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v.
BLACKPOOL



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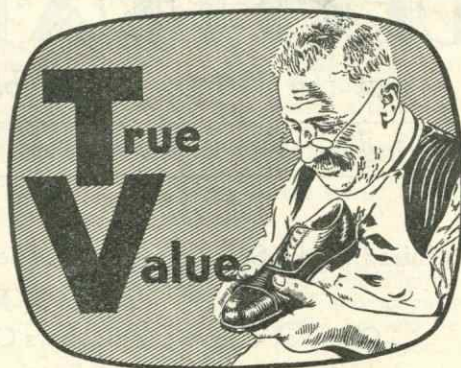


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H. E. M. LOCK

5
Centre Half
D. ORES

6
Left Half
DOUGLAS FERR

7
Outside Right
M. OLDINGS

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CLUB NOTES

IT IS with much pleasure that we receive the lads from Blackpool as our opponents today. They are always a great attraction, with or without their star performer, Stanley Matthews, and although he is unfortunately not able after all to turn out today we will be very surprised if we do not "house" our best gate of the season so far. Although finishing fourth from bottom last season the "Seasiders" were the only club to draw an average of over 40,000 from their away League matches. Strangely enough only Charlton in the First Division had a poorer "home" average than Blackpool last season a fact which takes some believing. Although there is no doubt that Matthews is the great attraction the team can be just as successful without him for in the ten matches played to date only one has been lost, at Manchester City. Their position at the top of the Table may be a little deceptive, however, for out of the ten matches played to date only four have been "away," whereas we on the other hand have played only four out of the ten "at home." If only we had been able to keep our home record intact a fortnight ago against West Brom we would have been placed in a very nice position, but we have no regrets over that result for although the "Throstles" were perhaps fortunate in the way in which their two goals were obtained nevertheless they are the best team to have visited Kenilworth Road so far this season. Try as our lads did that day they just could not break through the very tight barrier put up by the West Brom defence, although on two occasions at least they were most fortunate to survive. At Old Trafford last Saturday, we feel our luck completely deserted us for we were well worthy of a point at least on the day's display. In the first half there was only one team in it, and what the score would have been at half-time if Gordon Turner had been playing is, of course, food for conjecture but twice we feel he would have had the ball in the net given similar opportunities experienced by John Groves in the match. Although not letting the side down John just has not that flair for seizing chances in the goal-mouth which Turner seems to anticipate so well and so those two chances in particular were allowed to go begging. Seamus Dunne had for him a very ineffective match, but this is not surprising for he has been suffering from a severe chill all the week, culminating in the Doctor sending him to bed on Thursday, but he is expected to be fit again for today. Bud Aherne too has been suffering from a chill all the week, and then when Arthur Taylor was also 'took bad' on Thursday we all wondered what was going to happen. We trust the position has righted itself by this afternoon, for many more such outbreaks could be a very serious matter to us. With such variable changes in the weather as we have experienced these last few days chills are not at all surprising.

Blackpool joined the Football League season 1896/97 and have been members ever since except for the one season 1899/1900. Their only successes so far in the League have been Champions of Division II in 1929/30 and Runners-up Division II 1936/37, never having in their long history won honours in the First Division, so we feel it would be one well deserved if they finished on the top rung this season. They have won the F.A. Cup once, beating Bolton Wanderers 4-3, on that

occasion still very fresh in our minds in 1952/53 when, with almost the last kick of the match, Perry scored the winning goal from a pass by the immortal Stanley Matthews after as brilliant an exhibition of soccer from the master during the second half that will probably never even be equalled, certainly never surpassed. Bolton had been leading right through the match until the last ten minutes, enjoying a comfortable lead at half time of three goals to one, but first an injury to Bell and then Matthews doing his stuff so effectively proved too much for the gallant Bolton lads. Blackpool have been in the Final on two other occasions, 1947/48 losing to Manchester United 4-2, and again in 1950/51 when they lost to Newcastle United 2-0.

We were very pleased to see that Ron Baynham had a very good baptism into International football at Copenhagen on Sunday last, despite what some of the so-called football critics had to say about it. How anybody could have done better beats all understanding, but to read some of the reports leaves one with a sense of bewilderment wondering what a player would have to do to please them. Luckily Ron knows himself whether or not he had a good game and such criticisms will not effect him in the least, but it would have been nice for the player to have received a little more encouragement on his debut. The "News Chronicle" gave an excellent report, conforming with the remarks of the B.B.C. Commentator, and with that we are satisfied. Another Luton custodian who was on International duty last week-end was Alan Collier who, we are officially told, had an excellent match, full of confidence throughout, and improving with every match in which he takes part. Although beaten twice we are told it is doubtful if any goalie could have stopped them. A very bright future awaits this lad if he continues his present attitude to the game, and we wish him well. He is assured of every encouragement from his Club for the lad has done extremely well and is a great credit to us both on and off the field.

