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LUTON TOWN
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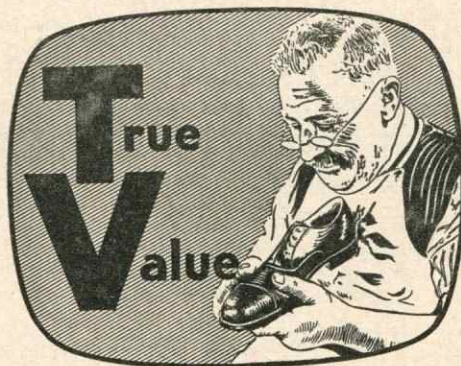


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CLUB NOTES

ALTHOUGH not the power they have been over the last thirty years Arsenal is still without a doubt the foremost Club in the country, the team which causes the greatest amount of satisfaction to anyone beating them, and still the most talked of English club in the world. At the present time they are in the process of building up from youth, but this takes patience, and meanwhile the senior side is going through a very anxious time. Last season, although finishing in the middle of the Table they started very badly, and they have suffered the same experience this season. It is always felt that the Arsenal have the strength in reserve to stave off major disasters, but it must be a very anxious time for those with responsibility at Highbury, for nothing but success is expected of this great Club and such a high esteem brings its own worries in trying to maintain the standard set. Looking at their present magnificent Stadium it is hard to realise that like most other things Arsenal had a small beginning, evidenced by the following short extract from one of their Official Handbooks—"It was in 1886 that the foundation stone was laid of what is now so magnificent a structure The first problem was to secure a ball. For this purpose a subscription list was started, and by means of penny contributions the sum of 5s. 6d. was gathered, to which Mr. David Danskin, a native of Kirkcaldy, added 5s. from his own pocket. This half guinea was the financial foundation of the Club." There appears to be a very good moral in this. In 1913 the Club moved to its present position at Highbury from the Manor Ground which they had occupied first in 1890 and continuously since 1892, but apart from finishing Runners-up in the Second Division 1903/04 and so gaining promotion to the First Division for the first time there was very little to enthuse over. But Herbert Chapman was appointed Manager in 1925, and immediately outstanding success was achieved. The Arsenal became a world-renowned Club, and thirty years later they are still enjoying the honour of being among the first half dozen clubs in the land. Lack of space prevents us from reciting all but the principal honours gained to date, these being—Division 1. Champions 1930/31, 1932/33, 1933/34, 1934/35, 1937/38, 1947/48, 1952/53.

Runners-up 1925/26, 1931/32. Also season 1951/52 finished third place with same number of points as "Spurs."

F.A. Cup—Winners 1929/30, 1935/36, 1949/50.

Finalists 1926/27, 1931/32, 1951/52.

A very full and interesting thirty years of success we think you will agree.

We brought back two points with us from Huddersfield last Saturday, and well deserved they were too. Never at any time did we feel there was any situation with which our lads could not cope, whereas there was always danger in the offing as soon as our half backs or forwards were in possession. Bob Morton once more stepped into the breach created by Syd. Owen's enforced absence and a very good job he made of it. Jim Pemberton, in his first appearance in the First Division, played as if he knew no other company and was a complete success. A grand player to have in the background and it is in a way unfortunate that he has to make way now that the

indisposed have returned to normal health. We are happy to report an almost clean bill of health, but these last two or three weeks have been a most worrying time for we never knew who was to be the next victim. Gordon Turner reported last Tuesday morning that he was feeling unwell. He was immediately packed off to bed and we have every hope that he is fit and well again for this afternoon.

A most enjoyable match was seen here last Monday evening under the Floodlights when we were hosts to the England Amateur XI in their last match before travelling to Sofia to play Bulgaria tomorrow in the first leg to see which of the two sides shall take part in the Olympic Games at Melbourne, in November next year. If the England team produce the form they showed here then the Bulgarians will have to be on their toes to finish on the winning side, for apart from a little weakness in the inside forward positions the Amateurs appeared a very capable team. We wish them luck and the run of the ball in their match at Sofia.

We were very pleased to see that both Ron. Baynham and George Cummins had excellent games in their respective matches last Wednesday. It is very nice to know that our lads have the right match temperament for these big occasions, a big asset when so much is at stake. We trust Gordon Turner has a very good match for the Football League against the Scottish League at Hillsborough next Wednesday. He has only to repeat his normal League form to ensure his selection being justified and we wish him well.

