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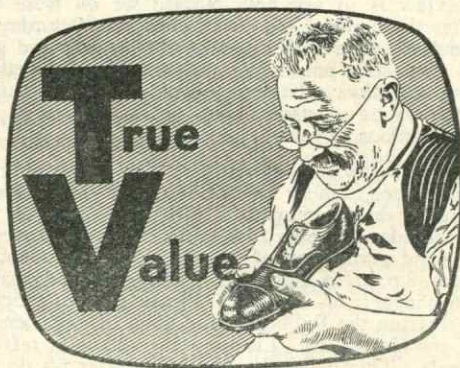


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P. ROMPTERMS

4
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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
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The ticket number for the ball on Saturday, 10th September, 1955, was **2523**.

OUR first thoughts from the supporters' point of view is to say how pleased we all were that after the news of the coach crash last Saturday all the Boys were able to go on to the field and gain us a valuable point. We are sure this is something that will always be remembered and looked upon not only as sportsmen, but heroes. Yes Boys, we lift our hats to you.

Now to our activities. The Entertainment Committee, under the Chairman, Mr. Dennis Tingey, has arranged a **GRAND DANCE** on Wednesday, October 26th at the "Warden Tavern," by kind permission of Mr. T. Hodgson. Dancing from 8 p.m. to midnight. Prices for admission, 3/6 Single; 6/- Double. Please get your tickets early from the Bobbers Stand Club or any member of the Committee. Licensed bar and light refreshments. This being the first of a series we do ask you to support us and turn up in great numbers. On November 23rd we are arranging a Dinner and Dance—full particulars will be given later.

Don't forget the SPORTSMEN'S SERVICE

This is being held tomorrow evening, Sunday, September 25th at 6 o'clock at the Blenheim Crescent Baptist Church. This has been arranged by the Rev. T. Carew Mitchell, M.A., B.D., who is a keen follower of the Town team and a member of the Supporters Club. Town Officials and Players will be present, also representatives from the Beds. F.A. and the Luton and District Football League. The Members are hoping to make this a yearly gathering, so now supporters make sure every seat is full.

*Look out for other events each week, as we are determined to rope you all into joining the Supporters Club.

Tickets for the "Penny on the Ball" can be obtained at all entrances to the Ground.

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Bobbers Stand Club

CLUB NOTES

FIRST and foremost we wish on behalf of all our supporters and indeed of the whole sporting world to express appreciation to our own lads for the magnificent way they behaved last Saturday after the accident they unfortunately suffered on their way to St. Andrews Ground to play their match with Birmingham City. When they arrived at their Hotel a football match seemed about the very last activity these lads could take part in, but after cleaning up and some excellent attention from Mr. and Mrs. Saunders late of the local Red Lion Hotel and now in charge of the Warwick Arms Hotel, together with treatment from Trainer Harry Wright, the lads felt they could go on with the job in hand, and what a magnificent performance they gave us. They went onto the field as if nothing had happened, and indeed with any luck at all could have been a goal or two up from shots by Gordon Turner in the opening minutes after some delightful work, and it was the City who looked as if they were the side which had suffered on the road. The Blues however gradually came into the game until we must admit they had one or two chances from which they should have scored, but our defence was magnificent, and try as they could the Blues just could not break through. The two players in particular born and bred on Birmingham's own doorstep were outstanding, and certainly Ron Baynam showed everybody the reason the Football Association have chosen him for International duty against Denmark in Copenhagen on Sunday next. Everything was his and he richly deserved the great ovation the St. Andrew's crowd so sportingly gave him at the end of the match, and the pat on the back from Gil Merrick—a very nice gesture. All the lads seem to have shaken off quite successfully the effects of the shock they received but unfortunately we cannot say the same for Mr. H. Richardson, who was Director in Charge of the party. Turned the three score years and ten mark he has found the shaking up has taken quite a lot out of him and he is suffering from reaction after the shock. He is confined to bed at present but is hoping to be up and out again before many more days have passed. We all wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Welcome to West Bromwich Albion to Kenilworth Road today, whom we have not had the pleasure of meeting since they were promoted in the 1948/49 season. In that season they took four points from us, winning the match here by the only goal scored, and winning at the Hawthorns by the odd goal in three. Of the players taking part in our last match here only Bud Aherne and Syd Owen are appearing for us today, while Sanders, Millard and Kennedy are playing for our visitors. Of the eight matches played so far by West Brom. this season only three have been "away," of which they have won one—at Preston by one goal to nil, losing the other two. They have scored only two goals so far on opponents' grounds, the other goal being at Manchester United when the Albion lost by three goals to one. So far therefore this season they do not appear to have found their shooting boots, but once the old combination of Allen and Nicholls gets going defences no doubt will have a worrying time. One of the original twelve members forming the Football League in 1888/89, West Bromwich have a great tradition, having won the F.A. Cup on four occasions, the last in 1953/54 when they beat Preston North End so dramatically by three goals to two. They have also appeared in the Final on five other occasions when they have been on the losing side. Strangely enough they have been Champions of the First Division only once,

in 1919/20, although just missing the honours again in 1924/25 when they finished Runners-up. They have been Champions of Division Two twice, as well as Runners-up twice. They are always a very difficult team to beat for they have a sound defence as well as a forward line which can do some damage once they get their noses in front, but if our lads can repeat their Newcastle game then we should keep our unbeaten home record.

