

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

MANCHESTER CITY



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SATURDAY, 21st APRIL, 1956

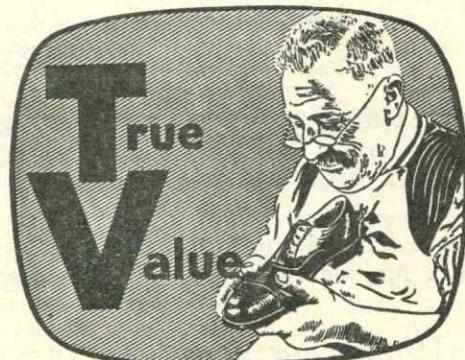
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2
Right Back
PRICELOW

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

6
Left Half
DOUGLAS FERR

9
Centre Forward
S. ERVASS

10
Inside Left
P. LYEWOOD

11
Outside Left
T. R. ELLIS

Linesmen: L. ORRIE
F. ETCHIT

88
Reserve: NAT. PROBAN

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CLUB NOTES

WE WELCOME to Kenilworth Road today in our last match but one of the season one of the Finalists in this year's F.A. Cup Competition, Manchester City. They are as attractive opponents just now as any Club, and we feel fortunate that the fixtures have worked out that their visit to Kenilworth Road coincides when they are on top of the world. The team selected to play here today is most likely, barring injuries, the one which will do duty at Wembley a fortnight today. We are pleased to see that Bert Trautmann, voted the player of the year, is on duty today, also Bobby Johnstone their lively centre forward whose meticulous through-balls can be so devastating to the visitors' defence as we found to our cost when we played at Maine Road last December. At one moment late in the second half we seemed to be coasting along nicely to a well-deserved win for we were leading by two goals to one, when suddenly from two passes by Johnstone two goals were scored in two minutes to put paid to our hopes of bringing any points away from Manchester that day. Strangely enough he did not have a very good game last Saturday at Hampden Park when playing for Scotland against England, but this was due apparently to a pulled muscle received during the match which was felt would prevent him playing here today, but fortunately the trouble has responded to treatment and so we have every hope of him being seen in action this afternoon. The City rather blotted their copy book last Saturday at home to Burnley when they lost by three goals to one, thus making their chances of finishing in the top four not quite so rosy. They will undoubtedly come here today with every intention of putting right that relapse and so we should see a very good match indeed. They will have to win today if their hopes of earning talent money are to be fulfilled, for their remaining match of the season is at Portsmouth next Saturday where it is always difficult to avoid defeat. Unfortunately our own hopes of finishing in the top four in our first season in the First Division, which at one time did seem a feasible possibility have not materialised, but we shall finish in the middle of the Table which, after all, is not bad going for new boys in such august company. Until the turn of the year we had been doing very well indeed, but somehow we just could not get going in the first two months of this year and did not pick up a single point during that time. Without a doubt injuries to our players has played a big part in this setback to our hopes of accomplishing some outstanding honour this season, but we hope for happier tidings this time next season.

Our fourth and fifth teams have done very well this season, both having virtually won their Championships in the First Divisions of the South Midlands League and the Luton District and South Beds. League respectively. These two teams are comprised mainly of local youngsters who have come to us straight from School. It is a long-term policy but already there are signs that these young lads are developing into very talented teams. In appreciation of both these teams' achievements this season we had arranged for the 'C' team to play on this Ground on Monday evening next, and our 'B' team to play here on Thursday evening next. Unfortunately our 'C' team's opponents, Caddington 'B', cannot field a side that evening as their first team is also playing and it is not possible for them to turn out two teams on the same evening. Our 'B' team however will be playing here on Thursday evening next as arranged, and we do hope quite a few of

you will come down to see these youngsters in action. They will be playing Barton Rovers in the 2nd Leg Final of the South Midlands Shield Competition. The result of the first Leg played at Barton last Saturday was a win for our lads by five clear goals, but this result is not a true reflection of the game for until half time, when the score was 2 goals to nil, the Barton lads were playing some very nice football but their finishing let them down, while our lads on the other hand took their chances. As a matter of interest our 'B' team has beaten three teams in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League in reaching the Final and altogether have scored 28 goals against 4. Considering the average age of our lads is only 19, and playing against other lads much older than themselves, they have done very well indeed.

Apart from Monday evening there will be a match on this Ground every evening next week, ending with our last League 1 fixture this season when our opponents will be Burnley. The details are as follows:—

TUESDAY, APRIL 24th

Seaward Trophy Cup

Luton Schoolboys v. Bedford & District Schoolboys

Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25th

Football Combination

Luton Town Reserves v. Swansea Reserves

Kick-off 6.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26th

2nd Leg of Final—South Midlands Shield

Luton 'B' v. Barton Rovers

Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27th

Referees' Annual Match

Luton & South Beds. v. Mid. Herts.

Kick-off 6.45 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28th

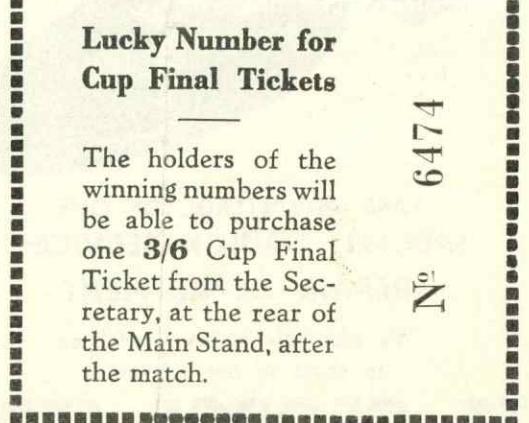
Football League—Division 1

Luton Town v. Burnley

Kick-off 3 p.m.

