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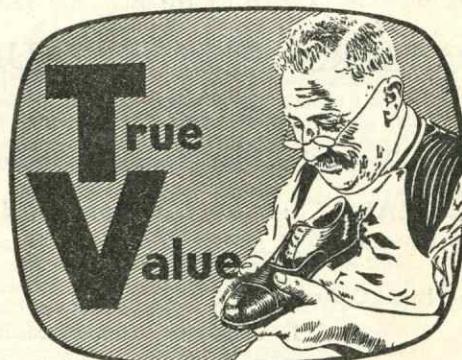
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2
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4
Right Half
H. E. M. LOCK

7 8
Outside Right Inside Right
M. OLDINGS **F. LORING**

5
Centre Half
D. ORES

9 10 11
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CLUB NOTES

PRIDE of place in our Programme this week must we feel go to the eleven lads who, against "all odds" as "Chiltern" put it, brought off such a thoroughly deserved win against the Wolves last Saturday. To beat the Wolves is a remarkable feat at any time, but to do it on the Molineux Ground with only nine sound men for the better part of the second half is nothing short of magnificent. Every player pulled his weight, there was not a weakness anywhere, and even the two injured players continued to make their presence felt to such an extent that the Wolves defence dare not leave either unmarked in order to add weight to their attack. What a great pity it was that the Railway Authorities felt it necessary to withdraw the excursion train they had planned to run to Wolverhampton last Saturday for a lot more of you would have undoubtedly been present to cheer the lads off the field after this momentous victory. With such a splendid lot of lads on our books there need be no fear whatsoever that relegation might be our lot. We certainly do not think so, but even if our position was such that the drop was a possibility we are quite sure these lads of ours would see us safely through.

It was very nice to see Tony Gregory record his first goal in Division 1 football, a success which could easily have come in either of his two previous outings in the senior side. To beat Billy Wright by making him go the wrong way and then to put in a shot from 20 yards to beat Bert Williams all the way was the work of a very talented player, and we shall undoubtedly see a lot more goals from this youngster before he is much older. He has had a most severe baptism in the senior side having met the three best centre halves in the country in consecutive weeks, an experience which might have broken many a lesser player. But Tony has come through the ordeal very well indeed and is no doubt a better player for it. The other player we shall mention here, not because the others are not worthy of mention but because of circumstances, is Ron Baynham. Those who saw the match last Wednesday at Southampton when the England "B" team played Switzerland will agree that Reg. Matthews of Coventry City is a very good goalkeeper but he is certainly no better than our own Ron Baynham who has given very sound service while wearing the England jersey and thoroughly justified being considered for further selection. Since his last appearance for England he has continued to give his Club his usual excellent service, so it comes as rather a shock when the national press practically without exception have "chosen" Matthews for the International match at Hampden Park on April 14th. Ron has the satisfaction of knowing that the F.A. Selection Committee Members who have the final say have their own views on such matters. Good luck to Reg. Matthews if he is chosen, but we shall be very surprised if he is.

We welcome the lads of the Claret and Blue jerseys to Kenilworth Road once again this afternoon, reviving memories of quite a few tussles we have had with them in the past. Unfortunately they come with rather a cloud hanging over their heads for at present they are keeping everyone else up in the League. At one time their position looked well-nigh hopeless, but just recently they have picked up a few points, such as their great win over Newcastle at St. James' Park a fortnight ago when they won by three goals to two, and their home win against Burnley last Monday when

they beat Burnley by two clear goals, has brought them to within one point of their nearest rivals. Recent signings from West Bromwich Albion of Jimmy Duggdale at a very substantial fee, plus Leslie Smith and Nigel Sims from the Wolves seems to have strengthened the side, and so we face a very hard battle here this afternoon. Their star inside forward Jackie Sewell is unfortunately prevented by a bad groin injury from playing, but Tommy Southren the West Ham understudy to Harry Hooper (transferred last Thursday to Wolves!) moved to Villa Park last season and is filling very capably the vacant position caused by Sewell's injury. The Villa are a more compact side than they were when we met them last November, when we should have gained a further two points but lost both in the end by the only goal scored late in the second half by Johnny Dixon playing at inside right that day. Two points today to Aston Villa would be invaluable to them, whereas a further two points to us would put us right back in the fight for talent money. May the best team win.