Toc H and Round Table are very grateful indeed for the splendid response to their collection outside the Ground a fortnight ago. The result enabled the new recording apparatus to be bought outright, but what is so much more encouraging to the many honorary helpers is the fact that their work is so much appreciated outside the Hospital as well as those who have the misfortune to be patients. We wish on behalf of the two Organisations and the patients to thank all of you who made some contribution, whatever it was, to this very worthwhile job.

Another Organisation which is doing some very good work is the Burma Star Association. The Luton Branch is holding a Dance at the Drill Hall, tonight, in aid of the Local Branch Welfare Funds, and any of you interested would be most welcome if you turn up from 8 o'clock onwards. Tickets at 4/- each, which may be obtained at Messrs. Farmers or at the Hall.

Who is the oldest supporter? Mr. Clark of Stanbridge, Leighton Buzzard, still attends every match although 93 years of age! A wonderful achievement. Can anyone beat it?

Mr. Frank Butler of the "News of the World" is viewing today's match and his comments will appear in tomorrow's edition. As usual they will be well worth reading.

And now to end with yet another appeal to all of you to close in as much as you can and so try to make room for everyone wishing to see this match. Having to close the gates with the attendance three thousand short of what we know the ground will hold is very disturbing not only to us and the visiting Club, but to the Stewards trying their best to get everyone in and, of course, to your disappointed pals. It would help a great deal if quite a few of you tried to get to the Ground a little earlier and so give more time for packing, for once the match has started we cannot bring the unfortunates round the front to infiltrate into the crowd. We are bringing into effect again the use of the mike, as well as the hand megaphone, and we do ask you to respond to the appeals which these officials will be making from time to time to fill up the spots where there is plenty of room. The Police Authorities will be assisting our Stewards in this work and we do ask you to co-operate in this matter.

Finally about tickets for the Wing Stand seats. Unfortunately we have not nearly enough for present day requirements and have already sold out for the Blackpool match in a fortnight's time. We cannot accept applications more than three weeks before a match, and any received before such time will be returned. Tickets are 5/6 each, and all applications, to be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, to be for ONE match ONLY. We have been receiving cheques and postal orders covering several matches, and a little thought will show just how difficult this is to deal with when every match has to be dealt with separately. There are still a few seats in the Centre Stand available at £7.7.0 each for the season. Anyone interested is advised to contact the office without delay for there are not many.

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11 Lee
Outside Left
6 Barlow
Left Half
10 Hodgkisson
Inside Left

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Baynham
Goal

5 Owen (Capt.)
Centre Half

9 MacEwan
Centre

9 Allen
Centre

5 Kennedy
Centre Half

Sanders
Goal

Football League—Div. I

3 Aherne
Left Back

6 Shanks
Left Half

10 Cummins
Inside Left

11 Adam
Outside Left

Linesmen:

Red Flag:

Mr. A. J. Hammond (Upminster)

Orange Flag:

Mr. J. L. Lockton (London)

8 Nicholls
Inside Right

7 Griffin
Outside Right

4 Dudley
Right Half

2 Williams
Right Back

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TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCORES

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

SECOND LIST

A	Bury	West Ham U.
B	Doncaster R.	Hull City
C	Fulham	Port Vale
D	Leeds United	Rotherham U.
E	Liverpool	Middlesbro'
F	Notts. County	Swansea T.
G	Plymouth A.	Leicester City
H	Sheffield Wed.	Notts. Forest
K	Stoke City	Lincoln City
L	Aldershot	Ipswich Town
M	Bournemouth	Gillingham
N	Brighton & H.	Southampton

THIRD LIST

A	Colchester	Reading
B	Crystal Palace	Shrewsbury T.
C	Exeter City	Brentford
D	Leyton O.	Watford
E	Northampton	Walsall
F	Norwich City	Millwall Ath.
G	Q.P.R.	Torquay Utd.
H	Southend Utd.	Coventry City
K	Swindon T.	Newport Co.
L	Bradford City	Hartlepoons
M	Workington	York City
N	Swansea Res.	Luton T. Res.

