

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

**LUTON TOWN**  
v.  
**CARDIFF CITY**



**Official Programme**

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SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1955

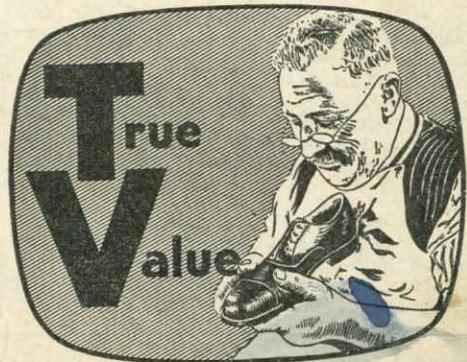
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2  
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**PRICELOW**

3  
Left Back  
**P. ROMPTERMS**

4  
Right Half  
**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  
Outside Left  
**T. R. ELLIS**

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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.

Today we shall lose quite a number of our regular supporters for about 3 hours, as quite a lot come from Wales, and they will be giving Cardiff their support, so it is up to the remainder

of you to see that our Boys get the encouragement they truly deserve. The Welshmen are in urgent need of points, and will try all they can to get them, but if we play as we have been doing in our last two home games, then the result should never be in doubt.

To everyone here today we are pleased to report that our Entertainment Committee is still going strong. On Wednesday last a Dance was held at the Warden Tavern, with pleasing results, and last night a Grand Dance was also held at the Cresta Ballroom by kind permission of the management. A Gala Night too was enjoyed with our Knebworth supporters.

We are very pleased with the number of new members that are coming along. Mr. D. F. Dunham, of St. Albans, has enrolled quite a lot and has another large list of names to send along from that District, and we shall be pleased if any of you from other Districts would do the same, as this is the spirit that binds these few words together—**To Help and not to Hinder.**

We are sure everyone was pleased with the display that both Seamus Dunne and George Cummins put up against Spain, also with Ron Baynham playing at Wembley against the same team last Wednesday.

Please send your 21/- for a Life Membership or 1/2 to become a Yearly Member, and thus support those that are going all out to support you.

J.C.

## CLUB NOTES

THOSE of you who were at Fratton Park last Saturday must have felt very pleased that you made the effort for, in the first half particularly, you saw one of the finest exhibitions of football for a very long time. It was sheer joy to watch the ball being passed from one white shirted player to another with such apparently effortless ease. The home crowd was stunned into silence for they could not have expected such brilliant football from a side just come into the First Division for the first time. How the Pompey defence managed to keep at least four efforts from entering their net during that first half they will never know. Anyone who argues that there is no such thing as 'the run of the ball' or 'bad luck' should have been present at Fratton Park, last Saturday. It seemed that the ball just would not go into the net. Even when Bob Morton and Gordon Turner on different occasions had beaten the goalie and it seemed that all they had to do was to place the ball accurately it ran away from them, although Bob did manage to hit a post with his final effort. Portsmouth came out in the second half determined to show to their supporters that they were by no means a beaten side and, vociferously encouraged by something approaching the 'Hampton roar,' were soon giving our defence something to think about. During it all however there was only one shot which gave us any anxiety, by their centre forward, when he shot through a crowd of players with the ball going well away from Ron Baynham. But Ron was equal to the occasion with a splendid dive at full length to his right to tip the ball away. His handling of the ball throughout was superb, and it was easy to see why he has been chosen to represent his country these last few weeks. There was not a nasty foul throughout the match, and neither trainer was called on to the field, a tribute to the sportsmanship of both sides. A writer in the local paper this week hopes both teams can avoid meeting each other in the Cup and to appear at Wembley. What a Final that would be if such was to happen. We, on our part, would very much like to see it.

While all this at Portsmouth was going on, our Reserves were showing the customers how to put the ball into the net, giving no less than seven perfect examples. Following on the eight scored against Sunderland the previous week, and five against the Wolves a fortnight previously, you fans have certainly had something to talk about lately particularly when it is allied to such brilliant football. Unfortunately for today's match a change has had to be made from the usual line-up for George Cummins' injury has not responded to treatment as was hoped. He felt stiffness after the match last Saturday when about to board the plane to Dublin, and with another game the following day without being able to get treatment allied to a week's rest, the injury was aggravated in the match against Spain. It is very nice to see our lads receiving the honours they so richly deserve, but there is always the danger of injury thus preventing them from playing for their Club. No doubt you all have your own ideas what you would have done to fill the vacancy, but we can tell you the matter gave "Dally" much thought, and after toying with an idea which would have surprised you all decided on the team. John Groves unfortunately had to cry off through an injury received last Saturday, thus making final selection more difficult.

Cardiff City come here today not feeling too happy about their position for if they lose this match they could easily find themselves tonight in bottom place but one. In their nine "away" games so far they have picked up three points, having scored 7 goals against 22, and with the Wolves and Sunderland results fresh in their minds must be wondering what sort of a reception they are going to receive today. It is just such teams however which can upset all calculations and today may be no exception. Both Bolton and Newcastle have beaten Cardiff on their own grounds by four clear goals, and of course that game at Ninian Park, last September, when the Wolves beat Cardiff by nine goals to one is still very fresh in our minds. There is some good material in this Cardiff side however and such results must not make us too optimistic.