Bob Morton had a very good match at Southampton last Wednesday when playing for the England 'B' team against Switzerland. Everything he did had the hall-mark of a great player, cool, methodical and effective in all he did. If there is a better wing half back in England today he must be very very good.

We saw a splendidly contested match here under the Floodlights on Wednesday night when we met Bedford Town in the Final of the Bedfordshire Professional Cup. Bedford were unlucky to lose the services of Doug. Farquhar midway through the first half due to a broken nose, but the "Eagles" fought every inch of the way and indeed struck our crossbar twice as well as scoring a goal to bring matters level with only two minutes left for play. A further goal by Peter MacEwan however two minutes from the end from a corner taken by Jimmy Adam settled the issue and so gave Luton Town the right to hold the Beds. F.A. Cup for the next twelve months. The crowd of 9,158 enjoyed every minute of the game, particularly the Bedford supporters who seemed to outnumber the home supporters by at least two to one. The Bedford side is a very experienced one, and it would not surprise us if they carry off the Southern League Championship this season. Only two points behind the leaders with two games in hand they have an excellent chance of doing so. They have our well-wishes in their attempt to bring this much-coveted prize to Bedfordshire.

On April 7th, when Portsmouth are our visitors, the Luton Band will be competing in the "Daily Herald" Area Contest and so will be prevented from being in attendance here that day. This has given us the opportunity to invite The Bradwell Silver Prize Band to perform here that day, which they have been very pleased to accept.

One Cup Final Ticket each at 3/6 is still being offered at each First Team home match to the holders of the two lucky Programmes numbers announced over the mike at half-time. Your number is shown on the opposite page. If the two holders will contact the Secretary at the back of the Stand after the match or write to him enclosing the Lucky Programme, he will have pleasure in notifying them when the tickets are received. The proper price of 3/6 must be paid for each ticket.

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FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

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

THIRD LIST

A	Ipswich Town	Brentford
B	Newport Co.	Millwall Ath.
C	Northampton	Norwich City
D	Q.P.R.	Bournemouth
E	Shrewsbury T.	Coventry City
F	Southampton	Southend Utd.
G	Swindon T.	Gillingham
H	Torquay Utd.	Reading
K	Walsall	Watford
L	Derby County	Chester
M	Hartlepools	Grimsby T.
N	Workington	Accrington

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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

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Jan. 11 Wed.	Leicester C. F.A. Cup—3	23,221	H 0 4
" 14 Sat.	Newcastle United	21,412	A 0 4
" 21 "	Birmingham C.	18,970	H 0 1
" 28 "	F.A. Cup—4		

Feb. 4	West Brom.	25,220	A 1 3
" 11 "	Manchester Utd.	16,368	H 0 2
" 18 "	Blackpool (5)	18,562	A 2 3
" 25 "	Huddersfield T.	15,450	H 1 2

Mar. 3 Wed.	Sunderland (6)	21,317	A 2 1
" 10 Sat.	Bolton W.		H 0 0
" 17 "	Wolves		H 2 1
" 24 "	Aston Villa		H 0 0
" 30 Fri.	Chelsea		H 0 1
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal		A

April 2 Mon.	Chelsea		A
" 7 Sat.	Portsmouth		H
" 14 "	Cardiff City		A
" 21 "	Manchester C.		H
" 28 "	Burnley		H

May 5 Sat.	Southend United		A
" " "	Leicester City		A

1955 Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1954/55	F. A.
Aug. 20 Sat.	Birmingham C.	1,920	2 2
" 24 Wed.	Cardiff City	694	A 1 4
" 27 Sat.	Brighton	2,539	A 2 2
" 30 Sat.	Ipswich Town	2,042	H 2 1
" 7 Wed.	Cardiff City	1,023	H 5 2
" 10 Sat.	Burnley	3,1	H 5 2
" 15 Thurs.	Northampton T.	539	A 4 0
" 17 Sat.	Southend Utd.	2,041	H 1 5
" 24 "	Swansea Town	2,787	A 0 1

Oct. 1	Bournemouth	1,633	2 3
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	4,554	A 3 4
" 15 "	Brentford	1,498	H 3 7
" 22 "	Brighton	1,091	A 3 7
" 29 "	Chelsea	1,742	H 3 0

Nov. 12	Leicester City	1,537	1 3

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