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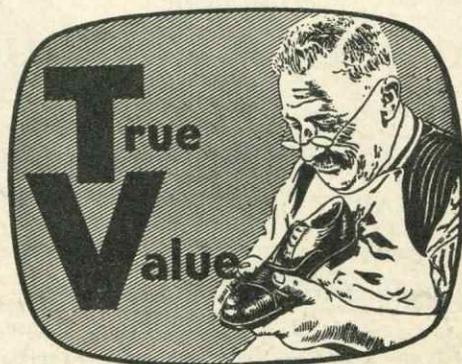


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3
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P. ROMPTERMS

4
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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
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CLUB NOTES

TODAY we have a visit from our promotion companions of last season, Birmingham City, and we would like to welcome them once again to Kenilworth Road. The visit of the "Blues" will revive stirring memories of the fine duels which have resulted from meetings of these two Clubs in past years and the quality of football today should be of good vintage from two such attractive teams. Our first encounter with Birmingham this season was at St. Andrews, in September last, when our lads held Birmingham to a goalless draw immediately after a road mishap. The teams that day were :

Birmingham : Merrick, Hall, Badham, Boyd, Newman, Warhurst, Astall, Kinsey, Brown, Murphy, and Govan.

Luton Town : Baynham, Dunne, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Shanks, Cullen, Turner, MacEwan, Cummins and Adam.

Our "Cup luck" this season was certainly out. Losing the Tie is unfortunate enough in itself but to lose Syd Owen after 37 minutes of play with a torn groin muscle, was indeed a tragedy. We are hoping to see Syd return to the team in the near future, but the length of time such injuries keep players out of harness is always uncertain.

Terry Kelly was called upon to deputise for Syd at Newcastle, last Saturday, and no one could have known this was Terry's first appearance at centre half in the League side. The match was played under atrocious conditions—snow, sleet and rain falling throughout the game, on a pitch already covered with ice and water. In our opinion this match should never have been played, for football as such was utterly impossible, but we are not blaming this for our defeat for we gave as good as we got until those last fateful ten minutes when three further goals were scored to make the final result look all out of proportion to the run of the play. However it is goals that count.

As this is the first opportunity since the Leicester City Cup Tie we wish to place on record our grateful thanks to our Ground Staff who worked exceedingly hard to prepare the pitch for that match. It was a most difficult task but with determination was prepared to enable the Referee to say the pitch was playable, but again football was quite out of the question and it was a case of the survival of the fittest.

On Monday morning, 14 of the Town players accompanied by the Mayor and Mayoress and

Town Officials will board an Elizabethan Aircraft to fly to Barcelona for a match in connection with Spain's Liberation Day Festivities. We understand the weather will be "fine and sunny"—a pleasant change from the weather we have been experiencing lately. Previous to the Barcelona invitation the Town had already agreed to travel to Sheffield Wednesday for a friendly fixture on January 28th, so the party will fly back in time to keep this venue. With Sheffield Wednesday at the top of the Second Division this should prove to be a very entertaining match and next week is certainly going to be a very busy one for the Town players!

The conditions here last Saturday made football entirely out of the question and so the Referee had no alternative but to postpone the Combination fixture with Tottenham Hotspur Reserves. On Thursday we received a telephone call from the Southend United Manager postponing the fixture at Southend today, thus leaving the Reserve Team with no match for the third consecutive Saturday.

Manchester United—our next home opponents—are certainly creating a great deal of interest and Wing Stand tickets for this match will be available as from Monday. As we have already received several enquiries from coach parties etc. wishing to visit our ground for this match, we anticipate a quick sell-out, and therefore ask you not to hesitate in making your reservations.

We wish to take this first opportunity of welcoming Tony Pounder to our midst, hoping he will settle down quickly in his new surroundings and be very happy. 20 years old Tony has come to us from a local Sheffield side and will undoubtedly be an asset to our Club.

We still have a few of the new lapel badges for sale at 1s. 6d. each which can be obtained from the office in Kenilworth Road or at the Bobbers Stand Club. These attractive badges are just the thing for you fans.

Mr. Harry Ditton of the "News of the World" is attending our match today and his comments on the game will be appearing in tomorrow's issue.

At the time of going to press no definite arrangements have been made for a match at Kenilworth Road next Saturday. We are however hoping to arrange for our "A" team to make one of their rare appearances at Luton and an announcement will be made regarding this during the match today. We hope that you will come along to support our youngsters.

