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SPURS v LUTON TOWN

Luton Town are our visitors this morning in the first match of the festive season, and we offer them a cordial welcome to White Hart Lane in the first-ever meeting of the two clubs in Division I on our enclosure.

It will be recalled that our visitors won promotion to

it is hoped, help supporters by easing congestion on public transport in North London.

The prices of admission for this match will be as for our home League matches: Ground 2/- and seating 7/- (all seats numbered and reserved). Applications for seats should be made to the office, and Season Ticket-holders desirous of retaining their usual seats are asked to apply not later than 31st December. Our visitors will bring with them a good muster of supporters and they have intimated their wish for their full allocation, 25 per cent., of the reserved seats.

Division I last season when in a close finish with 54 points they had the advantage in goal average over Rotherham United with the same number of points, thereby winning second place when the final table was compiled. Birmingham City, Division II Champions, had the same number of points but they, in turn, had the advantage in goal average over Luton. It will be agreed by all that Luton have thoroughly justified their promotion, and their record to date, as the League table shows, is one of consistent performance. The match to-day is the return game for that played at Luton on August 27th when we were the losers by 2 goals to 1.

CUP-TIE WITH BOSTON

Following the decision of the Challenge Cup Committee that the time for kick-off may be up to 3 p.m. where floodlighting is available, it has been decided to commence our Cup-tie on January 7th with Boston United at 2.45 p.m., and play the last half-hour with the lights switched on. With our neighbours, Arsenal, starting at 3 p.m., the kick-off at 2.45 p.m. at White Hart Lane will,



THE DIRECTORS
 PLAYERS & STAFF

Wish all our Supporters

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and a

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



OUR BAND WILL PLAY AT EACH HOME GAME

The Editor's Review

AND SPURS' GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

We look forward with considerable interest to the visit of Boston United, who have come prominently into the news lately by virtue of their win by 6 goals to 1 over Derby County, at Derby, in the Second Round. This was certainly an impressive performance by the Midland League side. Incidentally, six members of the team who won at Derby on December 10th were ex-Derby County players, including their goalkeeper and player-manager, Ray Middleton, and Harrison their outside-right, the latter gaining a Cup Final medal for Derby in their win at Wembley in 1946 over Charlton Athletic.

Of the four non-League clubs who have won their way into the Third Round Proper, three will be visiting London and will have First Division clubs as their opponents: Boston at White Hart Lane, Burton at Charlton, and Bedford Town at Highbury. The remaining non-League club, Worksop Town, will be the visitors at Swindon.

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

The holiday fixtures, in the matter of travelling, are not unfavourable to us over the festive season. Of the three League fixtures to be played, two are at home (Luton Town on Christmas Eve and West Bromwich Albion on Boxing Day) while on Tuesday, December 27th, we play the return fixture with West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns, a journey that can be completed within one day. The Reserves have no match at home over the Christmas period, but will not be called upon to travel outside London. On Boxing Day they will be at Chelsea and on Tuesday they are the visitors at Millwall. In the Eastern Counties League, the "A" Team visit March Town on Christmas Eve, and Lowestoft Town on Tuesday.

The following are the travel facilities for supporters who intend to travel to West Bromwich on Tuesday: Henry Coaches will run motor coaches from 1 Broad Lane at 8.30 a.m. (Whitehall Street at 8.45 a.m.) to The Hawthorns at a return fare of 10/6, and British Railways will also provide excursion facilities as follows:—

OUTWARD

Paddington dep. 10.10 a.m.
Birmingham (Snow Hill) .. arr. 12.13 p.m.

RETURN

Birmingham (Snow Hill) .. dep. 5.40 p.m. 8.05 p.m.
Paddington arr. 8.05 p.m. 11.30 p.m.

For the fixture with Charlton Athletic at The Valley next Saturday, Henry Coaches will also be running a motor coach excursion at a fare of 3/3 return. Coaches will leave Whitehall Street at 12.30 p.m. and 1 Broad Lane at 12.45 p.m. Further particulars may be obtained from Henry Coaches Ltd., telephone Tottenham 0661.