Cardiff City won promotion to the First Division at the end of Season 1951/52, just beating Birmingham for second place with a better goal average. They have yet to have the honour of becoming Champions of Division 1, although this just eluded their grasp at the end of season 1923/24 when they finished Runners-up to Huddersfield Town with the same number of points. Champions of Division 2 also has eluded them, although they have finished second place on two occasions to gain promotion to the higher sphere. They were Champions of Division 3 (South) season 1946/47, and they have appeared once in the Cup Final, in season 1926/27, when they beat Arsenal at Wembley by the only goal scored. They have a splendidly equipped ground, capable of holding 62,000 spectators, and despite fierce competition with Rugby fans always manage to house a goodly crowd.

We are very pleased to see that Ron Baynham has been chosen to play for the Football League against the Football League of Ireland, kick-off 2.15 p.m., to be played at Goodison Park, on Wednesday next, a further honour richly deserved. Although criticized in some quarters for not collecting the ball cleanly on three occasions it must be remembered that apart from the greasy surface the ball, a plastic one, was very slippery under the conditions. Ron's quick re-action averted any trouble, the rest of his display being masterly and a most reliable person to have in the last line of defence. We feel he will be chosen many times if he can maintain such brilliant form.

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The match at Tottenham on Christmas Eve has been arranged for an 11.15 a.m. kick-off to try and avoid the afternoon shopping crowd. The match here against Sheffield United on Tuesday, December 27th, will have a 2.15 p.m. kick-off, tickets for which at 5/6 each for the Wing Stand seats only will be available as from Monday, December 12th. There are still a few tickets available at 5/6 each for the Charlton Athletic match on December 17th.

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Baynham Goal

5 Owen Centre Half  
9 Morton Centre



9 Hitchens Centre  
5 Sullivan Centre Half

Howells Goal

### Football League—Div. 1

3 Aherne Left Back

6 Shanks Left Half  
10 Cummins Inside Left  
11 Adam Outside Left

Linesmen:

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

**SECOND LIST**

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

**THIRD LIST**

A	Ipswich Town	Exeter City
B	Newport Co.	Brentford
C	Northampton	Millwall Ath.
D	Q.P.R.	Reading
E	Shrewsbury T.	Leyton O.
F	Southampton	Colchester
G	Swindon T.	Watford
H	Torquay Utd.	Coventry City
K	Walsall	Southend Utd.
L	Crewe	Accrington
M	Wrexham	Grimsby T.
N	Plymouth 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.	34,661	A 1 3
.. 8	.. Blackpool	24,493	H 3 1
.. 15	.. Huddersfield T.	19,621	A 2 0
.. 22	.. Arsenal	24,009	H 0 0
.. 29	.. Bolton W.	28,104	A 0 4
Nov. 5	.. Wolves	27,911	H 5 1
.. 12	.. Aston Villa	29,761	A 0 1
.. 19	.. Sunderland (1)	25,802	H 8 2
.. 26	.. Portsmouth	27,758	A 0 0
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	..	H
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	694	..	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	2,787	..	A 0 1
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	1,091	..	A 3 7
.. 29	.. Chelsea	1,742	2 2	H 3 0
Nov. 12	.. Leicester City	1,537	1 3	H 2 2
.. 19	.. Millwall Athletic	1,096	..	A 4 3
.. 26	.. Coventry City	1,176	7 0	H 7 0
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	..	..	..	A
May 5	..	..	..	A
To be arranged	Norwich City	..	2 3	A

**NEXT MATCH**

Saturday, 10th December, 1955

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Up to and including Saturday, 26th November.

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackpool	18	10	4	4	38	27	24
Manchester United	19	9	6	4	36	27	24
Burnley	18	9	5	4	27	18	23
Sunderland	17	10	3	4	46	39	23
Charlton Ath.	19	9	4	6	42	37	22
Bolton W.	17	9	3	5	32	19	21
LUTON TOWN	18	8	4	6	32	25	20
Everton	19	8	4	7	25	24	20
Wolverhampton W.	17	9	1	7	42	28	19
Birmingham C.	19	7	5	7	36	26	19
West Bromwich	18	8	3	7	21	21	19
Newcastle Utd.	18	8	2	8	40	37	18
Preston N.E.	19	7	4	8	36	28	18
Chelsea	18	7	4	7	22	27	18
Portsmouth	17	7	3	7	29	34	17
Arsenal	18	5	6	7	20	28	16
Manchester City	17	4	6	7	27	34	14
CARDIFF C.	18	6	2	10	23	41	14
Aston Villa	19	3	7	9	20	32	13
Sheffield United	18	5	2	11	23	33	12
Tottenham H.	18	5	2	11	23	34	12
Huddersfield	17	3	4	10	17	43	10

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