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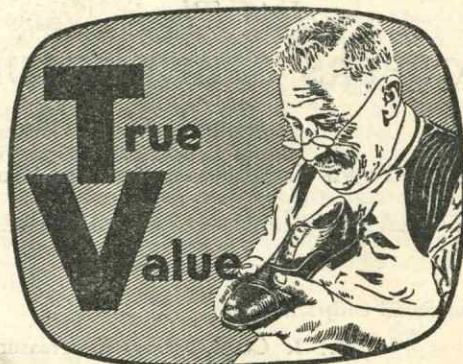


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8 Inside Right: **F. LORING**

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### CLUB NOTES

OUR visit to the North East during the week to meet Sunderland in a League match postponed from last Saturday because of our opponent's active interest in the Cup brought us our first points this year and very well they were deserved too. It is said that every lane has a turning, but we were beginning to wonder if there was any truth in this, especially after our home defeat at the hands of Huddersfield Town a fortnight ago. The return of Bob Morton and Wally Shanks however to the team in their normal positions gave the defence that solid look upon which all the Sunderland efforts to break through faltered. There always seemed to be one white shirt too many for them, and when this was not the case there was a green shirted figure with whom they had still to contend. Tony Gregory in his first game in the senior side started rather nervously, which was only to be expected for it is a very big jump to make from Metropolitan League to Football League football in so short a time. He was also directly opposite one of the best centre halves in the country in Ray Daniels who has plenty of experience to help him out of trouble. Despite all this, and on an opponent's ground with no vocal support from the crowd as he would have received here, the lad did very well. As the game wore on he played with increasing confidence, and in fact late in the game he very cleverly beat two opponents and was only prevented from getting in a shot by what appeared to us to be a case of obstruction. A few minutes later he was put through beautifully by George Cummins and only a good save by the Sunderland goalie with his left foot (he had't time to get down to the ball) saved a certain goal. While not a brilliant debut perhaps, Tony Gregory showed us that with a little more experience and confidence it will not be long before he has made the centre forward position his own. Altogether there was much better balance and more skill in this match than we have seen for a long time, reviving memories of the brilliant displays we saw before Christmas. The pitch at Roker Park was in almost perfect condition, a fact which our lads fully appreciated by a return to their on-the-carpet football. Now that we can expect a continuation of firmer grounds than we have been experiencing lately we anticipate a steady climb from our present position in the Table to one of undoubted safety. We never had the slightest fear ourselves that our sojourn in the First Division would last only one season, but several "supporters" have had the opposite view and we mention our confidence in the lads to keep us in our present company to save any further wastage of time, paper and ink of anyone else contemplating writing us to the effect that our days in Division One are numbered.

Bolton Wanderers are our visitors today and we welcome them once again to Kenilworth Road. The last time we met here was in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup on 14th February, 1953 when we were beaten by an only goal, scored by Nat

Lofthouse. There had been a heavy fall of snow during the morning of the match which made good football difficult, but after an exciting match this one goal took the Northerners into the Sixth Round, going on to beat Gateshead and Everton to reach that never-to-be-forgotten Final at Wembley—known today as Stanley Matthews' Final—when Blackpool beat Bolton by four goals to three. The team which did duty for Luton against Bolton here was:—Baynham; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Cullen, Moore, Pye, Turner and Mitchell. Only three years ago and yet there are very few who could remember the team which played that day. Of the Bolton team which played against us only Hartle, Wheeler, Barrass, Holden and Lofthouse are here today, and in the same positions they occupied then. Although we are nine positions below Bolton according to the Table shown in this Programme only two points separate our two Clubs, a pointer showing what a big difference a win makes to a Club's position at this juncture of the season. Now that our lads have broken their duck this year, so to speak, we can expect a first-class match here today from two sides who play their football on the ground.

A crowd of over 2,000 saw Michael Cullen score a hat trick in our Combination League match against Queens Park Rangers on Wednesday evening. These three goals now bring the total number scored by our Reserves in their last three matches to 17. A very creditable performance considering the opposition has not been on the weak side. Today the "Stiffs" travel to Chelsea where we trust they will continue in their winning vein.

If not able to play our postponed Combination fixture with Tottenham Hotspur next Wednesday under the Floodlights as already arranged, we will play it in the afternoon, kick-off 3 p.m.

We are assuming that the dispute with the Players' Union on Floodlight matches will be settled by Wednesday, 21st March, in which case the match with Bedford Town at Kenilworth Road, the final of the Bedfordshire Professional Cup will be played. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. Prices of admission: Centre Stand 5/-; Wing Stand and Enclosure 3/6; Boys 2/-; Bobbers Stand 2/6; Boys 1/3; Terraces 1/6; Boys 1/-.

We are continuing with the distribution of one 3/6 Cup Final ticket to each holder of a Lucky Programme number, and two lucky numbers will be given out over the mike at half time as usual. Any person holding a Programme with one of today's winning numbers please see the Secretary at the back of the Main Stand after the match. The ticket must be purchased at its face value. The previous lucky numbers have been as follows:

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2  
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Right Back

4  
**Morton**  
Right Half

7  
**Davies**  
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8  
**Turner**  
Inside Right

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11  
**Birch**  
Outside Left

10  
**Parry**  
Inside Left

6  
**Edwards**  
Left Half

3  
**Banks**  
Left Back

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**Baynham**  
Goal

5  
**Kelly**  
Centre Half

9  
**Gregory**  
Centre



9  
**Lofthouse**  
Centre

5  
**Barrass**  
Centre Half

**Grieves**  
Goal

### Football League—Div. 1

3  
**Jones**  
Left Back

6  
**Shanks**  
Left Half

10  
**Cummins**  
Inside Left

11  
**Adam**  
Outside Left

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**Mr. J. L. LOCKTON (London)**