BURNLEY 2, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0

Our visit to Burnley on December 17th resulted in another defeat, although once more it was the old tale of good approach work being completely wasted by poor passing and bad shooting.

The home team started in fine form and were soon attacking. Pilkington was quickly prominent on the left wing, and from a throw-in near the corner flag he centred for the home centre to score at close quarters in the first two minutes of the game. After this we came more into the game and forced several corners and made a number of scoring attempts. We should have equalised when Baily was provided with a splendid opening, but the home team were finding their men well and the long passes to their wings always spelt danger. However, we had a good share of the game and it was not until 25 minutes' play had gone before Burnley scored their second goal—Shannon was allowed to go through unchallenged by a retreating defence and from some 20-yards range he beat Reynolds with a

hard cross shot. At the interval the home team led by 2 goals to nil.

The second half was also pretty even, both goalkeepers having some difficult shots to deal with, but we again muffed a fine scoring chance when Dunmore was put through and miskicked to put the ball yards wide. Soon after, Baily headed only just wide of the goal, while from a corner of Robb's the ball bobbed in and out of the goal-mouth for over a minute, the goalkeeper's fists and the backs' goal-line clearances only resulting in the ball being again shot in by one or other of our players. Eventually relief was provided by the ball passing over the goal-line for a goal-kick. At the other end Reynolds made some good clearances, but time arrived with Burnley good winners by 2—0.

Both Robb and Dulin did effective work on the wings and it is some evidence that we had a fair share of attacking that four corners were gained by each side in each half of the game. Teams:—

Burnley: McDonald; Rudman and Smith; Seith, Cummings and Shannon; Gray, Burke, McKay, Cheesebrough and Pilkington.

Tottenham Hotspur: Reynolds; Norman and Hopkins; Blanchflower, Clarke and Marchi; Dulin, Brooks, Dunmore, Baily and Robb.

RESERVES 6, SWANSEA TOWN RESERVES 0

At Tottenham on the 17th our Reserves maintained their lead in the Combination by defeating their visitors by this margin, after leading 4—0 at the interval. Our scorers were Duquemin (4), Stokes and Dyson. Team: Hollowbread; Withers and Henry; Ryden, King and Walley; Owen, Stokes, Duquemin, Harmer and Dyson.

To-day they are without a game but will have a very hard game on Monday when they visit Chelsea Reserves, while on Tuesday they visit Millwall Reserves.

EYNESBURY ROVERS 3, SPURS "A" 3

This game furnished a keen struggle last Saturday and at half-time we led 2—0, but the home team fought hard and a slip by our defence gave them a soft equalising goal in the last minute.

Our team was: Smith; Shaw and Barton; W. Dodge, Laurel and Teece; Evans, Aitchison, Bing, J. Lovell and A. Smith. Our scorers were A. Smith, J. Lovell and Aitchison.

To-day they visit March Town United and on Tuesday next Lowestoft Town.

CHELSEA JUNIORS 2, SPURS JUNIORS 0

This match was a Third Round tie in the F.A. Youth Cup and was played at Stamford Bridge on the morning of December 17th. The home team scored twice in the opening half and it was by this score of 2—0 they won the tie.

Our team was: P. Shearing; W. Deamer and D. Emson; A. King, A. Hoare and F. Sharpe; G. Thomson, P. Hurst, J. Titt, R. King and D. Milton.

MID-SEASON REVIEW

With last Saturday's fixture at Burnley we reached the half-way stage in the season's programme, and it is interesting to glance back and make a comparison with the position 12 months ago. Last season at this date our 21 games had yielded a total of 16 points, as against 13 points this season. However, our second half of the season saw 24 points collected, and this year may fortune soon turn in our favour, and may the holiday matches, which are of great consequence, see the beginning of a Spurs' revival.

For the Reserves no comparison is possible since the Football Combination was run on different lines last

On Monday, December 26th

WEST BROMWICH A.

Football League, Div. I Kick-off 2.15 p.m.

On Saturday, December 31st

QUEEN'S PARK R. RES.

