

LUTON TOWN F.C.



FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

PORTSMOUTH



Official Programme

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SATURDAY, 7th APRIL, 1956

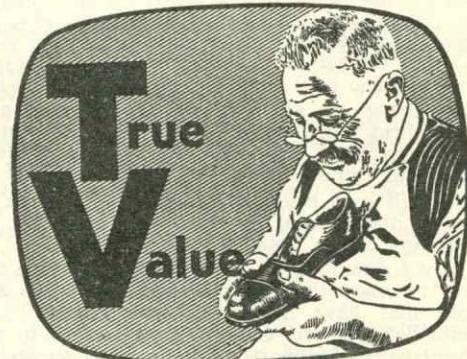
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Right Back
PRICELOW

4
Right Half
H. E. M. LOCK

7
Outside Right
M. OLDINGS

8
Inside Right
F. LORING

Referee: Tim Bertradeoftheunitedkingdom

1
Goal
R. EDDYCASH

Nearest Station
CHILTERN GREEN

Kick-off: 8 a.m.

3
Left Back
P. ROMPTERMS

5
Centre Half
D. ORES

9
Centre Forward
S. ERVISS

6
Left Half
DOUGLAS FERR

10
Inside Left
P. LYEWOOD

11
Outside Left
T. R. ELLIS

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F. ETCHIT

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BEECH HILL PATH

We have received from a Dunstable supporter's daughter, Diane Hades, age 12, of 6, The Pleasance, Dunstable, the following 4 verses, all of which she has composed to be sung to the tune of "The Yellow Rose of Texas."

There is a team called Luton
That I am gonna see
Dear old Luton Town
They always win for me.
You can talk about your Arsenal
And even of Chelsea
But dear old Luton Town
The only team for me
There is Ron, Seamus and Buddy
Wally, Sid and Jim
Our Bob, our George and Gordon
Our little Mick and Jim
There is a team called Luton
That I am gonna see
O dear old Luton Town
The only team for me

Now Diane get all your school interested and bring them along to see your dear old Luton Town and then while you are waiting for the players to come out you can sing it to us.

We still have plenty of Badges, 1/6 each. You can get them from the Bobbers Stand Club or from any of the Committee.

May I remind a lot of members it is time for them to renew their membership, and we do ask those that have not joined the Luton Town Football Supporters Club to do so. It is to the advantage of all supporters to join. And remember during the close season you can have plenty of enjoyment at the Bobbers Stand Club.

J.C.

Lucky Number for Cup Final Tickets

The holders of the winning numbers will be able to purchase one 3/6 Cup Final Ticket from the Secretary, at the rear of the Main Stand, after the match.

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CLUB NOTES

AFTER the hectic activity of last week-end when we had to play three matches in four days we return to more normal procedure today. Only two points unfortunately were taken from those three matches so making any hopes of earning talent money in our first season in the higher sphere a most unlikely possibility. Having to go into the Easter matches knowing that such players as Syd Owen, George Cummins, Gordon Turner and Reg. Pearce were definitely "out" was a drawback we were not quite able to overcome. Against Chelsea on Good Friday we seemed to be coasting along to a well-deserved victory when early in the second half we established a two goal lead. Then Chelsea were awarded a penalty, a harsh decision we felt, Sillett took the kick and scored. Chelsea came back into the game and after further pressure managed to get the ball into our net again.

Selecting the teams for the two matches on the Saturday and Easter Monday gave the Team Manager much thought. He would like to have rested Tony Gregory from at least one of the matches but with three first team inside forwards out of action had to play this youngster in all three matches. The return of Reg. Pearce and Gordon Turner to fitness enables the Manager to rest Tony Gregory this afternoon from the first team, but this has been done with the best intentions in the world for the lad's own sake. He has proved his worth but he is still young and a part-time player only and this must all be taken into consideration. Somehow our forward line never seemed to click together at both Highbury and Stamford Bridge, which was most disappointing for the many fans who attended both matches, but it must be remembered that apart from the injuries position all three matches were pretty hard ones in such a short time.

