

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN
v.
SUNDERLAND



Official Programme

Price 3d.

SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1955

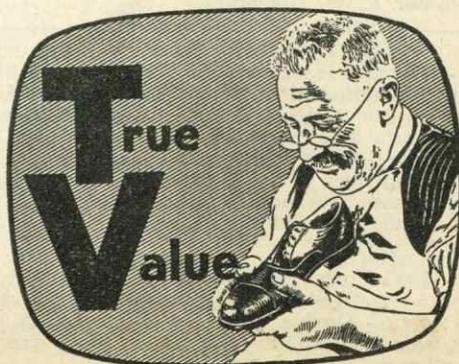
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5
Centre Half
D. ORES

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

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Don't forget the **Dance** at the "Warden Tavern" on Wednesday, 23rd November. Tickets 3/6; or 6/- Double. 8 p.m. to midnight. A bus has been booked for midnight to bring dancers into Luton.

We have about 200 interesting books in the Club. Anyone can obtain one of these by applying to the Steward. We have quite a lot of new

members this week from Berkhamsted, Leighton Buzzard and Hemel Hempstead.

Two coaches are running to **Portsmouth** from **Hemel Hempstead** next week. For Club members and supporters a double decker bus and a coach are run to all our home games, and to our Hemel members we say thank you for the way you are helping with our finance. Carry on Hemel and other Districts will soon be encouraged to do for the Supporters Club as much as you are doing.

We are running a coach to **Portsmouth**. Fare 11/-. Leaving Kenilworth Road at 9 a.m. Tickets from Bobbers Stand Club. These must be obtained **not later than Wednesday evening, 23rd November.**

J.C.

CLUB NOTES

WE are certainly having a wonderful run of seeing the top teams of the land in action, and today most certainly keeps up the sequence, for we have as our guests the current leaders, Sunderland known as the "Team of all the Talents." It is many years ago now when they earned that title, and much water has since passed down the Wear under Sunderland Bridge, but be they high or low in the Table this Club has always demanded respect from the opposition and today we meet them at the top of the wave. Standing as leaders of the Table before today's encounter, having played only 15 matches of which 7 have been played "at home," they have scored the highest number of goals in the Division, with such away victories as Aston Villa 4-1, Birmingham City 2-1, Bolton 3-0 and Tottenham 3-2, as well as a point at Preston to help bring this about. Although they were not one of the original twelve clubs when the Football League was formed in season 1888/89, Sunderland joined only two years later, replacing Stoke City, and the North Eastern Club during the whole of that time has never known any other company than First Division membership. It is often thought that Newcastle United was the first Club from the North East to join the League, but the "Geordies" did not enter until season 1893/94, and then as members of the Second Division, having to wait until the end of season 1897/98 before they finished runners-up with Burnley to gain promotion to the First Division. Much could be written of this famous Club since it was founded in 1880, but regrettably space does not allow. We can however show their principal honours to date, which are: League 1 Champions—seasons 1891/92, 1892/93, 1894/95, 1901/02, 1912/13, 1935/36; Runners-up—1893/94, 1897/98, 1900/01, 1922/23, 1934/35; Winners of the F.A. Cup on one occasion only, in 1936/37 when they beat Preston North End at Wembley by 3 goals to 1. Their only other appearance in the Final was against Aston Villa at Crystal Palace in 1912/13 when the Villa won by the only goal scored. Last season Sunderland, Wolverhampton and Portsmouth all obtained 48 points, the next highest to the Champions Chelsea, but Sunderland had the poorest goal average and so were placed fourth in the Table as the final position. It is remarkable that out of those 48 points 18 were obtained from drawn games, surely a record these days, only 9 matches being lost out of the 42 played.

We have had the pleasure of receiving Sunderland at Kenilworth Road before today. This was in season 1936/37 when we were drawn at home against them in the 4th Round of the F.A. Cup. Snow and ice made conditions very difficult that day, but Luton adapted themselves much better, and indeed the lads from the North, despite the fact that they had carried off the League Championship the previous season, soon found themselves in hot water—despite the conditions—and were two goals down. Then rain began to fall, to make the conditions even worse, but strangely enough it was Sunderland who then better adapted themselves to the change and fought back to bring the scores level and so earn a replay, but how Joe Payne in the last moments of that match missed one of the easiest chances of scoring he does not know to this day, nor ever will. In the replay the following Wednesday at Roker Park our lads fought well and were not disgraced when their opponents ran out worthy winners by three goals to one. The teams which turned out at Kenilworth Road were:

Sunderland. Mapson; Gorman, Hall; Thomson, Johnston, McNab; Duns, Carter, Gurney, Gallacher and Connor.

Luton. Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson, Fellowes; Hodge, Sloan, Payne, Roberts and Stephenson.

We welcome the lads from the North once again to our humble abode (when compared with the Roker Park capable of holding 76,000) but nevertheless promising them a clean and sporting match trusting the spoils will go to the side most deserving them. If it is anything like our last appearance here against the Wolves then we are certainly in for a splendid afternoon's sport full of excitement.