8  
**Stevens**  
Inside Right

7  
**Holden**  
Outside Right

4  
**Wheeler**  
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2  
**Hartle**  
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**FIRST LIST**

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

**SECOND LIST**

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

**THIRD LIST**

A	Ipswich Town	.....	Reading	.....
B	Newport Co.	.....	Bournemouth	.....
C	Northampton	.....	Leyton O.	.....
D	Q.P.R.	.....	Colchester	.....
E	Shrewsbury T.	.....	Watford	.....
F	Southampton	.....	Brentford	.....
G	Swindon T.	.....	Norwich City	.....
H	Torquay Utd.	.....	Gillingham	.....
K	Walsall	.....	Millwall Ath.	.....
L	Derby County	.....	Grimsby T.	.....
M	Scunthorpe	.....	Accrington	.....
N	Chelsea Res.	.....	Luton T. Res.	.....

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SAT., 17th MARCH, 1956

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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	Sat. West Brom.	24,440	H 0 2
Oct. 1	Sat. Manchester Utd.	34,661	A 1 3
" 8	Sat. Blackpool	24,493	H 3 1
" 15	Sat. Huddersfield T.	19,621	A 2 0
" 22	Sat. Arsenal	24,009	H 0 0
" 29	Sat. Bolton W.	28,104	A 0 4
Nov. 5	Sat. Wolves	27,911	H 5 1
" 12	Sat. Aston Villa	29,761	A 0 1
" 19	Sat. Sunderland (1)	25,802	H 8 2
" 26	Sat. Portsmouth	27,758	A 0 0
Dec. 3	Sat. Cardiff City	21,827	H 3 0
" 10	Sat. Manchester C. (2)	14,449	A 2 3
" 17	Sat. Charlton Ath.	19,686	H 2 1
" 24	Sat. 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. 11	Wed. Leicester C. F.A. Cup-3	23,221	H 0 4
" 14	Sat. Newcastle United	21,412	A 0 4
" 21	Sat. Birmingham C.	18,970	H 0 1
" 28	Sat. F.A. Cup-4		
Feb. 4	Sat. West Brom.	25,220	A 1 3
" 11	Sat. Manchester Utd.	16,368	H 0 2
" 18	Sat. Blackpool (5)	18,562	A 2 3
" 25	Sat. Huddersfield T.	15,450	H 1 2
Mar. 3	Wed. Sunderland (6)	21,317	A 2 1
" 10	Sat. Bolton W.		H
" 17	Sat. Wolves		A
" 24	Sat. Aston Villa		H
" 30	Fri. Chelsea		H
" 31	Sat. Arsenal		A
April 2	Mon. Chelsea		A
" 7	Sat. Portsmouth		H
" 14	Sat. Cardiff City		A
" 21	Sat. Manchester C.		H
" 28	Sat. 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	Sat. 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	Sat. Bournemouth	1,633	2 3	H 3 3
" 8	Sat. Bristol Rovers	4,554		A 1 3
" 15	Sat. Leyton Orient	1,498		H 3 4
" 22	Sat. Brentford	1,091		A 3 7
" 29	Sat. Chelsea	1,742	2 2	H 3 0
Nov. 12	Sat. Leicester City	1,537	1 3	H 2 2
" 19	Sat. Millwall Athletic	1,096		A 4 3
" 26	Sat. Coventry City	1,176	7 0	H 7 0
Dec. 3	Sat. Plymouth Argyle	2,568		A 2 1
" 10	Sat. Portsmouth	1,279	4 1	H 2 3
" 17	Sat. Birmingham C.	1,874	1 1	A 1 3
" 24	Sat. 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. 28	Sat. Crystal Palace	1,544		A 1 3
Feb. 11	Sat. Bournemouth	573	4 0	A 1 3
" 18	Sat. Bristol Rovers	593		H 2 0
" 25	Sat. Leyton Orient	2,491		A 1 1
Mar. 1	Thurs. Aldershot	920		H 9 1
" 3	Sat. Brentford	1,251		H 5 2
" 7	Wed. Queens Park R.	1,553		H 3 1
" 10	Sat. Chelsea		2 1	A
" 14	Wed. Tottenham H.		2 2	H
" 17	Sat. Norwich City		6 1	A
" 24	Sat. 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	Sat. Plymouth A.			H
" 19	Thurs. Norwich City		2 3	A
" 21	Sat. Portsmouth		5 2	A
" 25	Wed. Swansea Town			H
May 5	Sat.			
To be arranged	Southend United			A

**NEXT MATCH**

Saturday, 17th March, 1956

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION****Luton Town Reserves**

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Up to and including Wednesday, March 7th, 1956

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester United	32	20	6	7	68	44	46
Blackpool	32	17	6	9	70	48	40
Newcastle Utd.	33	16	4	13	72	49	36
Manchester City	31	13	9	9	58	50	35
West Bromwich	32	15	4	13	48	50	34
<b>BOLTON W.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>
Wolverhampton W.	30	14	5	11	68	53	33
Birmingham C.	32	13	7	12	60	48	33
Everton	33	12	9	12	46	52	33
Sunderland	31	13	7	11	63	70	33
Portsmouth	32	14	5	13	64	71	33
Cardiff City	32	14	5	13	46	55	33
Burnley	32	12	8	12	44	43	32
Chelsea	32	12	8	12	51	59	32
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>
Charlton Ath.	33	13	5	15	66	67	31
Arsenal	32	11	9	12	46	65	31
Preston N.E.	33	12	5	16	57	59	27
Tottenham H.	30	11	4	15	40	25	26
Huddersfield T.	32	9	6	17	40	71	24
Sheffield Utd.	30	9	5	16	42	54	23
Aston Villa	32	5	11	16	34	59	21



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