Portsmouth are our visitors this afternoon and we accord them a very warm welcome on their first visit to Kenilworth Road since they were promoted from the Third Division in season 1923/24 apart from the meeting in 1951 when we knocked them out of the F.A. Cup in the 3rd Round by two clear goals. They entered the Third Division (South) with ourselves in 1920/21, but we soon parted company for in season 1923/24 they were Champions and so gained promotion. Three seasons were sufficient in League II for in 1926/27 they finished runners-up, and have been in the First Division ever since, winning the Championship in 1948/49 and again the following season. They won the F.A. Cup season 1938/39 when they beat Wolverhampton Wanderers by four goals to one at Wembley, and on two other occasions they have been in the Final, in 1928/29 when beaten by Bolton two goals to nil, and in 1933/34 when they succumbed to Manchester City by the odd goal in three. When we played them at Fratton Park last November our lads were still playing their fast attractive football with which they had started the season. During the first half we could quite easily have been two goals up, both Bob Morton and Gordon Turner being right through but just could not turn the ball into the net, though Morton did strike the upright with his effort. In the second half Pompey came out with different ideas and it was our lads who had to defend desperately in order to keep a clean sheet, which they did, and so the game ended in a goalless draw but it was a very good match indeed with some classical football from both sides. Jackie Henderson played outside left that day and to us he seemed to be wasted in that position. Today he is in the position we would play him if he were our player

and Terry Kelly will have to be on his best form if he is to prevent this player from adding to his tally of goals.

Syd Owen had a successful try-out last Monday against Arsenal Reserves, which was most pleasing to see. It was felt however that further games in the Reserve side would do him no harm, and as he himself preferred it that way he is playing at Coventry this afternoon. We are pleased to welcome Tony Pounder to the senior side this afternoon and trust he does well in this higher company. His displays in the Combination side have warranted this promotion and his play this afternoon will be watched with interest. Considering that he was only playing in Sheffield Junior League football when we signed him late last December he has settled down remarkably well here, which speaks well for the future.

On Tuesday night under the Floodlights we shall be playing the Rampla Club of Montevideo, a leading Club in Uruguay. They play at Portsmouth the following evening, so our result will be causing much interest to the Pompey Officials, for this match at Luton is their first of the Tour and as this is the first visit of a Club to England from Uruguay for 25 years their strength here is at present rather uncertain except that we know they are very clever ball players. We will feel mighty pleased with ourselves if we beat them. There will be no Tickets sold prior to the match—all pay at the turnstiles. Prices are shown in the next match advert on inside page of back cover.

The Mayor of Luton is doing some splendid work in his various efforts to raise Funds to bring about a Social Centre for Old People, a facility very badly needed in this town. The Luton Band has very kindly consented to donate the whole of their collection at our next home match with Manchester City on April 21st to this cause, and the Vauxhall Apprentices' Physical Training Team will be giving a display on this ground prior to that match. There will also be a Concert sponsored by the Mayor, at the Central Mission Hall at 7.15 p.m. on April 19th to be given by Munn and Feltons Brass Band. This Band won the National Championship last year and the cup and trophies are on show at Messrs. S. Farmer & Co., George Street window. Admission to the Concert will be by Programme, costing 2/6 each, which can be obtained from Messrs. S. Farmer & Co., or the Town Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Old People's Fund.

Today we welcome the Bradwell Silver Prize Band to render pieces from their repertoire. They played here two or three seasons ago and we told them that if another opportunity arose we would invite them again. Such an opportunity has arisen for the Luton Band is taking part in the "Daily Herald" Area Contest today and so the Bradwell Band is pleased to come along. We trust you will give them a nice reception as well as a bumper collection. They on their part sincerely trust you enjoy their playing.

The Bedfordshire Schoolboys play here next Saturday morning against the Essex Boys, details of which appear on the inside page of back cover. We are also trying to fit in the Luton Schoolboys for their annual Seaward Trophy match before the season ends, and this will most likely be either April 23rd or 24th, opponents this year being Bedford and District Schoolboys. More details will be given in our next Programme.

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.

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Right Back

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Right Half

7 Pounder
Outside Right

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11 Penk
Outside Left

6 Dickinson
Left Half

3 Mansell
Left Back

PORTSMOUTH
Shirts Blue
Knickers White
Stockings Red

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

Baynham
Goal

5 Kelly
Centre Half

9 Pearce
Centre

NEWS OF THE WORLD
Henderson
Centre

5 Rutter
Centre Half

Uprichard
Goal

Football League—Div. 1

3 Jones
Left Back

6 Shanks
Left Half

10 Groves
Inside Left

11 Adam
Outside Left

Linesmen :
Red Flag :
Mr. C. B. BROOME (London)

