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BOBBERS STAND NOTES

Our second season in the First Division has begun, the ground looks perfect, the accommodation for supporters is much larger and everyone, we are sure, will wish the Team every success. Our visitors today will be all out to see that we do not repeat last season's result, but for this we must wait until the final blast on the whistle.

With the Oak Road end being enlarged we shall have more sellers of PENNY - ON - THE - BALL Tickets and we appeal to all of you to purchase some of these, and see if you are going to be the lucky one to win the ball. This is only one of many things that the Bobbers are doing to raise funds to assist the Board to make still further improvements for your comfort.

We are very pleased with the way Members have renewed their subscriptions during the close season, and those that have not yet forwarded their Membership Fees are reminded that it is now

time to do so. Any supporter that would like to join the Club can do so by sending 1/2 to Mr. J. Collier, c/o Bobbers Stand Club, Beech Hill Path, Luton.

We would also like to remind all followers of the Football Club that we still have some Badges for sale at 1/6 each, and these can be obtained from the Stewards in the Club or by sending P.O. with a stamped addressed envelope.

Look in the programme for further activities being organised by the Bobbers Committee. Pay the Club a visit and see for yourselves that you can take an active part and by so doing you could be one of the many lucky ones.

Remember when you help the Bobbers you are helping yourselves, as our chief aim has always been — Luton Town Football Club.

J.C.

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OFFICIAL JOURNAL

CLUB NOTES

WHAT a splendid start to the new season! To beat a team of Sunderland's undoubted ability and experience twice running in so decisive a manner leaves one spellbound. This second victory puts paid to the views of some fans who are never satisfied that the victory last year was just one of those flukes. In the first half last Saturday, Sunderland could have been in the lead if they had taken their chances, but to have scored would have meant producing shots of the greatest accuracy so well did Bernard Streten position himself but poor shooting on those occasions made any effort on Bernard's part unnecessary. The turning point of the game we felt was the new-found confidence of John Groves in the second half. At half time he had not done much to justify his selection, but what a different picture on the resumption! He produced the football we knew he was fully capable of playing and had indeed produced on the Continent, and it was a brilliant exhibition of inside forward play. We are of course in no way detracting from the display of the rest of the team, where there was not a weak link anywhere. And who says Bob Morton is wasted at Centre Forward? His was the best performance in that position we have seen for many a long day. It was a great pity he did not crown this display by getting his name on the scoring list, and if he had not been so unselfish in trying to make an opening for Gordon Turner to register a hat trick his name would undoubtedly have been there. To mention any more names would mean every other player would have to be included for every one played well, except we shall just mention the complete control of the middle of the field enjoyed by Syd Owen, whose strenuous Tour abroad this last close season has in no way impaired his effectiveness. On this showing Syd is the best centre half in the country, for he was playing against a centre forward of no mean calibre and who scored many goals last season.

Our visitors this evening must be wondering what kind of a reception awaits them in view of the defeat they suffered here last season. They had a splendid win at home last Saturday against the Cup Holders, scoring no fewer than five goals against their opponent's one, so that they also have proved they know where the net lies. Their inside right Jimmy Murray scored four of these goals, with Harry Hooper, late of West Ham, in his debut in First Division football scoring the other. It certainly looks as if we are in for a rare tussle this evening between these two sides, and it should be a game equally as momentous as when they met here last season. Strangely enough of the three doubles we obtained last season we are called upon to play two of those teams in the opening matches of this season. The other team, Sheffield United, having been relegated, we shall of course not be meeting this season, but it is rather a coincidence that the fixtures should turn out this way. Wolverhampton Wanderers have been tipped for the Championship this season. We shall have a wonderful chance this evening of satisfying ourselves in our own minds whether or not we agree with this forecast, at the same time witnessing most probably the match of the season at Kenilworth Road.

