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CHARLTON ATHLETIC

V. LUTON TOWN

CLUB NOTES

OUR CRICKETEERS

While the cricket season still lingers, readers may care to read of the Charlton players' exploits with bat and ball. Derek Ufton was again a regular in the Kent team, playing exceptionally well as Godfrey Evans' deputy behind the wicket, while Stuart Leary was in constant demand in the R.A.F. and Combined Services teams, getting in an occasional game for Kent when his Services duties permitted.

Syd O'Linn who was to have played for Consett in the Durham Cricket League was disappointed through delay in his registration, but Syd got in a few games with the Crayford team, while Fred Lucas played for Dartford.

Charlton played three games of cricket during training. In the first, they defeated Bromley C.C. at Bromley by six wickets. Bromley were dismissed for 153, Fred Lucas taking 7 for 53. Charlton passed the Bromley total for the loss of only four wickets, Cyril Hammond scoring 62, Stuart Leary 36, Jack Shreeve (of the coaching staff at The Valley) 20, Derek Ufton 25 not out, and Ken Chamberlain 15.

SYD O'LINN'S CENTURY

At Aylesford on August 8, during Charlton's annual outing, we defeated Aylesford Paper Mills by an innings and 53 runs. Aylesford were put out for 88 (Lucas 7 wickets for 24) and then Charlton made 220 for 6 declared, Syd O'Linn scoring a brilliant century (101) which included 17 fours. Other scores included Ken Chamberlain 20, Dennis

Allen 23, Keith Cox 20, and Cyril Hammond 16. Put in again, Aylesford could muster only 81, Lucas taking 4 wickets for 13, Hammond 2 for 12, O'Linn 3 for 53, and Allen 1 for 1.

At the Kent village of Horsmonden on August 12, Charlton played Arsenal in a charity game and lost by 53 runs. Arsenal made 223 and despite a good start, the Charlton batting collapsed and we were all out for 170. Syd O'Linn was again in fine batting form, scoring 68, while Fred Lucas was 24 not out, and Stuart Leary 32. Ken Chamberlain had the satisfaction of clean bowling Leslie Compton and Derek Taps-cott, while Lucas took 3 for 47. Fred was the star bowler throughout the series, while a real discovery was Peter Firmani, our young full-back, as wicket keeper.

F.A. PUBLICATIONS

The Football Association is publishing a new monthly magazine—F.A. News, which contains many interesting soccer stories and is exceedingly well illustrated. It should be noted that F.A. News must be ordered direct from the Football Association, 22, Lancaster Gate, London, W.2. enclosing the annual subscription of 10/-. Another official publication of great assistance to the soccer fan is the F.A. Diary, which may be obtained as above for 3/3d. (post free)

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Club lapel badges are available at 2/6d., blazer badges 5/-. Also on sale at various points at The Valley today are "Red Robin" the Supporters' Club monthly magazine (price 6d.) and the Supporters' Club Handbook (1/-).

Supporters from Luton are welcome at our after-match social to be held at headquarters, Charlton Liberal Club, 560, Woolwich Rd. (less than five minutes walk from The Valley).

Next Sunday, Charlton supporters' outing to the Isle of Wight, and next Monday we have a theatre outing. Contact the Organising Secretary, Mrs. W. Jones, 49, Bradbourne Road, Bexley. (Phone Bexleyheath, 1970).

In extending a welcome to Luton Town, reputed to be the oldest professional club in the South, we are mindful of the many fine performances they put up last season—their first ever in the First Division. It was at Charlton, in fact, that Luton gained their first point—on the opening day of the season. The return game at Luton in December was indeed a thriller on a mud-strewn pitch, with Charlton desperately unlucky in not obtaining an equaliser in the last five minutes. At the end of the season, Luton finished in the upper half of the table, averaging a point per match a very commendable effort for a newly-promoted club.

LUTON PEN PICTURES

Here are brief details of the Luton players: **RON BAYNHAM** (Goalkeeper) In his sixth season with the club. Secured from Southern League club Worcester City. Since replacing Bernard Streten, international honours quickly came his way for he was chosen to play against Denmark at Copenhagen in October last and received the further honour of being chosen for the "B" team against Yugoslavia "B" in the same month. In November he was again selected to play for England versus Ireland and Spain. In April this year, played for English Football League v. the Irish Football League in Belfast.

BERNARD STREten (Goalkeeper) Born at Gillingham, Kent. Signed amateur forms for Luton in 1947 from Shrewsbury Town. Signed professional in 1948. Capped for England's amateur team in all their matches in 1946/7, and toured with them in May 1947. Played for the F.A. XI versus R.A.F. at Highbury in 1948. Gained his first full cap against Ireland in 1950.

SEAMUS DUNNE (Right-back) Born at Limerick, Eire. Came to Luton from Shelbourne in May, 1950. Has played for his country on several occasions and forms an all-Eire full back partnership with "Bud" Aherne.

TOMMY AHERNE (Left-back) Born in Limerick. Came to Luton from Belfast Celtic in March 1949 and has played in 22 international matches for his country.