We came away from Villa Park pointless last Saturday, but what a travesty of justice. Our lads did everything but score, and if ever a goalkeeper earned his side two most precious points then it was Keith Jones on that occasion. His anticipation at times was uncanny, and then when he was beaten twice the ball was somehow kicked off the very goal-line. We felt that when Gordon Turner did get the ball into the net only to be given "offside" that the goal which was allowed to stand was offside more so, but it was just one of those things—definitely not our day at all. What was pleasing to us was that our lads continued to play their brilliant football—on the carpet, man to man—which will draw the crowds wherever they go for it is lovely to watch. Hard lines boys—you will play a lot worse and yet pick up the points.

What a pity there were not more of you present last Monday evening to see about the best Youth match ever played on this Ground. It had everything—brilliant football from the Manchester boys and some good forthright football allied to not a little skill from the Bedfordshire lads who did very well indeed to make such a fight of it against such clever opposition. Alan Collier was at his brilliant best, some of his saves bearing the stamp of class—a most impressive display. It was surely the cheapest form of entertainment that night for many a mile and it does surprise us that there is such poor interest taken in these matches, more especially when there were so many local lads playing representing their County. Whatever the reason for the apathy a jolly good game of football was missed by those of you not present.

An Inter-Varsity Soccer Match, Oxford versus Cambridge, will be played at Wembley, on Wednesday, December 7th next, kick-off 2 p.m. Tickets for this match can be obtained direct from Empire Stadium, Wembley, at the following prices:—Reserved and Numbered 10/- and 5/-, Reserved but Unnumbered 2/6, Standing 1/-. All seats are under cover. There are special reduced rates for parties of 12 or more Scholars under 17 years of age: 10/- for 7/6, 5/- for 3/6, 2/6 for 1/6 and 1/- for 6d.

Messrs Costins of Dunstable have asked us to state that they are arranging for coaches to travel to Portsmouth next Saturday, leaving Dunstable Square at 8.30 a.m., Luton, Alma Street, at 9 a.m., Return Fare 12/9. British Railways are also making arrangements, but so far a through train has not been scheduled. The train times are: leave Luton 9.37 a.m., arrive St. Pancras 10.23. Leave Waterloo 11.50, arrive Fratton 1.30 p.m. For the return journey any train to Waterloo to connect with any train from St. Pancras to Luton up to and including the last train which is the 12.20 a.m. Return Fare is 16/-. Kick-off at Portsmouth is 2.15 p.m.

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4
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Right Half

7
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8
Turner
Inside Right

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11
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6
Aitken
Left Half

3
McDonald
Left Back

10
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Baynham
Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half

9
Morton
Centre



9
Purdon
Centre

5
Daniel
Centre Half

Fraser
Goal

Football League—Div. 1

3
Aherne
Left Back

6
Shanks
Left Half

10
Cummins
Inside Left

11
Adam
Outside Left

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Anderson
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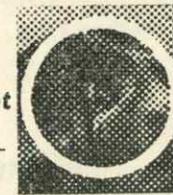
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TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCORES

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

SECOND LIST

A	Bury	Stoke City
B	Fullham	Plymouth A.
C	Leeds United	Liverpool
D	Middlesbro'	Doncaster R.
E	Notts. County	Leicester City
F	Port Vale	Hull City
G	Rotherham U.	Blackburn R.
H	Swansea T.	Lincoln City
K	West Ham U.	Notts. Forest
L	Millwall Res.	Luton T. Res.
F.A. CUP (First Round)		
M	Brentford	March Town
N	Brighton & H.	Newport Co.

THIRD LIST

A	Coventry City	Exeter City
B	Crystal Palace	Southampton
C	Gillingham	Shrewsbury T.
D	Leyton O.	Lovells Ath.
E	Northampton	Millwall Ath.
F	Norwich City	Dorchester T.
G	Peterborough	Ipswich Town
H	Reading	Bournemouth
K	Southend Utd.	Q.P.R.
L	Swindon T.	Hereford
M	Watford	Ramsgate A.
N	Yeovil	Aldershot