The Wolves, like ourselves, are developing youngsters from school-leaving age, and it is interesting to note that of the 38 professionals on their books 26 have graduated from their junior ranks. Of our 34 professionals, no less than 22 of them have signed since joining us as Amateurs, and of the side which beat Queens Park Rangers Reserves last Saturday by no less than seven goals to one only Roy Davies, George McLeod and Brendan McNally were already professional when signed by us. The fact that the Rangers had to play best part of the game with only ten men does detract a little from this very fine win, but even allowing for this our youngsters played extremely well, the forward line being most effective especially after Tony Pounder had been moved to his normal position on the wing from inside right. Brendan McNally in his first game for us showed he has a football brain, and never once did he waste a ball, always finding his man even under severe pressure. We feel already that we have made a good capture here and that all the good things said about this player are going to materialize. The three goals scored by Tony Gregory were all well taken, showing his outings in the senior side last season not only added to his experience but that he is the type of footballer who is willing and capable of learning. Roland Legate on the left wing had a good match also, scoring a lovely goal with his left foot from a pass by Roy Davies who held the line nicely together. Tony Pounder scored two nice goals, and altogether the whole team gave a sparkling performance, helping us to feel justified in our present policy of developing youngsters. We will of course have our setbacks, no Club can be successful all the time, but we feel already that our policy of welcoming any lad to Kenilworth Road who wishes to play football is paying handsome dividends not only to us but to the satisfaction of these youngsters themselves who must thoroughly enjoy playing in front of their own kith and kin. And of course it is praise to all those people who give their time freely and willingly coaching these youngsters, and particularly we refer here to the many Schoolteachers who take an interest in the lads in the first place and who put them on the right lines. Every lad wishing to make football a career will be given a fair trial if he presents himself at Kenilworth Road. He will be encouraged if offered terms, to serve an apprenticeship, being what is called a 'part-time footballer' during that time so that when his football career is finished he will have a skilled job which he can take up again. Seven of our present youngsters who are professional players are actually doing this and finding it quite successful and a workable scheme. We mention this because quite a few people have the impression that when a footballer's career comes to an end he is on the scrap heap. We at Luton take an interest in all our players and like to feel each one has a job to go to when the time comes for him to hang up his boots.

The Football Association has asked us to mention in these Notes that the F.A. News at 10/- post free and the F.A. Diary at 3/3 including postage are now available, and may be obtained by applying to 22, Lancaster Gate, London, W.2, or we shall be only too pleased to obtain these for you if you will write or call personally at the office, 70/72, Kenilworth Road.

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 Right Half
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 Inside Right

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11 **Mullen**
 Outside Left
 6 **Flowers**
 Left Half
 3 **Shorhouse**
 Left Back

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

Stretton

Goal

5 **Owen**
 Centre Half
 9 **Morton**
 Centre



9 **Murray**
 Centre
 5 **Wright**
 Centre Half

Williams

Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3 **Aherne**
 Left Back

6 **Shanks**
 Left Half

10 **Groves**
 Inside Left
 11 **Adam**
 Outside Left

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 Outside Right
 4 **Slater**
 Right Half

2 **Stuart**
 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
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- K
- L
- M
- N

SECOND LIST

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- K
- L
- M
- N

THIRD LIST

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
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Division I and Football Combination Fixtures : 1956 - 1957

1956 FIRST XI—Division I		Attendance	1955/56	F. A.
Aug. 18	Sat. Sunderland	23,049	8 2	H 6 2
" 22	Wed. Wolves	...	5 1	H
" 25	Sat. Charlton Athletic	...	2 2	A
" 29	Wed. Wolves	...	2 1	A
Sept. 1	Sat. Manchester City	...	3 2	H
" 5	Wed. Aston Villa	...	2 1	H
" 8	Sat. Blackpool	...	2 3	A
" 15	" Everton	...	2 2	H
" 22	" Tottenham H.	...	1 2	A
" 29	" Leeds United	...	...	H
Oct. 6	" Newcastle United	...	0 4	A
" 13	" Sheffield Wed.	...	...	H
" 20	" Birmingham City	...	0 0	A
" 27	" West Brom.	...	0 2	H
Nov. 3	" Burnley	...	1 3	A
" 10	" Preston N. E.	...	2 1	H
" 17	" Chelsea (1)	...	0 0	A
" 24	" Cardiff City	...	3 0	H
Dec. 1	" Manchester United	...	1 3	A
" 8	" Arsenal (2)	...	0 0	H
" 15	" Sunderland	...	2 1	A
" 22	" Charlton Ath.	...	2 1	H
" 25	Tues. Portsmouth	...	0 0	A
" 26	Wed. Portsmouth	...	1 0	H
" 29	Sat. Manchester City	...	2 3	A
Jan. 5	Sat. F.A. Cup—3	...	...	...
" 12	" Blackpool	...	3 1	H
" 19	" Everton	...	1 0	A
" 26	" F.A.—Cup 4	...	...	...
Feb. 2	" Tottenham H.	...	2 1	H
" 9	" Leeds United	...	...	A
" 16	" Newcastle U. (5)	...	4 2	H
" 23	" West Bromwich A.	...	1 3	A
Mar. 2	" Birmingham (6)	...	0 1	H
" 9	" Arsenal	...	0 3	A
" 16	" Burnley	...	2 3	H
" 23	" Preston N. E. (S.F.)	...	1 2	A
" 30	" Chelsea	...	2 2	H
April 6	" Cardiff City	...	0 2	A
" 13	" Manchester U.	...	0 2	H
" 19	Fri. Bolton Wanderers	...	0 4	A
" 20	Sat. Sheffield Wed.	...	...	A
" 22	Mon. Bolton Wand.	...	0 0	H
" 27	Sat. Aston Villa	...	0 1	A
May 4	" F.A. Cup—Final	...	...	...

