honoured by the presence of the Secretary of the Football League and he was among the first to congratulate the Chairman on our lads' wonderful game. Unfortunately as it was a mid-week match there were very few "Hatters" present, but those who were felt very proud of their team's display and very happy about the future if this is the kind of football they are going to see.

It is nice to see Peter MacEwan off to a good start. Those two goals he has already bagged will give him all the confidence in the world. The goal he scored at Preston from the edge of the penalty area leaving the goalie helpless was a peach of a shot. He and Gordon Turner with any luck at all would have had a few more to their credit. George Cummins also, we are pleased to see, is playing some great football and is the ideal counterpart for these two inside forwards. The defence right through has been magnificent in both games, with Syd Owen his usual confident self. If there is a better centre half back in the country then we have yet to see him.

On this opening game what better opposition could we have chosen ourselves if we had had any choice than having our near neighbours and friends from White Hart Lane? We have had some great tussles in the past, both in League and Cup, and whenever they come to Kenilworth Road we can always be assured of a 'full house.' Today will be no exception for apart from the circumstances of our own side of the picture, the lads from London are playing as well as when they so deservedly won promotion to the First Division, Season 1949/50, going on to finish Champions of Division I the very next season and finishing second place Season 1951/52—a wonderful record. The acquisition of Danny Blanchflower last season seems to have rejuvenated the side, and although they lost at home to Burnley last Saturday by the only goal scored, they made some amends during the week by holding the strong Manchester United side at Old Trafford to a draw of two goals each. This match today has every appearance of being what the Americans would call 'a humdinger' and we shall be very surprised if it does not turn out so.

You will all see that we have carried out various alterations during the "rest," unfortunately the wall against the Railway is not yet completed. This has been a colossal job but it is one which had to be done before further extensions in mind could be carried out.

Messrs G. A. Wild & Sons have very kindly had a new flag made for us and will be presenting it to us just before today's kick-off. This is a very nice gesture on their part whom all connected with the Club, including you fans no doubt, appreciate very much indeed. May it fly ever bravely, proudly letting all who see it that we are at last a member of the First Division.

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4 Morton Right Half
7 Pearce Outside Right
8 Turner Inside Right
9 MacEwan Centre
10 Owen (Capt.) Centre Half
11 Shanks Left Half
12 Cullen Outside Left

Referee: H.T.O-1

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11 Robb Outside Left
10 Bailey Inside Left
6 Marchi Left Half
3 Hopkin Left Back

TOTTENHAM H.

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Baynham Goal

Owen (Capt.) Centre Half



Stokes Centre
Clarke Centre Half

Ditchburn Goal

Football League—Div. I

3 Aherne Left Back
6 Shanks Left Half
10 Cummins Inside Left
11 Cullen Outside Left

Linesmen:

Red Flag: Mr. S. J. Dant (Cambridge)
Orange Flag: Mr. S. J. Milford (Farnborough)

8 Brooks Inside Right
7 Gavin Outside Right
4 Blanchflower Right Half
2 Withers Right Back

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

A Leeds United	Middlesbro'
B Leicester City	Blackburn R.
C Lincoln City	Bury
D Liverpool	Hull City
E Notts. County	Bristol City
F Plymouth A.	Notts. Forest
G Rotherham U.	Port Vale
H Stoke City	Sheffield Wed.
K Swansea T.	West Ham U.
L Aldershot	Crystal Palace
M Bournemouth	Brentford
N Colchester	Southend Utd.

THIRD LIST

A Gillingham	Watford
B Leyton O.	Exeter City
C Millwall Ath.	Reading
D Newport Co.	Ipswich Town
E Northampton	Brighton & H.
F Norwich City	Coventry City
G Q.P.R.	Southampton
H Swindon T.	Shrewsbury T.
K Torquay Utd.	Walsall
L Halifax T.	York City
M Wrexham	Derby County
N Brighton Res.	Luton T. Res.