The Office Staff have been at the receiving end of so much abuse and argument lately over tickets for each match that we are seriously thinking of stopping issuing them. Practically three-quarters of the seats in our Main Stand have been taken up by Season Ticket Holders, leaving just over one thousand seats in the Wing Stand to be ticketed. Not exaggerating in the least we have returned cash to the tune of £1,000 on each of Arsenal and "Wolves" matches besides hundreds returned on each of the other matches played to date simply because we have not sufficient tickets. It gives us no pleasure whatsoever to refuse any application, but we cannot do impossibilities. We could sell the whole of the seats in our Main Stand to coach parties alone, besides the personal applications and those received by post. We have done our very best to spread the tickets over as large a field as possible, but it stands to reason that whatever we do quite a lot of people are going to be disappointed. We have decided to give the issuing of tickets one more chance, for the Sunderland match, and if the abuse and arguments continue then we shall not print any more tickets, but it will be a matter of first come first served on the day of the match. We shall accept postal applications only for the Sunderland match, for tickets at 5/6 each, stamped and addressed envelope must accompany each application, and any received before Monday, October 31st, will be returned.

We are holding our **CELEBRATION DANCE** at the Winter Assembly Hall, **TONIGHT**, from 8 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets are 4/- each, and can be obtained from the Bobbers Club or Mr. J. Collier, 6a, Cromwell Road.

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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			
INTERNATIONAL MATCH			
A	England	.....	Wales
LEAGUE MATCHES			
B	Birmingham	.....	Manchester C.
C	Burnley	.....	Bolton W.
D	Charlton Ath.	.....	Portsmouth
E	Everton	.....	Aston Villa
F	Manchester U.	.....	Huddersfield
G	Newcastle U.	.....	Wolverh'pton
H	Preston N. E.	.....	Chelsea
K	Sheffield Utd.	.....	Blackpool
L	Tottenham H.	.....	Sunderland
M	West Brom.	.....	Cardiff City
N	Barnsley	.....	Plymouth A.

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

THIRD LIST			
A	Crystal Palace	.....	Coventry City
B	Ipswich Town	.....	Millwall Ath.
C	Newport Co.	.....	Norwich City
D	Northampton	.....	Exeter City
E	Q.P.R.	.....	Leyton O.
F	Shrewsbury T.	.....	Reading
G	Southampton	.....	Watford
H	Swindon T.	.....	Colchester
K	Torquay Utd.	.....	Bournemouth
L	Walsall	.....	Gillingham
M	York City	.....	Grimsby T.
N	Brentford Res.	Luton T. Res.

BUNTY COACHES**Excursion
Aston Villa**

v. Luton Town

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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	...	24,493	H 3 1	
" 15 "	Huddersfield T.	...	19,621	A 2 0	
" 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	...		A	
" 14 "	Newcastle United	...		H	
" 21 "	Birmingham C.	...		A	
" 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					
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.	Northampton T.	...	539		A 4 0
" 15 Thurs.	Southend Utd.	...	2,041		H 1 5
" 17 Sat.	Swansea Town	...			A 0 1
" 24 "		...			
Oct. 1 "	Bournemouth	...	1,633	2 3	H 3 3
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	...	4,554		A 1 3
" 15 "	Leyton Orient	...	1,498		H 3 4
" 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 "		...			

League Table : 1955-56

Up to and including Saturday, 15th October, 1955

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackpool	12	7	3	2	29	17	17
Sunderland	11	8	0	3	32	21	16
Manchester United	13	6	4	3	27	23	16
West Bromwich A.	12	6	3	3	16	13	15
Bolton W.	11	6	2	3	22	13	14
LUTON TOWN	12	6	2	4	19	17	14
Everton	13	6	2	5	16	16	14
Charlton Ath.	13	5	4	4	22	26	14
Wolverhampton W.	11	6	1	4	35	18	13
Birmingham C.	13	4	5	4	23	18	13
Burnley	12	5	3	4	15	14	13
Preston N.E.	13	5	2	6	24	20	12
Portsmouth	11	5	2	4	21	21	12
Manchester City	11	3	5	3	17	20	11
Chelsea	12	4	3	5	16	19	11
Newcastle Utd.	12	4	2	6	24	28	10
ARSENAL	12	3	4	5	14	21	10
Aston Villa	13	1	7	5	14	23	9
Cardiff City	12	4	1	7	16	31	9
Sheffield Utd.	12	3	2	7	16	22	8
Huddersfield T.	11	2	4	5	11	22	8
Tottenham H.	12	2	1	9	13	24	5

NEXT MATCHES

Thursday, 27th October, 1955

Southern Counties' Amateur Championship
(Senior)**FLOODLIGHT MATCH****BEDFORDSHIRE**

v.

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Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

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v.

CHELSEA RESERVES

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