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2 Dunne Right Back
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7 Cullen Outside Right
8 Turner Inside Right

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11 Govan Outside Left
10 Kinsey Inside Left
6 Warhurst Left Half

BIRMINGHAM CITY

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Spectators are asked NOT TO CROSS THE PLAYING FIELD after the match

Baynham Goal

5 Kelly Centre Half

9 Morton Centre



10 Smith Centre Half

Merrick Goal

Football League—Div. 1

3 Aherne Left Back

6 Shanks Left Half

10 Cummins Inside Left
11 Pearce Outside Left

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

SECOND LIST

A	Bury	Bristol City
C	Doncaster R.	Notts. Forest
B	Fulham	West Ham U.
D	Leeds United	Port Vale
E	Liverpool	Leicester City
F	Notts. County	Rotherham U.
G	Plymouth A.	Lincoln City
H	Stoke City	Blackburn R.
K	Swansea T.	Sheffield Wed.
L	Aldershot	Shrewsbury T.
M	Bournemouth	Millwall Ath.
N	Brighton & H.	Gillingham

THIRD LIST

A	Colchester	Watford
B	Crystal Palace	Southampton
C	Exeter City	Coventry City
D	Leyton O.	Brentford
E	Newport Co.	Southend Utd.
F	Northampton	Ipswich Town
G	Norwich City	Reading
H	Q.P.R.	Walsall
K	Swindon T.	Torquay Utd.
L	Accrington	Chester
M	Gateshead	Grimsby T.
N	Scunthorpe	Derby County

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Football Excursion
SAT., 4th FEBRUARY

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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	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	23,226	H 2 2
1956			
Jan. 7	Sat. Leicester C. F.A. Cup-3	23,221	H 0 4
" 14	" Newcastle United	21,412	A 0 4
" 21	" Birmingham C.		H
" 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	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
" 24	" Bournemouth	1,633	2 3	H 3 3
Oct. 1	" Bristol Rovers	4,554		A 1 3
" 8	" Leyton Orient	1,498		H 3 4
" 15	" Brentford	1,091		A 3 7
" 22	" Chelsea	1,742	2 2	H 3 0
" 29	" Leicester City	1,537	1 3	H 2 2
Nov. 12	" Millwall Athletic	1,096		A 4 3
" 19	" Coventry City	1,176	7 0	H 7 0
Dec. 3	" Plymouth Argyle	2,568		A 2 1
" 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	618		A 2 1
" 31	Sat. Ipswich Town	3,396		A 2 2
1956				
Jan. 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
"	" Tottenham H.		2 2	H

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 28th January, 1956

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Manchester United	27	15	6	6	57	36	36
Blackpool	26	13	6	7	60	32	34
Burnley	26	12	7	7	42	31	31
Sunderland	26	12	6	8	57	30	31
Wolves	26	12	5	9	61	29	29
LUTON TOWN	26	12	5	9	48	29	29
Everton	27	11	7	9	42	29	30
Newcastle Utd.	27	13	2	12	64	28	30
Bolton W.	26	12	4	10	51	28	29
Charlton Ath.	27	12	4	11	58	28	28
West Bromwich	27	12	4	11	38	28	30
Chelsea	26	10	7	9	38	27	29
Portsmouth	26	11	5	10	50	27	29
Manchester City	26	10	8	9	48	26	28
Preston N.E.	27	10	5	12	49	25	27
BIRMINGHAM C.	27	10	6	12	50	24	26
Arsenal	26	8	8	10	34	24	24
Cardiff City	26	10	4	12	36	24	24
Tottenham H.	26	9	3	14	33	21	22
Aston Villa	27	5	9	13	31	19	19
Sheffield United	26	8	4	15	35	20	20
Huddersfield	26	6	5	15	33	17	17

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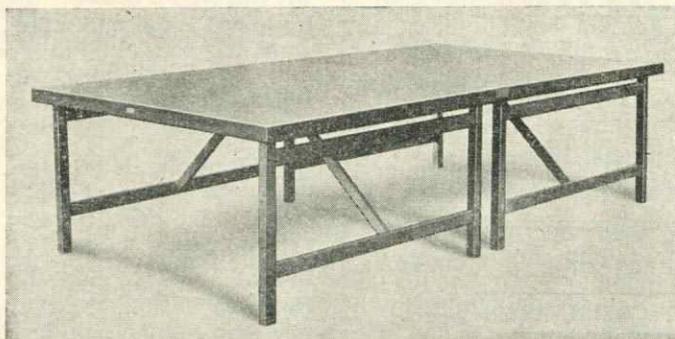
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