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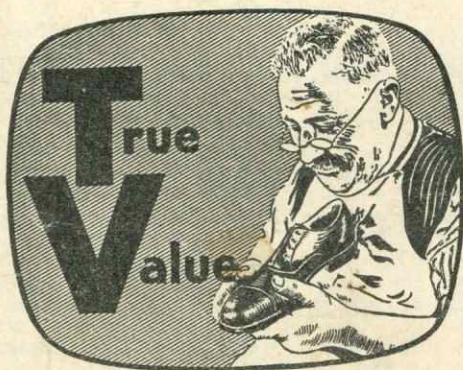


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CLUB NOTES

IT is with much pleasure that we welcome the League Champions to Kenilworth Road this Good Friday for our League 1 fixture with them. Next to the Arsenal the "Pensioners" as they are called are the most famous Club in the South of England indeed if not of the whole country. There are very few people who have never heard of them if only for the rebuffs they used to receive at the hands of the various comedians on the stage, but last season they confounded everybody by carrying off the Championship for the first time in their fifty years, indeed it was their Jubilee Year that this honour came to them and a most appropriate time to earn such an honour. Although such a well-known Club, last season was their first major achievement, for they have never won the F.A. Cup though they were in the Final in season 1914/15 when at Old Trafford, Sheffield United beat them by three clear goals. Their best effort in the Cup other than this was season 1949/50 when they reached the Semi-Final only to be beaten by the Arsenal, the eventual winners. This Tie with the Arsenal required two meetings, both played at White Hart Lane. The first match ended all square at two goals each, and the replay the following Wednesday went to extra time before George Cox scored the only goal to take Arsenal into the Final. The Chelsea ground capable of holding 85,000 spectators is second only in England to Manchester City's ground with a capacity of 86,000, ignoring Wembley of course, and with such resources and in their year of winning the Championship it is not surprising that the "Pensioners" had the best average home Gate last season, which worked out at 48,350 each League match. The "Blues" have not set London alight this season in their attempt to win the Championship two years running for they are only sixth place from bottom in the Table this morning. Last season in the 42 matches played they scored 81 "for," with 57 "against," whereas in the 35 matches played to date their record shows 52 "for" with 69 "against," a very big difference. Their defeat at West Bromwich last Saturday was their fifth in a row, so we can expect them this afternoon to try and put an end to this dismal state of affairs.

Although we beat Aston Villa here last Saturday it was not a game which even the most ardent fan could look back on with much pleasure. Only the two well-taken goals by Reg. Pearce lifted this game out of mediocrity, but unfortunately Reg. caught a nasty kick on an ankle when scoring the first one which prevents him from playing this afternoon. With George Cummins out most probably for the rest of the season, although we are very pleased to say that the cartilage operation performed on him last Tuesday has been successful as far as can be ascertained at present, and Gordon Turner still very doubtful when these Notes were being penned, the prospect

of gaining maximum points over the Easter Holiday appears on paper to be very remote, but we had a fine example at Wolverhampton of the way our lads can respond against odds and so most likely we shall all be nicely surprised when the results of these three matches are known. While on the injuries position we are pleased to say that Syd Owen will be playing at centre half here on Easter Monday when we entertain Arsenal Reserves in a Combination fixture. Terry Kelly has done very well indeed in holding the fort but it will be nice to see Syd back once more in the middle distributing the ball in his cool methodical way which is a feature which has been missing lately. This period of almost three months in the First team has done Terry a world of good, and it is pleasing to know that he can step in at any time to fill this position should the necessity arise. Willie Dallas also has been playing well lately in the Reserves side, but unfortunately he received an injury to a shoulder here a fortnight ago which will most likely prevent him from playing in all or any of the matches during the holiday. However one player's misfortune makes opportunities for someone else and so young Keith Underwood will most likely be given the job of filling the vacancy should Dallas not be able to play.