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FIXTURES

1955-1956

1955	FIRST XI—Division 1	Attendance	F. A.
Aug. 20 Sat.	Charlton Athletic ...	28,800	A 2 2
" 24 Wed.	Preston N. E. ...	30,738	A 1 2
" 27 Sat.	Tottenham H. ...	21,143	H 2 1
" 31 Wed.	Preston N. E. ...	24,174	H 2 1
Sept. 3 Sat.	Everton ...	44,237	A 1 0
" 5 Mon.	Burnley ...	19,350	A 1 3
" 10 Sat.	Newcastle Utd. ...	25,814	H 4 2
" 17 "	Birmingham C. ...	31,000	A 0 0
" 24 "	West Brom. ...		H
Oct. 1 "	Manchester Utd. ...		A
" 8 "	Blackpool ...		H
" 15 "	Huddersfield T. ...		A
" 22 "	Arsenal ...		H
" 29 "	Bolton W. ...		A
Nov. 5 "	Wolves ...		H
" 12 "	Aston Villa ...		A
" 19 "	Sunderland (1) ...		H
" 26 "	Portsmouth ...		A
Dec. 3 "	Cardiff City ...		H
" 10 "	Manchester C. (2) ...		A
" 17 "	Charlton Ath. ...		H
" 24 "	Tottenham H. ...		A
" 26 Mon.	Sheffield United ...		A
" 27 Tues.	Sheffield United ...		H
" 31 Sat.	Everton ...		H
1956			
Jan. 7 Sat.	F.A. Cup—3 ...		
" 14 "	Newcastle United ...		A
" 21 "	Birmingham C. ...		H
" 28 "	F.A. Cup—4 ...		
Feb. 4 "	West Brom. ...		A
" 11 "	Manchester Utd. ...		H
" 18 "	Blackpool (5) ...		A
" 25 "	Huddersfield T. ...		H
Mar. 3 "	Sunderland (6) ...		A
" 10 "	Bolton W. ...		H
" 17 "	Wolves ...		A
" 24 "	Aston Villa ...		H
" 30 Fri.	Chelsea ...		H
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal ...		A
April 2 Mon.	Chelsea ...		A
" 7 Sat.	Portsmouth ...		H
" 14 "	Cardiff City ...		A
" 21 "	Manchester C. ...		H
" 28 "	Burnley ...		H

1955	Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1954-55	F. A.
Aug. 20 Sat.	Birmingham C. ...	1,920	2 2	H 2 8
" 24 Wed.	Cardiff City ...			A 1 4
" 27 Sat.	Brighton ...	2,539	3 1	A 2 2
Sept. 3 "	Ipswich Town ...	2,042		H 2 1
" 7 Wed.	Cardiff City ...	1,023	3 1	H 5 2
" 10 Sat.				
" 15 Thurs.	Northampton T. ...			A 4 0
" 17 Sat.	Southend Utd. ...	2,041		H 1 5
" 24 "	Swansea Town ...			A
Oct. 1 "	Bournemouth ...	2,13		H
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers ...			A
" 15 "	Leyton Orient ...			H
" 22 "	Brentford ...			A
" 29 "	Chelsea ...	2 2		H
Nov. 5 "	Norwich City ...	2 3		A
" 12 "	Leicester City ...	1 3		H
" 19 "	Millwall Athletic ...			A
" 26 "	Coventry City ...	7 0		H
Dec. 3 "	Plymouth Argyle ...			A
" 10 "	Portsmouth ...	4 1		H
" 17 "	Birmingham C. ...	1 1		A
" 24 "	Brighton ...	1 1		H
" 26 Mon.	Aldershot ...			H
" 27 Tues.	Aldershot ...			A
" 31 Sat.	Ipswich Town ...			A
1956				
Jan. 7 Sat.	Queens Park R. ...			H
" 14 "	Tottenham H. ...	2 2		H
" 21 "	Southend United ...			A
" 28 "	Crystal Palace ...			A
Feb. 4 "	Swansea Town ...			H
" 11 "	Bournemouth ...	4 0		A
" 18 "	Bristol Rovers ...			H
" 25 "	Leyton Orient ...			A
Mar. 3 "	Brentford ...			H
" 10 "	Chelsea ...	2 1		A
" 17 "	Norwich City ...	6 1		H
" 24 "	Leicester City ...			A
" 30 Fri.	Arsenal ...	1 1		A
" 31 Sat.	Millwall Athletic ...			H
April 2 Mon.	Arsenal ...	1 6		H
" 7 Sat.	Coventry City ...	3 1		A
" 14 "	Plymouth A. ...			H
" 21 "	Portsmouth ...	5 2		A
" 28 "				
May 5 "				

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 1st October, 1955

FOOTBALL COMBINATION**LUTON TOWN
RESERVES
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RESERVES**

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

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Blackpool	8	5	3	0	21	11	13
Charlton Ath.	9	4	3	2	16	16	11
Sunderland	7	5	0	2	24	16	10
LUTON TOWN	8	4	2	2	13	11	10
WEST BROM. A.	8	4	2	2	9	8	10
Manchester U.	9	4	2	3	16	15	10
Everton	9	5	0	4	12	12	10
Wolverhampton	7	4	1	2	26	9	9
Preston N. E.	9	4	1	4	19	14	9
Birmingham C.	9	2	5	2	14	13	9
Aston Villa	9	1	6	2	10	15	8
Portsmouth	7	3	2	2	17	13	8
Newcastle U.	8	3	2	3	20	18	8
Manchester City	7	2	4	1	13	15	8
Bolton W.	7	3	1	3	14	11	7
Burnley	8	3	1	4	9	11	7
Cardiff City	8	3	0	5	10	24	6
Sheffield United	8	2	1	5	10	15	5
Arsenal	8	1	3	4	10	17	5
Chelsea	8	1	3	4	9	15	5
Huddersfield T.	7	1	3	3	7	15	5
Tottenham H.	8	1	1	6	10	15	3

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