Alan Hoby, the leading Sports Writer of the "Sunday Express" is making a special report of today's match in tomorrow's edition. Read all about it.

We have been very pleased to stage, at the request of the Football Association, the final trial match of the England Amateur XI against our First Team under the Floodlights on Monday evening, October 17th, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Prices as for First Team matches. A series of matches have been held in London these last few weeks against professional clubs to try and find the best amateur side to travel to Bulgaria for a match in Sofia, on October 23rd, in the first leg of two matches between our two countries to see which one will take part in the Olympic Games at Melbourne next year. We feel honoured on being asked to stage this final match, and we trust to see a goodly crowd to witness what should be a most entertaining evening's sport.

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Right Back

4
Morton
Right Half

7
Cullen
Outside Right

8
Turner
Inside Right

Referee :

Mr. J. S. PICKLES
(Bradford)

11
Perry
Outside Left

10
Mudie
Inside Left

6
Kelly (H)
Left Half

3
Wright
Left Back

BLACKPOOL

Shirts Tangerine
Knicker White
Stockings Dark Blue

Baynham
Goal

5
Owen (Capt.)
Centre Half

9
MacEwan
Centre



9
Mortenson
Centre

5
Gratrix
Centre Half

Farm
Goal

Football League—Div. I

3
Aherne
Left Back

6
Shanks
Left Half

10
Cummins
Inside Left

11
Adam
Outside Left

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Taylor
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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	Birmingham	1	Sunderland	1
B	Burnley	0	Huddersfield	0
C	Charlton Ath.	0	Chelsea	0
D	Everton	1	Arsenal	1
E	Manchester U.	1	Wolverh'pton	0
F	Newcastle U.	1	Portsmouth	0
G	Preston N. E.	1	Cardiff City	1
H	Sheffield Utd.	1	Manchester C.	1
K	Tottenham H.	0	Bolton W.	0
L	West Brom.	1	Aston Villa	1
M	Barnsley	1	Lincoln City	0
N	Bristol City	0	Liverpool	1

SECOND LIST

A	Bury	.....	Blackburn R.	.....
B	Fulham	.....	Hull City	.....
C	Leeds United	.....	Notts. Forest	.....
D	Middlesbro'	.....	Leicester City	.....
E	Notts. County	.....	Sheffield Wed.	.....
F	Port Vale	.....	Stoke City	.....
G	Rotherham U.	.....	Bristol Rovers	.....
H	Swansea T.	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
K	West Ham U.	.....	Plymouth A.	.....
L	Aldershot	.....	Brentford	.....
M	Brighton & H.	.....	Reading	.....
N	Crystal Palace	.....	Watford	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Ipswich Town	.....	Bournemouth	.....
B	Newport Co.	.....	Leyton O.	.....
C	Northampton	.....	Coventry City	.....
D	Q.P.R.	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
E	Shrewsbury T.	.....	Gillingham	.....
F	Southampton	.....	Millwall Ath.	.....
G	Swindon T.	.....	Exeter City	.....
H	Torquay Utd.	.....	Colchester	.....
K	Walsall	Norwich City
L	Oldham Ath.	Grimsby T.
M	Wrexham	Accrington
N	Bristol R. 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.	24,440	H 0 2
Oct. 1 "	Manchester Utd.	34,000	A 1 3
" 8 "	Blackpool		A
" 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.	539		A 4 0
" 17 Sat.	Southend Utd.	2,041		H 1 5
" 24 "	Swansea Town			A 0 1
Oct. 1 "	Bournemouth	1,633	2 3	H 3 3
" 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 "				

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League Table : 1955-56

Up to and including Saturday, 1st October

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BLACKPOOL	10	6	3	1	23	14	15
Charlton Ath.	11	5	4	2	21	19	14
West Brom. A.	10	5	3	2	14	11	13
Manchester U.	11	5	3	3	19	16	13
Sunderland	9	6	0	3	28	19	12
Portsmouth	9	5	2	2	20	14	12
Everton	11	6	0	5	14	14	12
Wolverhampton	9	5	1	3	29	12	11
Birmingham C.	11	3	5	3	17	15	11
Bolton W.	9	5	1	3	18	12	11
Preston N. E.	11	4	2	5	21	18	10
Manchester City	9	3	4	2	16	17	10
Burnley	10	4	2	4	11	12	10
LUTON TOWN	10	4	2	4	14	16	10
Newcastle U.	10	3	2	5	22	26	8
Huddersfield T.	9	2	4	3	11	18	8
Aston Villa	11	1	6	4	10	18	8
Sheffield United	10	3	1	6	13	18	7
Chelsea	10	2	3	5	12	18	7
Arsenal	10	2	3	5	12	20	7
Cardiff City	10	3	0	7	12	28	6
Tottenham H.	10	2	1	7	13	19	5

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