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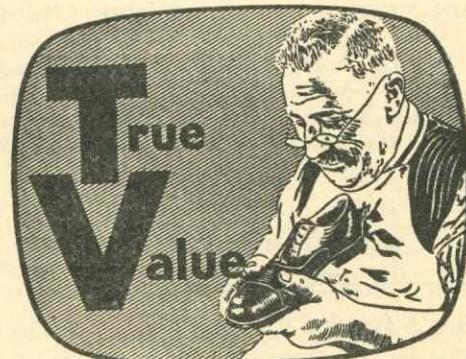
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1
Goal
R. EDDYCASH

3
Left Back
P. ROMPTERMS

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D. ORES
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CLUB NOTES

WE WELCOME the lads from Burnley to Kenilworth Road today in this last match of the 1955-56 season. It has been a most interesting and, taking everything into consideration, a quite successful season in this our first appearance in the Upper Circle, for to finish in the middle of the League we feel is quite a satisfactory debut. We have witnessed some really splendid football, especially before the turn of the year when we thought we were really going places, but the atrocious weather during the first two months of this year seemed to bog us down, preventing us from playing our 'on the carpet' football which had proved so successful. The loss of our Captain for such a long period undoubtedly had a big bearing in this setback, for Sid is the king-pin in defence as well as attack, and his absence was a big handicap well though Terry Kelly played in trying to fill the bill. It is worth noting that Brown of Birmingham City was the only centre forward to score against us while Kelly was in the middle, but it was that quick killing of the ball and placing it to an unmarked colleague which is such a speciality of Owen's game which is yet lacking in his understudy and which is so important to get the attack moving. Injuries to George Cummins and Gordon Turner also had a big bearing in the lack of success experienced since the new year came in, for these two inside forwards are ideally suited for each other's play. Cummins' operation for removal of a cartilage appears to have been most successful and he is playing for our Metropolitan League side today in a try-out. We are most grateful to Mr. Plewis and his Staff at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital for the care and skill shown in putting right the trouble, and we should like to take this opportunity of saying 'Thank you very much indeed to all at the Hospital' for all the attention so willingly given to our lads throughout the season. We pay nothing for this care, skill and kindly interest, but it could not be better if we had to pay fees amounting to hundreds of pounds. It is very much appreciated, as is also the service rendered so willingly by our Honorary Medical Officer, Dr. Crarer, throughout the season.

Coming back to our visitors, these lads from Lancashire will remember this season for a very long time if only for the marathon encounters with Chelsea in the F.A. Cup. Five times they faced "The Pensioners" in the three weeks between the Rounds before a victory could be claimed by either side, and undoubtedly the effort required by both teams in these matches affected their play in the immediate weeks ahead. Burnley's forwards are the smallest in the First Division if not in the whole League, but they are a very effective force and our defence will have to be on its toes if this team is to be prevented from gaining a double over us. When we visited Turf Moor, early last September on a Monday, Burnley fans had not had the pleasure of seeing their lads gain a home victory out of the three matches already played. At the last minute in the match against us Peter McKay was played at centre forward for the first time and had the great satisfaction of scoring a hat trick. He has been in the first team ever since and has scored no less than 27 goals this season—a very useful bag. Despite it being the last match of the season we are quite sure we will see a most entertaining game, for success by either side will place them well in the top half of the Table.

We have seen two very good games this week and it is a great pity that there were not more people present to enjoy them. The first, played last Tuesday evening, was between Luton Schoolboys and the Boys from Bedford and District, won by the Luton Boys by four goals to one, but it was the skilful way in which the ball by both sides, despite the very dry conditions, was nearly always played along the ground to a colleague moving into the open space. It really was a delightful exhibition of football by these youngsters, and much credit must go to the Coaches responsible in the training of these lads for it was obvious coaching for both teams had taken place. As Mr. Seaward said when presenting the Cup to Barry Clark, Captain of the Luton Boys, "Thank you boys for a delightful game," and he was expressing the sentiments of all who had been present. The other match referred to was between our "B" team and Barton Rovers in the Second Leg of the Final Tie of the South Midlands Shield. Our lads won the Shield, but until the last twenty minutes or so the Barton lads were always in the game and the football from both sides was a treat to watch.

We gather from enquiries that have been made that Seamus Dunne is most likely to be selected to play for Eire against Holland in the International Match to be played in Rotterdam on Thursday, May 10th. We mention it here for this is our last opportunity of saying so, although rather premature for the team is not being selected until tomorrow, but if he is selected then we wish to congratulate him and trust he has a very good match, leading to further honours. George Cummins would also have been in the running for another Cap if he had been fit but it is hardly likely that he will be selected coming so soon after his operation. A great pity this, for undoubtedly Eire can do with a player of his experience and skill in these International matches.

