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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1955

THE OFFICIAL VIEWPOINT

GOOD AFTERNOON — Points have been scarce since Preston North End were here, but Blues have figured among the thrills all right, and without decrying the efforts of our opponents there can be no doubt that we should have had more than one point from our last three matches. Chances were missed against the Cup holders and we paid for mistakes; at Villa Park we might easily have had both points, and at Turf Moor last weekend a fighting second half nearly brought its reward despite the fact that we were three goals behind at one period.

A three goal deficit is normally sufficient to convince a team that they are playing second fiddle. Not Blues. After first half goals by Pilkington, Cheesebrough and McKay which put Burnley in an apparently unassailable position, Blues stormed into the attack, sweeping away all attempts to check the surge, and did everything but snatch an equaliser, not to mention victory.

First Noel Kinsey rounded off an all out thrust, and then Gordon Astall smashed the ball past McDonald after a Murphy pass had caught the home defence on the wrong foot. From then on it was a Birmingham bombardment with half backs and forwards crowding on the pressure. With as much good luck as good judgment, Burnley held out, and we had to be satisfied with the crowd's applause and the critics' praise.

Welcome to Luton Town, our promotion companions of last season. Although this is our initial meeting in the First Division, we hope there will be many more, and with vivid recollections of our thrilling Second Division encounters, today's set-to should produce value for money.

TALKING POINTS

(BY THE EDITOR)

HELLO again—There's not much consolation in applause without that little something in the shape of a point to go with it, but last week's battle at Burnley really brought the house down—and very nearly brought Burnley (with three goals under their belt) to their knees.

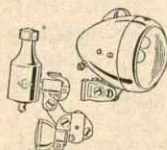
The Turf Moor folk like a fight. They got one, and with just a shade more luck Blues would have snatched both points in that memorable second half siege in which Birmingham's tenacity and team spirit was seen at its best. But it wasn't our day, and that's all there was to it—except that the game will go down in Burnley's record books as a very near thing.

While we were treating the Burnley crowd to the fireworks, Luton Town

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were delighting their supporters with a 4-2 win over Newcastle United to bring their record to four victories from seven games, a very nice start, which carried them to fourth position in the table.

Kenilworth Road (gate record 28,000 before this season) won't hold the crowds if this goes on. Remember, too, Luton beat Preston North End 2-1 after being a goal down at the interval.

The visit of the Hatters to St. Andrew's last April when we won 2-1 brought the biggest League gate (36,000). The previous meeting at Kenilworth Road gave Luton a 1-0 win.

When Jesse Pye left Luton for Derby County last term, Manager Duncan had something of a problem on his mind until he switched Bob Morton from left half to lead the attack. In 18 games Morton scored 14 goals, and the emergency was not so acute.

Then from South Africa came Peter McEwan, a ready-made centre forward whose consistency enabled Bob Morton to revert to his normal position.

By the way, next Wednesday sees the end of the two games a week scramble as far as Blues are concerned, and with the visit of our old rivals Aston Villa you will hardly need reminding to GET HERE EARLY.

OUR LAST SIX GAMES WITH LUTON

1952-53	Luton Town.....	0
	Birmingham City.....	1
	Birmingham City.....	2
	Luton Town.....	2
1953-54	Birmingham City.....	5
	Luton Town.....	1
	Luton Town.....	2
	Birmingham City.....	2
1954-55	Birmingham City.....	2
	Luton Town.....	1
	Luton Town.....	1
	Birmingham City.....	0



THOMAS (BUD) AHERNE

[Luton Town's Eire international left back, is a native of Limerick, and cost Luton around £8,000 when he was signed from Delfest Celtic in March, 1949. He was already an international, and since then, he has often been a bulwark in the Eire international team's defence.

WHO'S WHO AT LUTON

WITH both **Ron Baynham** and **Sid Owen** in their ranks, there is more than a splash of Birmingham atmosphere in the Luton Town make-up. Sid, remember, left St. Andrew's as a wing half in 1947, but was soon converted into a successful pivot and made the grade in the England "B" team before gaining full caps.

He made the tour of Australia with the F.A. party in 1950, and secured his first of three caps in 1954.

Ron Baynham was with Worcester City before moving to Luton where he made his Football League debut two seasons ago, when he replaced the international goalkeeper, **Bernard Streten** who has England amateur and "full" caps.

With **Thomas (Bud) Aherne** and **Seamus Dunne**, Luton have two Irish international full backs.

