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**LUTON TOWN**

v.

**EVERTON**

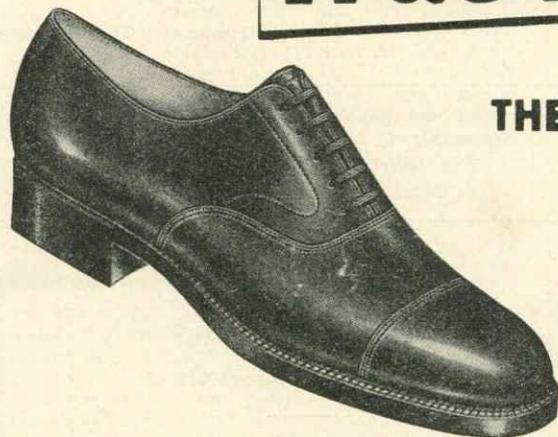


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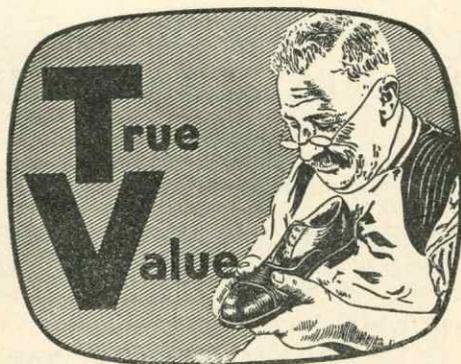


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2  
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**PRICELOW**

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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F. ETCHIT

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## CLUB NOTES

FOUR points out of six in four days has been wonderful news this Christmas time for all our supporters, and we hazard that very few of you did not enjoy your tea last Monday when the result came through that we had won at Bramhall Lane by four clear goals. What the score might have been in the return match here the following day if ground conditions had been normal can only be left to conjecture for if the ball could have been got through quicker instead of being held up in the mud most of those five 'offside' goals would undoubtedly have counted. We won this match well enough but when the United scored with still ten minutes left for play we wondered if their desperation would not get them to within striking distance again. Our forwards however continued their attacking game and when this broke down, the defence was equal to all the United forwards could manage in that dreadful mud. A much better result from our point of view could easily have been the outcome of the match at White Hart Lane, on the Saturday, for the Spurs' two goals were in the 'lucky' category, at least that is how they seemed to us, whereas a really fit Turner would have had the ball in the net on two if not three occasions before half-time. Perhaps a draw would have been a more equitable result at Tottenham, but for all that four points out of six, particularly as two of the matches were "away," was very good going indeed.

On the turn of the year, looking at our achievements to date in our first season in the First Division makes interesting reading, showing that our lads are by no means in the wrong company. Out of the 24 matches played to date only 11 have been played at Kenilworth Road, and only Burnley and Chelsea have had less goals scored against them "at home." Thirteen matches have therefore been played "away"—leaving only eight more to play—and here again our "against" record is very good for only Bolton can show they have conceded less goals than the "Hatters," a remarkable tribute to our defence. Placed third in the Table with ten "home" matches to play out of the remaining 17 looks as if our lads will be quite a force with which to be reckoned when the final reckoning takes place. It does not do of course to count one's chickens before they are hatched, but at the same time our lads have played so consistently well to date whatever the conditions, that it would require something quite extraordinary to prevent us from finishing in the top half of the Table and besides we want to place on record our appreciation of the wonderful football our lads have given us this season and to say also that we have every confidence in them continuing the good work. With such players as Bernard Streten, Les Jones, Reg Pearce, John Groves, Roy Davies, Peter MacEwan, etc., ready to step in at a moment's notice to fill any vacancy which might occur leaves one with the feeling that the strength in reserve is adequate for almost any contingency. It is a pity we cannot find places today for Reg Pearce and Roy Davies after so ably filling positions lately, but with George Cummins and Jimmy Adam reporting fit again the Team Manager felt he must give the lads who had done the brunt of the work in getting us to our present position a further opportunity of continuing in the team now they are fit again. Reg Pearce in particular has done an excellent job in filling the vacancy caused by George Cummins' injury and has certainly shown he is quite capable of First Team duty and he fitted into the scheme of things like a veteran.