Football Combination Kick-off 2.15 p.m.

ROOM FOR 50,000 UNDER COVER

Football League Div. I December 24th, 1955 **Kick-off 11.15 a.m.**

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
White Shirts, Blue Knickers

RIGHT WING	GOAL REYNOLDS	LEFT WING
	1 BACKS	
	NORMAN 2	HOPKINS 3
	BLANCHFLOWER (Capt.) 4	HALF-BACKS CLARKE 5
	DULIN 7	FORWARDS DUQUEMIN 9
	BROOKS 8	BAILY 10
		ROBB 11

Referee: **MR. E. W. ABBOTT**, Essex
Linesmen: **MR. L. S. COOK** Surrey (Red Flag)
MR. T. K. G. DOWTY, Wilts (Yellow Flag)

11 ADAM	10 PEARCE	9 Mac EWEN FORWARDS	8 MORTON	7 CULLEN
	6 SHANKS	5 OWEN (Capt.) HALF-BACKS	4 PEMBERTON	
	3 AHERNE	1 BACKS BAYNHAM GOAL	2 DUNNE	RIGHT WING
LEFT WING		LUTON TOWN Red Shirts, White Knickers		

ANY ALTERATION WILL BE NOTED ON THE BOARD

season, but this season to date our Reserves have put up a capital performance to lead the table by a margin of five points over their nearest rivals. Similarly, with the "A" Team, a comparison cannot be made since there are additional clubs in the Eastern Counties League, but it is satisfactory to note that the colts are holding their own with an average of a point per match.

CLUB GOALSCORERS

The following are the Club goalscorers to date in Division I matches: Stokes 5, Brooks 4, Clarke 4, McClellan 3, Robb 3, Gavin 2, Baily 1, Dunmore 1, Walters 1.

Football Combination: Duquemin 13, McClellan 13, Dyson 8, Harmer 8, Stokes 8, Dunmore 5, Bing 4, Dulin 3, Baily 3, Brittan 1, Gavin 1, Walters 1, opponent's own goal 1. Seven of Harmer's eight goals have been from the penalty spot.

FOR MOTORISTS

To avoid congestion in the High Road after to-day's match, motorists are advised by the Police to use secondary roads as far as possible when making their way from the ground, and to avoid re-entry into the main thoroughfare.

NATIONAL SERVICE MEN OVERSEAS

Many of our supporters have sons on National Service overseas. We would like to send them New Year's Greetings and on receipt of an unstamped envelope marked "Greetings", stating Name, Rank, Unit, and where stationed we will send them greetings from the Club. Envelopes should be not less than 6 inches by 5 inches.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Ag.
Sat. Aug. 20	Burnley	Home	0	1
Wed. " 24	Manchester United	Away	2	2
Sat. " 27	Luton Town	Away	1	2
Wed. " 31	Manchester United	Home	1	2
Sat. Sept. 2	Charlton Athletic	Home	2	3
Mon. " 5	Sheffield United	Away	0	2
Sat. " 10	Arsenal	Home	3	1
Sat. " 17	Everton	Away	1	2
Sat. " 24	Newcastle United	Home	3	1
Sat. Oct. 1	Birmingham City	Away	0	3
Sat. " 8	Bolton Wanderers	Home	0	3
Wed. " 12	F.C. Vasas (Floodlit)	Home	1	2
Sat. " 15	Chelsea	Away	0	2
Sat. " 22	Sunderland	Home	2	3
Mon. " 24	Plymouth A. (Floodlit)	Away	0	0
Sat. " 29	Portsmouth	Away	1	4
Sat. Nov. 5	Cardiff City	Home	1	1
Sat. " 12	Manchester City	Away	2	1
Mon. " 14	Partick Thistle (Floodlit)	Away	0	1
Sat. " 19	Wolverhampton W.	Home	2	1
Sat. " 26	Aston Villa	Away	2	0
Sat. Dec. 3	Blackpool	Home	1	1
Tues. " 6	Swansea T. (Floodlit)	Home	4	1
Sat. " 10	Huddersfield Town	Away	0	1
Sat. " 17	Burnley	Away	0	2
Sat. " 24	Luton Town	Home		
Mon. " 26	West Bromwich Albion	Home		
Tues. " 27	West Bromwich Albion	Away		
Sat. " 31	Charlton Athletic	Away		
1956				
Sat. Jan. 7	Boston U. (3rd Rd. F.A. Cup)	Home		
Sat. " 14	Arsenal	Away		
Sat. " 21	Everton	Home		
Sat. " 28	Fourth Round F.A. Cup			
Sat. Feb. 4	Newcastle United	Away		
Sat. " 11	Birmingham City	Home		
Sat. " 18	Bolton Wanderers	Away		
Sat. " 25	Chelsea	Home		
Sat. Mar. 3	Wolverhampton W.	Away		
Sat. " 10	Portsmouth	Home		
Sat. " 17	Cardiff City	Away		
Sat. " 24	Manchester City	Home		
Fri. " 30	Preston North End	Home		
Sat. " 31	Sunderland	Away		
Mon. April 2	Preston North End	Away		
Sat. " 7	Aston Villa	Home		
Sat. " 14	Blackpool	Away		
Sat. " 21	Huddersfield Town	Home		
Sat. " 28	Sheffield United	Home		