George Cummins (inside left) is another Irishman who helped Everton to the Cup semi-final in 1950. He is an Eire international.

Bob Morton, last season's temporary centre forward, took over when **Jesse Pye** moved to Derby, but has now reverted to his normal position of right half. **Peter McEwan**, the South African played a big part in Luton's promotion run last season.

Inside right **Gordon Turner**, who went to Luton from Hull, is the son of a former Hull City winger and was a reserve for England "B" against Scotland.

Another South African is **Roy Davies** who can occupy either wing forward position or the centre forward berth.

Michael Cullen was playing in Scottish junior football in 1952 when he joined Luton as a right winger.

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(6) WARHURST
(10) MURPHY
(11) GOVAN

Referee :
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(Rotherham)



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Mr. W. J. PARADISE (Yellow Flag)

(11) ADAM
(6) SHANKS
(3) AHERNE
(10) CUMMINS
(5) OWEN
(9) MacEWAN
(8) TURNER
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BIG MATCH DIARY

1955		
Sept. 28	England "B" v. Denmark "B"	
Oct. 2	(Sun.) Denmark v. England	
8	IRELAND v. SCOTLAND	
12	(Wed.) F.A. XI v. R.A.F.	
15	England v. Germany (Amateur)	
	or Nov. 12th	
19	(Wed.) England "B" v. Jugoslavia "B"	
20	(Thurs.) France v. Scotland	
22	WALES v. ENGLAND	
22	F.A. Amateur XI v. B'ham Works Amateur XI	
Nov. 2	(Wed.) ENGLAND v. IRELAND	
9	(Wed.) SCOTLAND v. WALES ; F.A. XI v. The Army	
12	England v. Germany (Amateur)	
	or Oct. 15th	
19	England v. Holland (Youth)	
23	(Wed.) Scotland v. Yugoslavia; Wales v. Austria	
30	(Wed.) England v. Spain	

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	W. D. L. For Agst. Pts.
Home 18	2 1 55 18
(Played 42)	
Away 5	6 10 33 35

Birmingham City Supporters Club

Will members please note the change of Membership Secretary:—

Mr. K. Rogers, 21 Bull Street, Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

A Dance is being held at the Mermaid, Stratford Road, on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Dancing 8—12 p.m. Tickets 3/-.

Bookings for Charlton Match on 24th September, are being taken at all Branches.

Our appeal to boys to refrain from invading the field of play at the last home game met with the co-operative response we expected.

We want it like that for ALL matches in the future. Boys, we thank you.

**NEXT MATCH AT
ST. ANDREWS**

WEDNESDAY NEXT, FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ASTON VILLA

5.30 p.m.

LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION								SECOND DIVISION							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Blackpool	6	4	0	3	19	10	11	Bristol Rovers	7	5	1	1	19	11	11
Wolves	7	4	1	1	25	7	9	Fulham	7	4	1	2	18	5	10
Preston N.E.	7	4	2	1	16	9	9	Stoke City	7	5	2	0	17	11	10
Charlton Ath.	7	3	1	3	13	11	9	Lincoln City	7	4	2	1	19	9	9
Luton Town	7	4	2	1	13	11	9	Sheffield W.	7	3	1	3	17	11	9
Sunderland	6	4	2	0	21	16	8	Leeds Utd.	7	4	2	1	9	6	9
Manchester U.	7	3	2	2	11	9	8	Port Vale	6	3	1	2	8	3	8
West Brom. A.	7	3	2	2	8	8	8	Bristol City	7	4	3	0	15	12	8
Bolton W.	6	3	2	1	14	8	7	Liverpool	7	3	2	2	12	11	8
Birmingham C. ..	7	2	2	3	12	11	7	Swansea Town ..	7	4	3	0	17	16	8
Burnley	7	3	3	1	9	10	7	Barnsley	7	2	1	4	11	12	8
Manchester C.	6	2	1	3	10	12	7	Doncaster R.	7	2	2	3	18	17	6
Portsmouth	6	2	2	2	14	12	6	Middlesbrough ..	6	2	2	2	10	7	6
Newcastle Utd. ...	7	2	3	2	16	17	6	Blackburn R.	6	2	3	1	6	9	5
Everton	7	3	4	0	6	9	6	Plymouth A.	7	2	4	1	8	13	5
Aston Villa	7	1	2	4	8	13	6	Leicester City	7	2	4	1	12	21	5
Sheffield Utd.	7	2	4	1	8	12	5	Rotherham Utd. ...	7	1	3	3	7	14	5
Arsenal	7	1	3	3	9	14	5	Notts County	7	1	3	3	8	17	5
Chelsea	7	1	4	2	9	15	4	West Ham Utd.	7	1	4	2	14	16	4
Huddersfield T. ...	6	1	3	2	4	12	4	Notts Forest	6	2	4	0	10	16	4
Cardiff City	7	2	5	0	7	22	4	Bury	7	1	4	2	11	19	4
Tottenham H.	7	1	5	1	9	13	3	Hull City	7	1	6	0	5	16	2