We welcome the lads from Everton to Kenilworth Road today, trusting the conditions are much better than they were last Tuesday. They must be

wondering exactly how they stand for at Birmingham last Monday they went down to the tune of six goals to two, yet in the return match the following day they beat Birmingham by five goals to one. This was just one of those examples of the topsy-turvey of football at Christmas time and this result perhaps cannot be taken too seriously, at least not as a guide for today's match for apart from being defeated at Blackpool by four clear goals Everton's away record is formidable, having won at Burnley, Charlton, Newcastle and Preston, with draws at Bolton and Sunderland. When they have lost "away" apart from the two instances quoted it has mostly been by the odd goal and so our lads will have to be on their best behaviour this afternoon if we are to continue in our winning vein. Everton's home record has let them down for out of the 12 matches played at Goodison Park no fewer than 4 have been drawn and 2 (including our 1-0 win over them) have been lost. If Everton could boast our "home" record today they would be tying with Blackpool for second place. Another example of how important a Club's "home" games are in this struggle for the top places. We trust to see another very good match here this afternoon, played in the best sporting spirit, and may the best team win.

The post each day since Tuesday has been very heavy bringing in applications for the Cup Match with Leicester City next Saturday. The Staff is working as hard as possible dealing with these applications and tickets are being sent out every day. There are still a few Season Ticket Holders in the Centre Stand who have not applied and we are hereby giving them notice that any applications received after Monday next, January 2nd, will be unfortunate as far as seats are concerned. Tickets for the Main Stand, to Season Ticket Holders only, are 7/6 each, application to be made in writing to the Office at 70, Kenilworth Road, accompanied by the proper remittance and a stamped addressed envelope. Also please mark your envelope addressed to us "Centre Stand S.T.H." so that they can be easily spotted from the other applications. It is regretted but it is quite impossible at Home Cup matches for Centre Stand Season Ticket Holders to have a ticket for their usual seat but a seat will be allocated to each holder who applies within the stipulated time. Bobbers Stand Season Ticket Holders must apply to the Bobbers Stand for their tickets, in person, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., bringing their season Ticket Book for the appropriate pink slip to be detached therefrom. These tickets are 3/- each. A few Enclosure Tickets are still available at 5/- each, Boys 3/- each, applications in writing to the Office, 70, Kenilworth Road, enclosing remittance and a stamped addressed envelope. As far as we can gather Leicester will be taking up the whole of their allocation so we do not expect there will be any tickets available once we have sold our own share.

The numbers of the two Lucky Programmes will be announced over the mike at half-time as on the two previous occasions. If the purchasers of these two programmes enabling each one to purchase one Cup Final Ticket at 3/6 will contact the Secretary at the back of the Main Stand after the match he will obtain the necessary particulars so that the lucky holders will be advised when the tickets have been received. It must be understood that the normal price will be paid when purchasing the tickets.

Tomorrow is New Year's Day, and so the Chairman, Directors, Players and Staff would like to wish you All the Compliments of the Season and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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2 **Dunne** Right Back  
4 **Pemberton** Right Half  
7 **Cullen** Outside Right  
8 **Turner** Inside Right

Referee: **Mr. F. L. OVERTON** (Derby)

11 **Eglington** Outside Left  
6 **Lello** Left Half  
3 **Rankin** Left Back

### EVERTON

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### Baynham

Goal

5 **Owen** Centre Half

9 **Morton** Centre



9 **Harris (J)** Centre

**Jones** Centre Half

**O'Neill** Goal

### Football League—Div. 1

3 **Aherne** Left Back

6 **Shanks** Left Half

10 **Cummins** Inside Left  
11 **Adam** Outside Left

Linesmen:  
Red Flag: **Mr. S. W. BARKER** (Bexleyheath, Kent)

Orange Flag: **Mr. E. HARVEY** (Warboys, Hunts.)