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Ag.
Sat. Sept. 3	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	2	0
Wed. " 7	Crystal Palace	Home	3	2
Wed. " 14	Southampton	Home	4	0
Sat. " 17	Aldershot	Away	3	1
Wed. " 21	Arsenal	Home	3	2
Sat. Oct. 1	Birmingham City	Home	2	0
Wed. " 5	Bexleyh'th (Rd. 1 L.C. Cup)	Away	8	0
Sat. " 8	Cardiff City	Away	3	0
Mon. " 10	Coventry City	Home	5	0
Sat. " 15	Watford	Home	0	1
Mon. " 17	Brentford (Rd. 2 L.C. Cup)	Away	1	2
Sat. " 22	Portsmouth	Away	0	2
Sat. " 29	Leicester City	Home	6	1
Sat. Nov. 5	Southend United	Away	4	2
Mon. " 14	Plymouth Argyle	Away	3	2
Tues. " 22	Brentford	Away	2	1
Sat. " 26	Leyton Orient	Home	1	2
Sat. Dec. 3	Norwich City	Away	2	0
Sat. " 10	Reading	Home	5	0
Sat. " 17	Swansea Town	Home	6	0
Mon. " 26	Chelsea	Away		
Tues. " 27	Millwall	Away		
Sat. " 31	Queen's Park Rangers	Home		
Sat. Jan. 7	Northampton Town	Home		
Sat. " 14	Luton Town	Away		

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Thur. Sept. 8	Crittall Athletic (E.A. Cup)	Away	3	1
Sat. " 10	Chelmsford City	Away	3	1
Sat. " 17	Sudbury Town	Away	2	1
Wed. " 21	Barking (E.A. Cup)	Away	1	0
Sat. " 24	Harwich & Parkeston	Away	2	2
Sat. Oct. 1	March Town	Away	3	2
Sat. " 8	Colchester United	Away	0	1
Sat. " 15	Chelmsford City	Away	4	3
Sat. " 22	Gorleston	Away	0	0
Sat. " 29	Yarmouth Town	Away	3	2
Sat. Nov. 5	Stowmarket	Away	0	3
Sat. " 12	Cambridge United	Away	2	3
Sat. " 19	Gorleston	Away	1	0
Sat. " 26	Holbeach United	Away	2	0
Sat. Dec. 3	Clacton Town	Away	1	2
Sat. " 10	Peterborough United	Away	1	1
Sat. " 17	Eynesbury Rovers	Away	3	3
Sat. " 24	March Town	Away		
Tues. " 27	Lowestoft Town	Away		
Sat. " 31	Clacton Town	Away		
Sat. Jan. 14	Harwich & P. (E.C.L. Cup)	Away		