BLUES PLAYING STAFF

Players and Birthplace	Height ft. in.	Weight st. lb.	Previous Club
GOALKEEPERS			
Merrick, G. (Birmingham)	6 1	13 12	Shirley Juniors
Schofield, J. (Atherstone)	6 0½	11 10	Nuneaton Borough
FULL BACKS			
Allen, G. (Birmingham)	5 10½	10 12	Services
Badham, J. (Birmingham)	5 11	11 12	B.S.A.
Cheshire, B. (Birmingham)	5 6	10 2	St. Andrew's Athletic
Farmer, B. (Stourbridge)	5 9	11 4	Stourbridge
Green, K. (London)	5 10	11 7	Millwall
Hall, J. (Scunthorpe)	5 7½	11 4	Army
Martin, R. (Glengarnock)	5 10½	11 10	Kilwinning Rangers
Roach, J. (Birmingham)	5 7½	10 4	Northcross
HALF BACKS			
Allen, R. (Birmingham)	5 8	10 12	Calthorpe Park
Boyd, L. (London)	5 11½	12 7	Plymouth Argyle
Linnekor, A. (Birmingham)	5 8	10 12	Junior
Miller, R. (Grimsby)	5 9	10 10	Selly Park Blacks
Mullett, J. (Blackheath)	5 10½	11 6	Malt Mill United
Newman, J. (Hereford)	5 10½	12 3	St. Andrew's Athletic
Sissons, G. (Birmingham)	5 10	11 12	Junior
Smith, P. (Tamworth)	6 1	11 13	Kingsbury Colliery
Smith, T. (Brierley Hill)	6 0	12 8	Brierley Hill Boys
Warhurst, R. (Sheffield)	5 7	11 8	Sheffield United
Warrington, P. (Wythall)	5 7	11 9	Redditch Junior
Watts, J. (Birmingham)	5 9	10 10	Saltley O.B.
Wheelton, M. (Stoke)	5 9	10 2	Stoke City
FORWARDS			
Astall, G. (Horwich)	5 9	11 13	Plymouth Argyle
Bradbury, W. (Matlock)	5 10	11 2	Coventry City
Brown, E. (Preston)	5 9½	11 1	Coventry City
Cochrane, J. (Brierley Hill)	5 8½	10 5	Brierley Hill Boys
Cox, G. (Nuneaton)	5 7	10 3	Nuneaton Boys
Edwards, R. (Birmingham)	5 7	9 8	Stargus Rangers
Govan, A. (Glasgow)	5 6½	10 3	Plymouth Argyle
Hill, D. (Wolverhampton)	5 7	10 8	Darlaston
Kinsey, N. (Treorchy)	5 6½	10 11	Norwich City
Lane, J. (Birmingham)	5 11½	13 4	Boldmere St. Michael's
Larkin, T. (Birmingham)	5 8	10 6	Rockwood Albion
Metcalfe, J. (Birmingham)	5 7	10 5	Local
Murphy, P. (West Hartlepool)	5 10	11 8	Tottenham Hotsp
Neale, K. (Birmingham)	5 9	10 7	Birmingham Scho
Roberts, S. (Birmingham)	5 9	10 10	Bulpitts Work
Roberts, T. (Coventry)	5 9½	11 0	Local

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B	{ NEWCASTLE UNITED CHARLTON ATHLETIC	K	{ CARDIFF CITY SHEFFIELD UNITED
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D	{ ARSENAL PORTSMOUTH	M	{ COVENTRY CITY EXETER CITY
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I	{ BOLTON WANDERERS SUNDERLAND	S	{ PORT VALE LEEDS UNITED