Today is Good Friday, a day of great significance in the history of the Church, and indeed of the World. We have been requested by a Religious Organisation to play a hymn before the commencement of the match which will help to commemorate this day. The Luton Band has been very pleased to fall in with the suggestion and so we hope to hear all of you join in with the Band as the hymn is being played.

The Luton Band will not be present at our next home match on April 7th when we receive Portsmouth in a League 1 fixture, for they are taking part in the "Daily Herald" Area Contest that day. The Bradwell Silver Prize Band will be performing here in their place, and we trust you will accord them a very friendly welcome when they step onto the field. We are sure you will all join us in wishing the Luton Band every success in their efforts to win their Contest for this area.

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Left Back

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Left Half

Pemberton
Inside Left
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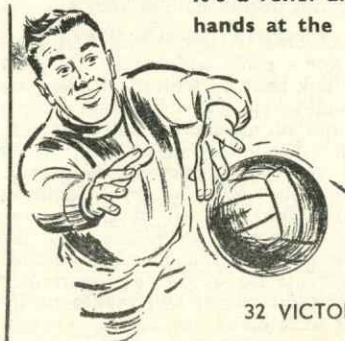
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scored 0 and their opponents 1.**FIRST LIST**A
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FIXTURES

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. 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. ...	20,432	H 0 0
" 17 "	Wolves ...	32,339	A 2 1
" 24 "	Aston Villa ...	17,126	H 2 1
" 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.				
" 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	H 3 3
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers ...	4,554		A 1 3
" 15 "	Leyton Orient ...	1,498		H 3 4
" 22 "	Brentford ...	1,091		A 3 7
" 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		A 4 3
" 26 "	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. 28 "	Crystal Palace ...	1,544		A 1 3
Feb. 11 "	Bournemouth ...	573	4 0	A 1 3
" 18 "	Bristol Rovers ...	593		H 2 0
" 25 "	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 ...	2,377	2 1	A 0 4
" 14 Wed.	Tottenham H. ...	1,488	2 2	H 0 1
" 17 Sat.	Norwich City ...	1,253	6 1	H 0 1
" 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
" 19 Thurs.	Norwich City ...		2 3	A
" 21 Sat.	Portsmouth ...		5 2	A
" 25 Wed.	Swansea Town ...			H
" 30 Mon.	Southend United ...			A
May 5 Sat.				
To be arranged	Leicester City ...			A

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 31st March, 1956

FOOTBALL COMBINATION**Luton Town Reserves**

v.

MILLWALL RES.

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Easter Monday, 2nd April

FOOTBALL COMBINATION**Luton Town Reserves**

v.

ARSENAL RES.

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

League Table : 1955-56

Up to and including Saturday, 24th March, 1956

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester United	36	21	8	7	71	46	50
Blackpool	35	19	7	9	80	53	45
Bolton W.	35	16	6	13	63	44	38
Newcastle Utd.	36	16	5	15	76	58	37
Manchester City	34	14	9	11	63	54	37
Wolverhampton W.	33	15	6	12	71	55	36
Birmingham C.	35	14	8	13	63	51	36
Burnley	35	14	8	13	53	45	36
LUTON TOWN	35	15	6	14	58	52	36
West Bromwich	35	16	4	15	51	58	36
Sunderland	34	14	8	12	67	77	36
Charlton Ath.	36	15	5	16	70	69	35
Portsmouth	35	14	7	14	67	75	35
Everton	36	13	9	14	49	55	35
Cardiff City	34	14	6	14	47	58	34
Arsenal	35	12	10	13	49	68	34
CHELSEA	35	12	8	15	52	69	32
Preston N.E.	36	12	7	17	64	65	31
Tottenham H.	33	12	5	16	45	50	29
Huddersfield T.	35	10	7	18	43	75	27
Sheffield Utd.	33	10	6	17	46	58	26
Aston Villa	35	7	11	17	40	63	25

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