This will then complete our Programme for this season except for a Football Combination fixture at Southend on Tuesday evening, May 1st, after which the players will disperse until late in July when they will report for training.

About two years ago Fulham Reserves played here in a Combination fixture under the Flood-lights. Reg. Lowe broke a leg very early in the game and unfortunately it meant the end of his football career for it has not mended well enough to continue playing. The Fulham Club asked us if we would play them at Craven Cottage in a Match for the Benefit of Reg., to which under the circumstances we readily agreed. Our First team will therefore be playing on the Fulham Ground on Monday evening, kick-off 6.30 p.m. We hope he has a bumper "gate" for Reg. was a very good player of whom much was expected and it has been a bad blow to the London Club that this player's career has been so summarily ended.



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2
Jones
Right Back

4
McGuffie
Right Half

7
Davies
Outside Right

8
Turner
Inside Right

Referee :
Mr. R. J. LEAFE
(Nottingham)

11
Clarke
Outside Left

10
Dyson
Inside Left

6
Paul
Left Half

3
Little
Left Back

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Baynham
Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half

9
Morton
Centre

10
Groves
Inside Left

9
Johnstone
Centre

5
Ewing
Centre Half

8
Hayes
Inside Right

7
Spurdle
Outside Right

4
Barnes
Right Half

2
Leivers
Right Back

1
Trautmann
Goal

Football League—Div. 1

3
Aherne
Left Back

6
Shanks
Left Half

10
Groves
Inside Left

11
Adam
Outside Left

Linesmen :
Red Flag :
Mr. C. COPPACK (Wembley)

Orange Flag :
Mr. L. A. HILL (Reading)

8
Hayes
Inside Right

7
Spurdle
Outside Right

4
Barnes
Right Half

2
Leivers
Right Back

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FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

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

THIRD LIST

A	Ipswich Town	.....	Leyton O.	.....
B	Newport Co.	.....	Coventry City	.....
C	Northampton	.....	Reading	.....
D	Q.P.R.	.....	Watford	.....
E	Shrewsbury T.	.....	Colchester	.....
F	Southampton	.....	Norwich City	.....
G	Swindon T.	.....	Brentford	.....
H	Torquay Utd.	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
K	Walsall	Exeter City
L	Workington	Grimsby T.
M	P'rtsm'th Res.	Luton T. Res.
N	Celtic	Hearts

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FIXTURES**1955 - 1956**

1955		FIRST XI—Division 1	Attendance	F. A.	1955 Reserve XI Fixtures		Attendance	1954/55	F. A.	
Aug. 20	Sat.	Charlton Athletic	28,800	A 2 2	"	24	Wednesday	Birmingham	C. 1,920 2 2	
"	24	Preston N. E.	30,738	A 1 2	"	27	Sat.	Cardiff City	694 A 1 4	
"	27	Sat.	21,143	H 2 1	"	27	Sat.	Brighton	2,539 3 1 A 2 2	
"	31	Wednesday	24,174	H 2 1	Sept. 3	Sat.	Ipswich Town	2,042 3 1	H 2 1	
Sept. 3	Sat.	Everton	44,237	A 1 0	"	10	Sat.	Cardiff City	1,023 3 1 H 5 2	
"	5	Mon.	19,350	A 1 3	"	15	Thurs.	Northampton T.	539 A 4 0	
"	10	Sat.	25,814	H 4 2	"	17	Sat.	Southend Utd.	2,041 H 1 5	
"	17	Sat.	31,000	A 0 0	"	24	"	Swansea Town	2,787 A 0 1	
"	24	"	24,440	H 0 2	Oct. 1	"	Manchester Utd.	34,661 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 H 2 3		
					"	17	Charlton Ath.	19,686 H 2 1		
					"	24	Tottenham H.	41,168 A 1 2		
					"	26	Sheffield United	29,772 A 4 0		
					"	31	Everton	23,504 H 2 1		
					1956	"				
					Jan. 11	Wednesday	Leicester C. F.A. Cup—3	23,221 H 0 4		
					"	14	Saturday	Newcastle United	21,412 A 0 4	
					"	21	Saturday	Birmingham C.	18,970 H 0 1	
					"	28	"	F.A. Cup—4		
					Feb. 4	"	West Brom.	25,220 A 1 3		
					"	11	Blackpool	16,368 H 0 2		
					"	18	Huddersfield (5)	18,562 A 2 3		
					"	25	Tottenham H.	15,450 H 1 2		
					Mar. 7	Wednesday	Sunderland	21,317 A 2 1		
					"	10	Bolton W.	20,432 H 0 0		
					"	17	Wolves	32,339 A 2 1		
					"	24	Aston Villa	17,126 H 2 1		
					"	30	Chelsea	24,276 H 2 2		
					"	31	Arsenal	45,968 A 0 3		
					April 2	Monday	Chelsea	26,364 A 0 0		
					"	7	Portsmouth	17,839 H 1 0		
					"	14	Cardiff City	16,000 H 0 2		
					"	21	Manchester C.			
					"	28	Burnley			

NEXT MATCHES

Tuesday, 24th April, 1956

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Saturday, 28th April

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

Luton Town v. Burnley

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

Usual First Team Prices of Admission

League Table : 1955 - 56

Up to and including Wednesday, 18th April, 1956

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester United	41	24	10	7	82	51	58
Blackpool	...	40	20	9	11	85	49
MANCHESTER C.	40	17	10	13	76	64	44
Wolverhampton W.	39	18	8	13	81	60	44
Arsenal	...	40	17	10	13	57	44
Bolton W.	...	40	18	7	15	68	43
Birmingham C.	41	17	9	15	70	55	43
Burnley	...	40	17	8	15	60	42
Portsmouth	...	40	16	9	15	76	41
Sunderland	...	40	16	9	15	76	40
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