FIXTURE LIST 1955-56

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

Date	Name of Club	Gr.	Result
1955			
Aug. 20	Manchester United ...	H 2	2
24	Newcastle United ...	A 2	2
27	Sheffield United ...	A 3	0
31	Newcastle United ...	H 3	1
Sept. 3	Preston North End ...	H 0	3
5	Aston Villa ...	A 0	0
10	Burnley ...	A 2	3
17	Luton Town ...	H 1	0
21	Aston Villa ...	H 1	0
24	Charlton Athletic ...	A 1	0
Oct. 1	Tottenham Hotspur ...	H 1	0
8	Sunderland ...	H 1	0
15	Portsmouth ...	A 1	0
22	Manchester City ...	H 1	0
29	Wolverhampton Wand. ...	A 1	0
Nov. 5	Chelsea ...	H 1	0
12	Blackpool ...	A 1	0
19	Huddersfield Town (1) ...	H 1	0
26	Cardiff City ...	A 1	0
Dec. 3	Arsenal ...	H 1	0
10	Bolton Wanderers (2) ...	A 1	0
17	Manchester United ...	H 1	0
24	Sheffield United ...	H 1	0
26	Everton ...	H 1	0
27	Everton ...	H 1	0
31	Preston North End ...	A 1	0
1956			
Jan. 7	Torquay (3) ...	A 1	0
14	Burnley ...	H 1	0
21	Luton Town ...	A 1	0
28	Leiston (4) ...	A 1	0
Feb. 4	Charlton Athletic ...	H 1	0
11	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A 1	0
18	Sunderland (5) ...	A 1	0
25	Portsmouth ...	H 1	0
Mar. 3	Huddersfield Town (6) ...	A 1	0
10	Wolverhampton Wand. ...	H 1	0
17	Chelsea ...	A 1	0
24	Blackpool ...	H 1	0
31	Manchester City ...	A 1	0
April 2	West Bromwich Albion ...	H 1	0
3	West Bromwich Albion ...	A 1	0
7	Cardiff City ...	H 1	0
14	Arsenal ...	A 1	0
21	Bolton Wanderers ...	H 1	0

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Name of Club	Gr.	Result
1955			
Aug. 20	Luton Town ...	A 8	2
24	West Ham United ...	H 1	2
27	Portsmouth ...	H 2	1
Sept. 3	Aldershot ...	A 0	0
5	West Ham United ...	A 1	0
10	Northampton Town ...	H 2	0
14	Cardiff City ...	A 1	0
17	Swansea Town ...	A 1	0
24	Swindon Town ...	H 1	0
Oct. 1	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A 1	0
8	Leyton Orient ...	A 1	0
15	Arsenal ...	H 1	0
22	Watford ...	H 1	0
29	Brentford ...	A 1	0
Nov. 5	Plymouth Argyle ...	H 1	0
12	Bristol Rovers ...	A 1	0
19	Millwall ...	H 1	0
26	Reading ...	A 1	0
Dec. 3	Chelsea ...	H 1	0
17	Luton Town ...	H 1	0
24	Portsmouth ...	A 1	0
26	Coventry City ...	A 1	0
27	Coventry City ...	H 1	0
31	Aldershot ...	H 1	0
1956			
Jan. 7	Leicester City ...	A 1	0
14	Northampton Town ...	A 1	0
21	Swansea Town ...	H 1	0
28	Leicester City ...	H 1	0
Feb. 4	Swindon Town ...	A 1	0
11	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A 1	0
18	Leyton Orient ...	H 1	0
25	Arsenal ...	A 1	0
Mar. 3	Cardiff City ...	H 1	0
10	Watford ...	A 1	0
17	Brentford ...	H 1	0
24	Plymouth Argyle ...	A 1	0
30	Fulham ...	H 1	0
31	Bristol Rovers ...	H 1	0
April 2	Fulham ...	A 1	0
7	Millwall ...	A 1	0
14	Reading ...	H 1	0
21	Chelsea ...	A 1	0

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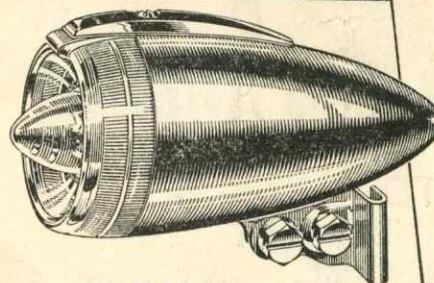
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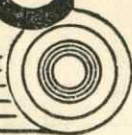
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