Up to the time of preparing these Notes no further information had been received about our Tour behind the Iron Curtain beyond that mentioned in this week's "Luton News." We have already agreed to play two matches in Czechoslovakia, and now awaiting confirmation of two more matches to be played in Roumania, Poland or Eastern Germany. One of these latter is expected to be played in Bucharest on Whit Sunday, and altogether it should be a most interesting trip. We are sorry it will not be possible to take Sid Owen and Bob Morton with us, and possibly also Ron Baynham, as they will be on Tour with the Football Association party to South Africa, but the rest of the lads will do their best to fill the gaps thus created. It is a big undertaking considering all the facts, but we are being invited to play by the Governments of the countries concerned, and we felt it an honour to be so invited and are pleased to accept.

So down with the curtain as far as football at Kenilworth Road for Season 1955-56 is concerned. We hope you have all derived a great amount of pleasure from attending the various matches, and it is our hope and wish that next season holds in store for us all many stirring encounters and much success. The arrangements for Season Ticket Holders will be exactly the same next season as for this, and at the same price. All present Holders will receive a communication, but those of you intending purchasing a Ticket next season are asked to send in your application and money as soon as possible and not wait until the last minute before doing so. It would help the Office Staff considerably if you do, for which their thanks in advance.

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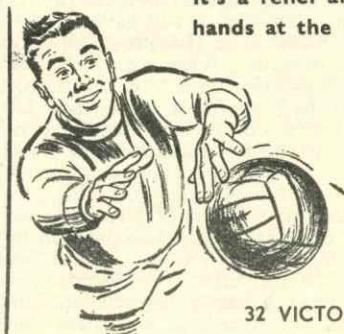
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3
Aherne
Left Back

6
Shanks
Left Half

10
Groves
Inside Left

11
Adam
Outside Left

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(Hull)



11
Pilkington
Outside Left
10
Cheesebrough
Inside Left
9
McKay
Centre
6
Shannon
Left Half
3
Winton
Left Back

BURNLEY
Shirts Claret and Light Blue
Knickers White
Stockings Claret and Blue Hoops

McDonald
Goal

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8
Burke
Inside Right
7
Newlands
Outside Right
4
Seith
Right Half
2
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Right Back

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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	Aston Villa	.....	West Brom.	.....
B	Cardiff City	.....	Arsenal	.....
C	Chelsea	.....	Blackpool	.....
D	Huddersfield	.....	Bolton W.	.....
E	Portsmouth	.....	Manchester C.	.....
F	Tottenham H.	.....	Sheffield Utd.	.....
G	Wolver'pton	.....	Sunderland	.....
H	Bristol Rovers	.....	Liverpool	.....
K	Hull City	.....	Leeds United	.....
L	Leicester City	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
M	Notts. Forest	.....	Blackburn R.	.....
N	Port Vale	.....	Middlesbro'	.....