Orange Flag :
Mr. E. W. HERRIDGE (Hatfield)

8 Gordon
Inside Right

7 Harris
Outside Right

4 Gunter
Right Half

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

SECOND LIST

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

THIRD LIST

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

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1955 - 1956

1955 FIRST XI—Division 1		Attendance	F. A.	1955 Reserve XI Fixtures		1954/55	F. A.
Aug. 20 Sat.	Charlton Athletic	28,800	A 2 2	Aug. 20 Sat.	Birmingham	C. 1,920	2 2
" 24 Wed.	Preston N. E.	30,738	A 1 2	" 24 Wed.	Cardiff City	694	A 1 4
" 27 Sat.	Tottenham H.	21,143	H 2 1	" 27 Sat.	Brighton	2,539	A 2 2
" 31 Wed.	Preston N. E.	24,174	H 2 1	Sept. 3 Sat.	Ipswich Town	2,042	H 2 1
Sept. 3 Sat.	Everton	44,237	A 1 0	" 7 Wed.	Cardiff City	1,023	H 5 1
" 5 Mon.	Burnley	19,350	A 1 3	" 10 Sat.	Northampton T.	539	A 4 0
" 10 Sat.	Newcastle Utd.	25,814	H 4 2	" 15 Thurs.	Southend Utd.	2,041	H 1 5
" 17 "	Birmingham C.	31,000	A 0 0	" 17 Sat.	Swansea Town	2,787	A 0 1
" 24 "	West Brom.	24,440	H 0 2	Oct. 1 "	Bournemouth	1,633	H 3 3
Oct. 1 "	Manchester Utd.	34,661	A 1 3	" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	4,554	A 1 3
" 8 "	Blackpool	24,493	H 3 1	" 15 "	Leyton Orient	1,498	H 3 4
" 15 "	Huddersfield T.	19,621	A 2 0	" 22 "	Brentford	1,091	A 3 7
" 22 "	Arsenal	24,009	H 0 0	" 29 "	Chelsea	1,742	H 3 0
" 29 "	Bolton W.	28,104	A 0 4	Nov. 5 "	Wolves	27,911	H 5 1
Nov. 5 "	Aston Villa	29,761	A 0 2	" 12 "	Sunderland (1)	25,802	H 8 2
" 19 "	Sunderland (1)	27,758	A 0 0	" 26 "	Portsmouth	27,758	A 0 0
Dec. 3 "	Cardiff City	21,827	H 3 0	Dec. 3 "	Cardiff City	21,827	H 3 0
" 10 "	Manchester C. (2)	14,449	A 2 3	" 10 "	Charlton Ath.	19,686	H 2 1
" 17 "	Tottenham H.	41,168	A 1 2	" 17 "	Sheffield United	29,772	A 4 0
" 24 "	Sheffield United	23,504	H 2 1	" 27 Tues.	Everton	23,226	H 2 2
" 31 Sat.	Sheffield United	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. 7 Wed.	Sunderland	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	24,276	H 2 2				
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	45,968	A 0 3				
April 2 Mon.	Chelsea	26,364	A 0 0				
" 7 Sat.	Portsmouth						
" 14 "	Cardiff City						
" 21 "	Manchester C.						
" 28 "	Burnley						

NEXT MATCHES

Tuesday, 10th April, 1956

Friendly

Floodlight

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

LUTON TOWN

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Saturday, 14th April

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

LUTON Res. v. PLYMOUTH Res.

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

League Table : 1955 - 56

Up to and including Tuesday, 3rd April, 1956

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Manchester United	39	23	9	7	78	48 55
Blackpool	38	20	9	9	84	55 49
Manchester City	37	16	10	11	71	57 42
Birmingham C.	38	16	9	13	68	52 41
Wolverhampton W.	36	16	8	12	73	56 40
Burnley	38	16	8	14	57	48 40
PORTSMOUTH	38	16	8	14	75	78 40
Arsenal	38	15	10	13	55	58 40
Bolton W.	38	16	7	15	64	48 39
Newcastle Utd.	39	16	6	17	79	65 38
LUTON TOWN	38	15	8	15	60	57 38
West Bromwich	38	17	4	17	54	63 38
Sunderland	37	15	8	14	72	86 38
Charlton Ath.	39	16	5	18	73	76 37
Preston N.E.	39	14	8	17	72	68 36
Everton	39	13	10	16	51	62 36
Cardiff City	37	14	7			

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