1956 Reserve XI Fixtures		Attendance	1955/56	F. A.
Aug. 18	Sat. Queens Park R.	...	...	A 7 1
" 25	" Tottenham H.	...	0 1	H
" 29	Wed. West Ham Utd.	...	...	H
Sept. 1	Sat. Crystal Palace	...	1 3	A
" 8	" Bristol City	...	...	H
" 15	" Plymouth Argyle	...	2 1	A
" 22	" Southend United	...	1 5	H
" 29	" Reading	...	...	A
Oct. 6	" Chelsea	...	3 0	H
" 13	" Bournemouth & B.	...	3 1	A
" 20	" Arsenal	...	2 2	H
" 27	" Watford	...	...	A
Nov. 3	" Swindon Town	...	...	H
" 10	" Brentford	...	3 7	A
" 17	" Portsmouth	...	2 3	H
" 24	" Ipswich Town	...	2 2	A
Dec. 1	" Leicester City	...	2 2	H
" 8	" Leyton Orient	...	3 4	A
" 15	" Queens Park R.	...	3 1	H
" 22	" Tottenham H.	...	...	A
" 25	Tues. Birmingham C.	...	2 8	A
" 26	Wed. Birmingham C.	...	1 3	A
" 29	Sat. Crystal Palace	...	...	H
Jan. 5	Sat. Coventry City	...	1 2	A
" 12	" Bristol City	...	...	A
" 19	" Plymouth A.	...	6 6	H
" 26	" Coventry City	...	7 0	H
Feb. 2	" Southend United	...	...	A
" 9	" Reading	...	...	H
" 16	" Chelsea	...	0 4	A
" 23	" Bournemouth	...	3 3	H
March 2	" Arsenal	...	0 2	A
" 9	" Watford	...	...	H
" 16	" Swindon Town	...	...	A
" 23	" Brentford	...	5 2	H
" 30	" Portsmouth	...	1 4	A
April 6	" Ipswich Town	...	2 1	H
" 13	" Leicester City	...	1 1	A
" 19	Fri. Norwich City	...	0 1	H
" 20	Sat. Leyton Orient	...	3 4	H
" 22	Mon. Norwich City	...	0 2	A
" 27	Sat. Swansea Town	...	0 1	A

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 25th August, 1956

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

LUTON TOWN RESERVES
v.
TOTTENHAM RESERVES
Kick-off 3 p.m.
Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Monday, 27th August

METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LUTON 'A' v. HEADINGTON UTD.
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Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Wednesday, 29th August

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

LUTON TOWN RESERVES
v.
WEST HAM UTD. RES.
Kick-off 6.30 p.m.
Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

LEAGUE TABLE : 1956-57

Up to and including Monday, 20th August, 1956

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Burnley	...	1	1	0	0	2	0
Leeds United	...	1	1	0	0	5	1
WOLVES	...	1	1	0	0	5	1
Bolton W.	...	1	1	0	0	4	1
Tottenham H.	...	1	1	0	0	4	1
LUTON TOWN	...	1	1	0	0	6	2
Newcastle Utd.	...	1	1	0	0	2	1
Aston Villa	...	1	1	0	0	3	1
Sheffield Wed.	...	1	1	0	0	4	2
Arsenal	...	1	0	1	0	0	0
Birmingham C.	...	1	0	1	0	2	1
Cardiff City	...	1	0	1	0	0	0
West Bromwich	...	1	0	0	1	2	4
Charlton Ath.	...	1	0	0	1	1	3
Blackpool	...	1	0	0	1	1	4
Chelsea	...	1	0	0	1	0	2
Portsmouth	...	1	0	0	1	0	2
Everton	...	1	0	0	1	1	5
Manchester City	...	1	0	0	1	1	5
Sunderland	...	1	0	0	1	2	6
Preston N.E.	...	1	0	0	2	2	7

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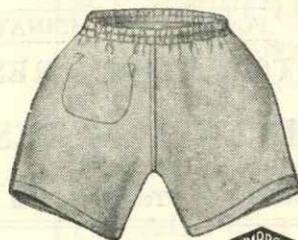
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