SECOND LIST

A	Rotherham U.	.....	Stoke City	.....
B	Sheffield Wed.	.....	Lincoln City	.....
C	Swansea T.	.....	Barnsley	.....
D	West Ham U.	.....	Bristol City	.....
E	Aldershot	.....	Swindon T.	.....
F	Bournemouth	.....	Leyton O.	.....
G	Brighton & H.	.....	Torquay Utd.	.....
H	Colchester	.....	Norwich City	.....
K	Coventry City	.....	Reading	.....
L	Crystal Palace	.....	Newport Co.	.....
M	Exeter City	.....	Gillingham	.....
N	Millwall Ath.	.....	Southend Utd.	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Q.P.R.	.....	Northampton	.....
B	Shrewsbury T.	.....	Ipswich Town	.....
C	Walsall	.....	Southampton	.....
D	Watford	.....	Brentford	.....
E	Accrington	.....	Tranmere R.	.....
F	Barrow	.....	Chesterfield	.....
G	Darlington	.....	Southport	.....
H	Derby County	Hartlepools
K	Grimsby T.	Bradford City
L	Halifax T.	Scunthorpe
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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	" 7 Wed.	Ipswich Town	2,042	2 2	H 2 8				
" 24 Wed.	Preston N. E.	30,738	A 1 2	" 10 Sat.	Cardiff City	694	A 1 4	A 1 4				
" 27 Sat.	Tottenham H.	21,143	H 2 1	" 15 Thurs.	Northampton T.	539	3 1	A 2 2				
" 31 Wed.	Preston N. E.	24,174	H 2 1	" 17 Sat.	Southend Utd.	2,041						
Sept. 3 Sat.	Everton	44,237	A 1 0	" 24 "	Swansea Town	2,787						
" 5 Mon.	Burnley	19,350	A 1 3	Oct. 1 ..	Manchester Utd.	34,661	A 1 3	Bournemouth	1,633	2 3	H 3 3	
" 10 Sat.	Newcastle Utd.	25,814	H 4 2	" 8 ..	Blackpool	24,493	A 3 1	Bristol Rovers	4,554	A 1 3		
" 17 "	Birmingham C.	31,000	A 0 0	" 15 ..	Huddersfield T.	19,621	A 2 0	Leyton Orient	1,498	H 3 4		
" 24 "	West Brom.	24,440	H 0 2	" 22 ..	Arsenal	24,009	H 0 0	Brentford	1,091	A 3 7		
Oct. 1 ..	Manchester Utd.	34,661	A 1 3	" 29 ..	Bolton W.	28,104	A 0 4	Chelsea	1,742	2 2	H 3 0	
" 8 ..	Blackpool	24,493	A 3 1	Nov. 5 ..	Wolves	27,911	H 5 1	Leicester City	1,537	1 3	H 2 2	
" 15 ..	Huddersfield T.	19,621	A 2 0	" 12 ..	Aston Villa	29,761	H 0 1	Millwall Athletic	1,096	A 4 3		
" 22 ..	Arsenal	24,009	H 0 0	" 19 ..	Sunderland (1)	25,802	H 8 2	Coventry City	1,176	7 0	H 7 0	
" 29 ..	Bolton W.	28,104	A 0 4	" 26 ..	Portsmouth	27,758	A 0 0	Dec. 3 ..	Plymouth Argyle	2,568	A 2 1	
Nov. 5 ..	Wolves	27,911	H 5 1	" 10 ..	Cardiff City	21,827	H 3 0	Portsmouth	1,279	4 1	H 2 3	
" 12 ..	Aston Villa	29,761	H 0 1	" 17 ..	Manchester C. (2)	14,449	A 2 3	Birmingham C.	1,874	1 1	A 1 3	
" 19 ..	Sunderland (1)	25,802	H 8 2	" 24 ..	Charlton Ath.	19,686	H 2 1	Brighton	561	1 1	A 2 1	
" 26 ..	Portsmouth	27,758	A 0 0	" 31 Sat.	Tottenham H.	41,168	A 1 2	Aldershot	618	3,396	A 2 2	
Dec. 3 ..	Cardiff City	21,827	H 3 0	1956	Sheffield United	29,772	H 2 1	1956	Jan. 28 ..	Crystal Palace	1,544	A 1 3
" 10 ..	Manchester C. (2)	14,449	A 2 3	" 27 Tues.	Sheffield United	23,504	H 2 1	Feb. 11 ..	Bournemouth	573	A 1 3	
" 17 ..	Charlton Ath.	19,686	H 2 1	" 30 Fri.	Everton	23,226	H 2 2	" 18 ..	Bristol Rovers	593	H 2 0	
" 24 ..	Tottenham H.	41,168	A 1 2	" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	25,968	A 0 3	" 25 ..	Leyton Orient	2,491	A 1 1	
" 26 Mon.	Sheffield United	29,772	H 2 1	Mar. 1 Thurs.	Aldershot	920						
" 27 Tues.	Sheffield United	23,504	H 2 1	" 3 Sat.	Brentford	1,251						
" 31 Sat.	Everton	23,226	H 2 2	" 7 Wed.	Queens Park R.	1,553						
Feb. 4 ..	West Brom.	25,220	A 1 3	" 10 Sat.	Chelsea	2,377	2 1					
" 11 ..	Manchester Utd.	16,368	A 0 2	" 14 Wed.	Tottenham H.	1,488	2 2					
" 18 ..	Blackpool (5)	18,562	A 2 3	" 17 Sat.	Norwich City	1,253	6 1					
" 25 ..	Huddersfield T.	15,450	H 1 2	" 30 Fri.	Arsenal	3,206	1 1					
Mar. 7 Wed.	Sunderland	21,317	A 2 1	" 31 Sat.	Millwall Athletic	992						
" 10 Sat.	Bolton W.	20,432	A 0 0	April 2 Mon.	Arsenal	2,459	1 6					
" 17 ..	Wolves	32,339	A 2 1	" 14 ..	Coventry City	818	3 1					
" 24 ..	Aston Villa	17,126	H 2 2	" 19 Thurs.	Plymouth A.	517						
" 30 Fri.	Chelsea	24,276	H 2 2	" 21 Sat.	Portsmouth	499	2 3					
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	45,968	A 0 3	" 25 Wed.	Swansea Town	5 2	A 1 4					
April 2 Mon.	Chelsea	26,364	A 0 0	" 26 Thurs.	Leicester City	26	A 0 2					
" 7 Sat.	Portsmouth	17,839	H 1 0	" 27 Fri.	Southend United	...	A 1 1					
" 14 ..	Cardiff City	16,086	A 0 2	May 1 Tues.	Southend United	...	A					
" 21 ..	Manchester C.	18,074	H 3 2									
" 28 ..	Burnley	...	H									

LEAGUE TABLES, 1955 - 56

First Division									Up to and including Thursday, 26th April, 1956					Football Combination			
Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.				
Manchester U.	42	25	10	7	83	51	60	Tottenham H.	39	31	2	6	134	44	64		
Blackpool	41	20	9	12	85	60	49	Chelsea	41	28	7	6	115	46	63		
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