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIV. I

Up to and incl. Dec. 17th	Goals						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Ps.	
Manchester United	22	11	6	5	42	32	28
Blackpool	21	11	5	5	44	32	27
Burnley	21	10	6	5	32	23	26
Sunderland	20	11	4	5	51	44	26
Bolton Wanderers	20	11	3	6	42	22	25
Luton Town	21	10	4	7	39	29	24
Charlton Athletic	22	10	4	8	48	43	24
Wolverhampton W.	20	11	1	8	48	33	23
Everton	22	9	5	8	29	31	23
Birmingham City	22	8	5	9	41	33	21
Portsmouth	20	9	3	8	37	42	21
West Bromwich A.	21	9	3	9	27	26	21
Chelsea	21	8	5	8	27	35	21
Newcastle United	21	9	2	10	45	38	20
Arsenal	21	7	6	8	26	33	20
Preston North End	22	8	4	10	40	32	20
Manchester City	20	6	7	7	35	38	19
Cardiff City	21	7	3	11	27	46	17
Aston Villa	22	4	8	10	25	39	16
Sheffield United	21	6	3	12	29	38	15
Tottenham Hotspur	21	5	3	13	24	38	13
Huddersfield Town	20	4	4	12	21	52	12

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Up to and incl. Dec. 17th	Goals						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Ps.	
Tottenham Hotspur	22	18	0	4	69	21	36
Bristol Rovers	19	15	1	3	61	23	31
Chelsea	20	14	1	5	58	26	29
Fulham	21	14	1	6	56	29	29
Portsmouth	19	13	2	4	56	29	28
Brentford	20	12	3	5	49	32	27
Bristol City	20	10	5	5	32	23	25
Birmingham City	20	10	4	6	50	25	24
Watford	19	11	2	6	46	44	24
West Ham United	18	11	1	6	59	27	23
Cardiff City	20	10	3	7	40	32	23
Leicester City	20	8	6	6	50	41	22
Charlton Athletic	20	9	3	8	36	33	21
Crystal Palace	20	9	2	9	38	40	20
Queen's Park Rangers	20	9	2	9	27	32	20
Southampton	20	8	3	9	41	41	19
Brighton & Hove Albion	19	7	5	7	32	41	19
Bournemouth & B.A.	20	6	7	7	32	43	19
Leyton Orient	19	7	3	9	43	42	17
Arsenal	20	7	3	10	39	39	17
Norwich City	18	8	1	9	30	34	17
Luton Town	19	7	3	9	48	52	17
Aldershot	21	6	5	10	25	40	17
Swansea Town	20	7	2	11	28	57	16
Plymouth Argyle	23	6	2	15	29	53	14
Ipswich Town	19	6	1	12	47	49	13
Millwall	20	5	2	13	35	57	12
Southend United	17	4	3	10	24	36	11
Coventry City	19	4	3	12	27	55	11
Reading	18	4	1	13	27	51	9
Northampton Town	19	3	3	13	30	68	9
Swindon Town	19	4	1	14	15	64	9

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Up to and incl. Dec. 17th	Goals						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Ps.	
Spalding United	18	13	4	1	50	25	30
Peterborough Utd.	17	11	3	3	42	18	25
Colchester United	19	11	3	5	55	30	25
Clacton Town	18	12	0	6	41	25	24
March Town Utd.	13	11	1	1	31	10	23
Stowmarket	17	11	1	5	34	24	23
Cambridge United	18	10	3	5	37	31	23
Gorleston	18	10	0	8	40	29	20
Yarmouth Town	16	8	2	6	37	29	18
Lowestoft Town	17	8	2	7	39	32	18
Harwich & Park'n.	16	7	3	6	28	24	17
Tottenham Hotspur	17	7	3	7	26	25	17
Sudbury Town	14	5	2	7	29	37	12
Bury Town	11	3	3	5	23	29	9
Biggleswade Town	18	2	5	11	35	55	9
West Ham United	16	3	3	10	20	35	9
Holbeach United	15	4	0	11	17	36	8
Eynesbury Rovers	15	3	2	10	21	45	8
Chelmsford City	19	2	1	16	21	58	5
Norwich City	16	1	3	12	16	45	5