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FIXTURES - - - 1955 - 1956

1955	FIRST XI - Division 1	Attendance	F. A.	1955	Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1954/55	F. A.
Aug. 20 Sat.	Charlton Athletic	...	A 2 2	Aug. 20 Sat.	Birmingham C.	2 2	H 2 8	
" 24 Wed.	Preston N. E.	...	A 1 2	" 24 Wed.	Cardiff City	...	A 1 4	
" 27 Sat.	Tottenham H.	...	H	" 27 Sat.	Brighton	3 1	A	
" 31 Wed.	Preston N. E.	...	H					
Sept. 3 Sat.	Everton	...	A	Sept. 3	Ipswich Town	...	H	
" 5 Mon.	Burnley	...	A	" 7 Wed.	Cardiff City	3 1	H	
" 10 Sat.	Newcastle Utd.	...	H	" 10 Sat.	Northampton T.	...	A	
" 17 "	Birmingham C.	...	A	" 15 Thurs.	Southend Utd.	...	H	
" 24 "	West Brom.	...	H	" 17 Sat.	Swansea Town	...	A	
Oct. 1 "	Manchester Utd.	...	A	" 24 "	Bournemouth	2 3	H	
" 8 "	Blackpool	...	H	" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	...	A	
" 15 "	Huddersfield T.	...	A	" 15 "	Leyton Orient	...	H	
" 22 "	Arsenal	...	H	" 22 "	Brentford	...	A	
" 29 "	Bolton W.	...	A	" 29 "	Chelsea	2 2	H	
Nov. 5 "	Wolves	...	H	Nov. 5 "	Norwich City	2 3	A	
" 12 "	Aston Villa	...	A	" 12 "	Leicester City	1 3	H	
" 19 "	Sunderland (1)	...	H	" 19 "	Millwall Athletic	...	A	
" 26 "	Portsmouth	...	A	" 26 "	Coventry City	7 0	H	
Dec. 3 "	Cardiff City	...	H	Dec. 3 "	Plymouth Argyle	...	A	
" 10 "	Manchester C. (2)	...	A	" 10 "	Portsmouth	4 1	H	
" 17 "	Charlton Ath.	...	H	" 17 "	Birmingham C.	1 1	A	
" 24 "	Tottenham H.	...	A	" 24 "	Brighton	1 1	H	
" 26 Mon.	Sheffield United	...	A	" 26 Mon.	Aldershot	...	H	
" 27 Tues.	Sheffield United	...	H	" 27 Tues.	Aldershot	...	A	
" 31 Sat.	Everton	...	H	" 31 Sat.	Ipswich Town	...	A	
1956				1956				
Jan. 7 Sat.	F.A. Cup-3	...	A	Jan. 7 Sat.	Queens Park R.	...	H	
" 14 "	Newcastle United	...	A	" 14 "	Tottenham H.	2 2	H	
" 21 "	Birmingham C.	...	H	" 21 "	Southend United	...	A	
" 28 "	F.A. Cup-4	...	A	" 28 "	Crystal Palace	...	A	
Feb. 4 "	West Brom.	...	A	Feb. 4 "	Swansea Town	...	H	
" 11 "	Manchester Utd.	...	H	" 11 "	Bournemouth	4 0	A	
" 18 "	Blackpool (5)	...	A	" 18 "	Bristol Rovers	...	H	
" 25 "	Huddersfield T.	...	H	" 25 "	Leyton Orient	...	A	
Mar. 3 "	Sunderland (6)	...	A	Mar. 3 "	Brentford	...	H	
" 10 "	Bolton W.	...	H	" 10 "	Chelsea	2 1	A	
" 17 "	Wolves	...	A	" 17 "	Norwich City	6 1	H	
" 24 "	Aston Villa	...	H	" 24 "	Leicester City	...	A	
" 30 Fri.	Chelsea	...	H	" 30 Fri.	Arsenal	1 1	A	
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	...	A	" 31 Sat.	Millwall Athletic	...	H	
April 2 Mon.	Chelsea	...	A	April 2 Mon.	Arsenal	1 6	H	
" 7 Sat.	Portsmouth	...	H	" 7 Sat.	Coventry City	3 1	A	
" 14 "	Cardiff City	...	A	" 14 "	Plymouth A.	...	H	
" 21 "	Manchester C.	...	H	" 21 "	Portsmouth	5 2	A	
" 28 "	Burnley	...	H	" 28 "				
				May 5 "				

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday, 31st August, 1955 :: Kick-Off 6.20 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE :: DIVISION I

Luton Town v. Preston North End

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Saturday, 3rd September :: Kick-Off 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton Town Res. v. Ipswich Town Res.

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Wednesday, 7th September :: Kick-Off 6.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

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