8 **Wainwright** Inside Right  
7 **Harris (B)** Outside Right

4 **Farrell** Right Half

2 **Moore** Right Back

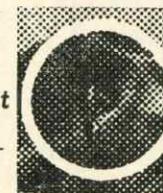
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

**FIRST LIST**

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

**SECOND LIST**

A Fulham	Middlesbro'
C Leeds United	Bristol City
B Leicester City	Lincoln City
D Liverpool	Blackburn R.
E Notts. County	West Ham U.
F Plymouth A.	Hull City
G Rotherham U.	Doncaster R.
H Stoke City	Notts. Forest
K Swansea T.	Port Vale
L Aldershot	Brighton & H.
M Bournemouth	Watford
N Colchester	Coventry City

**THIRD LIST**

A Crystal Palace	Millwall Ath.
B Gillingham	Reading
C Leyton O.	Southend Utd.
D Newport Co.	Walsall
E Northampton	Southampton
F Norwich City	Brentford
G Q.P.R.	Shrewsbury T.
H Swindon T.	Ipswich Town
K Torquay Utd.	Exeter City
L Stockport Co.	Accrington
M Tranmere R.	Grimsby T.
N Ipswich 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 Sat.	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	21,827	H 3 0
" 10 "	Manchester C. (2)	14,449	A 2 3
" 17 "	Charlton Ath.	19,686	H 2 1
" 24 "	Tottenham H.	41,168	A 1 2
" 26 Mon.	Sheffield United	29,772	A 4 0
" 27 Tues.	Sheffield United	23,504	H 2 1
" 31 Sat.	Everton	...	H
1956			
Jan. 7 Sat.	Leicester C. F.A. Cup—3		H
" 14 "	Newcastle United		A
" 21 "	Birmingham C.		H
" 28 "	F.A. Cup—4		
Feb. 4 "	West Brom.		A
" 11 "	Manchester Utd.		A
" 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	...
" 7 Wed.	Cardiff City	1,023	3 1 H 5 2
" 10 Sat.	Northampton T.	539	...
" 15 Thurs.	Southend Utd.	2,041	...
" 17 Sat.	Swansea Town	2,787	...
" 24 "	Bournemouth	1,633	2 3 H 3 3
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	4,554	...
" 15 "	Leyton Orient	1,498	...
" 22 "	Brentford	1,091	...
" 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	...
" 26 "	Coventry City	1,176	7 0 H 7 0
Dec. 3 "	Plymouth Argyle	2,568	...
" 10 "	Portsmouth	1,279	4 1 H 2 3
" 17 "	Birmingham C.	1,874	1 1 A 1 3
" 24 "	Brighton	561	1 1 H 1 2
" 27 Tues.	Aldershot	...	A 2 1
" 31 Sat.	Ipswich Town	...	A
1956			
" 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
"	Aldershot	...	H
"	Queens Park R.	...	H

**NEXT MATCH**

Saturday, 7th January, 1956

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	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester United	25	13	6	6	51	32	32
Blackpool	24	12	5	7	51	40	29
LUTON TOWN	24	12	4	8	46	32	28
Charlton Ath.	25	12	4	9	55	49	28
Burnley	24	10	7	7	36	30	27
Newcastle Utd.	24	12	2	10	59	40	26
Wolverhampton W.	23	11	4	8	55	40	26
Portsmouth	23	11	4	8	45	47	26
EVERTON	25	10	6	9	37	39	26
Sunderland	23	11	4	8	53	58	26
Chelsea	24	10	6	8	32	37	26
Bolton W.	23	11	3	9	44	30	25
Preston N.E.	25	10	4	11	46	47	24
Manchester City	23	8	8	7	42	41	24
Birmingham C.	25	9	5	11	48	42	23
West Bromwich A.	24	10	3	11	30	34	23
Arsenal	24	7	8	9	31	40	22
Cardiff City	24	8	4	12	30	49	20
Tottenham H.	24	7	3	14	30	41	17
Sheffield United	24	7	3	14	32	44	17
Aston Villa	25	4	9	12	28	45	17
Huddersfield T.	23	6	4	13	30	57	16

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