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1955-1956

1955	FIRST XI—Division 1	Attendance	F. A.	1955 Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1954/55	F. A.
Aug. 20	Sat. Charlton Athletic	28,800	A 2 2	Aug. 20	Sat. Birmingham C.	1,920	2 2 H 2 8
" 24	Wed. Preston N. E.	30,738	A 1 2	" 24	Wed. Cardiff City	694	A 1 4
" 27	Sat. Tottenham H.	21,143	H 2 1	" 27	Sat. Brighton	2,539	3 1 A 2 2
" 31	Wed. Preston N. E.	24,174	H 2 1	Sept. 3	Ipswich Town	2,042	H 2 1
Sept. 3	Sat. Everton	44,237	A 1 0	" 7	Wed. Cardiff City	1,023	3 1 H 5 2
" 5	Mon. Burnley	19,350	A 1 3	" 10	Sat. Northampton T.	539	...
" 10	Sat. Newcastle Utd.	25,814	H 4 2	" 15	Thurs. Southend Utd.	2,041	...
" 17	Sat. Birmingham C.	31,000	A 0 0	" 17	Sat. Swansea Town	2,787	...
" 24	" West Brom.	24,440	H 0 2	" 24	" Bournemouth	1,633	2 3 H 3 3
Oct. 1	" Manchester Utd.	34,000	A 1 3	" 8	" Bristol Rovers	4,554	...
" 8	" Blackpool	24,493	H 3 1	" 15	" Leyton Orient	1,498	...
" 15	" Huddersfield T.	19,621	A 2 0	" 22	" Brentford	1,091	...
" 22	" Arsenal	24,009	H 0 0	" 29	" Chelsea	1,742	2 2 A 3 7
" 29	" Bolton W.	28,104	A 0 4	Nov. 12	" Leicester City	1,537	1 3 H 2 2
Nov. 5	" Wolves	27,911	H 5 1	" 19	" Millwall Athletic	...	A H
" 12	" Aston Villa	32,000	A 0 1	" 26	" Coventry City	7 0	A H
" 19	" Sunderland (1)	...	A	Dec. 3	" Plymouth Argyle	...	A H
" 26	" Portsmouth	...	A	" 10	" Portsmouth	4 1	A H
Dec. 3	" Cardiff City	...	H	" 17	" Birmingham C.	1 1	A H
" 10	" Manchester C. (2)	...	A	" 24	" Brighton	1 1	A H
" 17	" Charlton Ath.	...	H	" 26	Mon. Aldershot	...	H
" 24	" Tottenham H.	...	A	" 27	Tues. Aldershot	...	A
" 26	Mon. Sheffield United	...	A	" 31	Sat. Ipswich Town	...	A
" 27	Tues. Sheffield United	...	H	1956			
" 31	Sat. Everton	...	H	Jan. 7	Sat. Queens Park R.	...	H
1956				" 14	" Tottenham H.	2 2	H
Jan. 7	Sat. F.A. Cup—3	...	A	" 21	" Southend United	...	A
" 14	" Newcastle United	...	A	" 28	" Crystal Palace	...	A
" 21	" Birmingham C.	...	H	Feb. 4	" Swansea Town	...	H
" 28	" F.A. Cup—4	...	A	" 11	" Bournemouth	4 0	A
Feb. 4	" West Brom.	...	A	" 18	" Bristol Rovers	...	H
" 11	" Manchester Utd.	...	H	" 25	" Leyton Orient	...	A
" 18	" Blackpool (5)	...	A	Mar. 3	" Brentford	...	H
" 25	" Huddersfield T.	...	H	" 10	" Chelsea	2 1	A
Mar. 3	" Sunderland (6)	...	A	" 17	" Norwich City	6 1	H
" 10	" Bolton W.	...	H	" 24	" Leicester City	...	A
" 17	" Wolves	...	A	" 30	Fri. Arsenal	1 1	A
" 24	" Aston Villa	...	H	" 31	Sat. Millwall Athletic	...	H
" 30	Fri. Chelsea	...	H	April 2	Mon. Arsenal	1 6	H
" 31	Sat. Arsenal	...	A	" 7	Sat. Coventry City	3 1	A
April 2	Mon. Chelsea	...	A	" 14	" Plymouth A.	...	H
" 7	Sat. Portsmouth	...	H	" 21	" Portsmouth	5 2	A
" 14	" Cardiff City	...	A	" 28			
" 21	" Manchester C.	...	H	May 5			
" 28	" Burnley	...	H	To be arranged	Norwich City	2 3	A

League Table : 1955-56

Up to and including Saturday, November 12th,

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
SUNDERLAND	15	9	3	3	41	26	21
Blackpool	16	9	3	4	36	26	21
Manchester United	17	8	5	4	33	27	21
Charlton Ath.	17	8	4	5	37	33	20
Burnley	16	7	5	4	23	18	19
West Bromwich	16	8	3	5	20	18	19
Everton	17	8	3	6	24	22	19
Bolton W.	15	8	2	5	29	18	18
Wolves	15	8	1	6	40	26	17
Preston N.E.	17	7	3	7	36	27	17
Birmingham C.	17	6	5	6	30	24	17
LUTON TOWN	16	7	3	6	24	23	17
Portsmouth	15	7	2	6	29	31	16
Chelsea	16	6	4	6	21	24	16
Newcastle Utd.	16	6	2	8	34	36	14
Arsenal	16	4	6	6	19	27	14
Manchester City	15	4	5	6	25	31	13
Aston Villa	17	3	7	7	19	27	13
Sheffield United	16	5	2	9	22	29	12
Cardiff City	16	5	2	9	21	36	12
Tottenham H.	16	3	2	11	19	33	8
Huddersfield	15	2	4	9	16	38	8

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 26th November

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