JIM PEMBERTON (Right-half) One of the longest serving players on the books. Joined Luton as an inside forward from Stourbridge in 1949, but has played at back, inside forward and wing-forward.

SYDNEY OWEN (Centre-half) Captain of the side. Previously with Birmingham City. Toured Australia with the F.A. in 1952; was a member of the Football League team at Copenhagen in May 1953 and was in the England Party in Switzerland for the World Cup Games in 1954. Was a member of the F.A. touring team in the West Indies in 1955 and also toured South Africa this summer.

WALLY SHANKS (Left-half) Born in Malta of Scottish parents. In his tenth season with the club. Was signed as an outside-right but was successfully converted to wing-half.

MICHAEL CULLEN (Outside-right) A Scot recommended to Luton when only 18 and was immediately signed as professional. Plays typical close Scottish football and very clever in possession. Was chosen for the Scottish "B" team versus England "B" team at Dundee in March this year.

GORDON TURNER (Inside-right) A Doncaster boy recommended to Luton whilst playing in Navy football and signed forms on demob in March 1950. Scored 37 goals in season 1954/5 thus breaking the club's individual scoring record. Gained his first big honour when chosen for the Football League XI versus Scottish League XI at Sheffield in October last.

BOB MORTON (Centre-forward) Local boy who signed professional forms in February 1946. Usually a brilliant wing half. Was selected last season as reserve for England versus Ireland at Wembley. Also played for the F.A. versus the Army at Newcastle in November. Has taken over the centre forward position with outstanding success. Was a member of the F.A. touring team in South Africa this summer.

GEORGE CUMMINS (Inside-left) An Irishman secured from Everton in August 1953. A brilliant ball player. Has already

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played for Eire on several occasions including their match with Yugoslavia in Dublin last season.

REG. PEARCE (Forward) Signed from Winsford United, Cheshire League side, in November 1954. Since his recommendation by Luton's northern scout, has developed into a utility player.

J. GROVES (Inside-forward) Son of Arthur Groves., the old Derby County inside-right and team-mate of Dally Duncan. Won Derbyshire schoolboy honours and signed by Luon at 15. Plays at either inside or wing-forward.

JIMMY ADAM (Outside-left) Recommended to Luton by their North Eastern scout and signed from the northern club Spennymoor United in June 1953. Quickly off the mark and always a potential danger. Has also been watched by the Scottish selectors.

NO CHANGE FROM VILLA

Charlton never got into their stride in the opening game at Villa Park on Saturday, and in a poor game there was little to enthuse over. EDDIE MARSH did very well indeed in goal, but at full back there was hesitancy at times. GERRY McCARTHY made a pleasing debut at centre-half, giving the impression that once acclimatised to the speed of English League football, he will prove a great asset.

Wing half-backs, SYD O'LINN and CYRIL HAMMOND did not reach great heights, and Syd had the misfortune to put through his own goal. Of the forwards, only JIMMY GAULD threatened to save the game. As a line, they never combined with real effect, and although they revealed some clever touches, there was a lack of progressive movements. Aston Villa, who won 3—1, were no better than ourselves, but they took their chances, and appeared to do their job with greater determination. BOBBY AYRE scored Charlton's solitary point from GORDON HURST'S centre. The team was:—MARSH; CAMPBELL, TOWNSEND; O'LINN, McCARTHY, HAMMOND; HURST, GAULD, AYRE, WHITE, KIERNAN.

Our reserves also made a poor start losing 4—1 to Arsenal at The Valley. The Charlton defence failed to keep a tight hold on DON ROPER with the result that Don scored three of the Arsenal's four. DEREK UFTON did well and has now reached the peak of fitness, while PETER FIRMANI was sound at right-back. VINCENT DONNELLY (outside right) continues to improve with experience. Our team was: P. GAMMAN; FIRMANI, ELLIS; CHAMBERLAIN, UFTON, COX; DONNELLY, LUCAS, JAGO, KIRKPATRICK, ALLEN.

CHARLTON'S PLAYING STRENGTH — SEASON 1956-57

Name.	Birthplace.	Posn.	Height ft. ins.	Weight st. lb.
ALLEN, Dennis	Dagenham	I.R.	5 10½	10 3½
AYRE, Robert	Berwick-on-Tweed	O.R.	5 6½	10 4
CAMPBELL, James	Thornton Hall, nr. Glasgow	R.F.B.	5 9	10 12
CHAMBERLAIN, Ken	Durban, South Africa	C.H.B.	5 11	11 10½
COX, Keith	Heanor, Derby	L.H.B.	5 8½	11 0
DARVELL, Roger	High Wycombe	C.H.B.	6 1	12 0
DONNELLY, Vincent	Dublin	O.R.	6 0	11 6
*EDWARDS, Trevor	Rhondda, Glam	R.H.B.	5 8½	11 0
ELLIS, Sydney	Charlton	L.F.B.	5 9	10 11½
FIRMANI, Peter	Cape Town	R.F.B.	5 10	11 0
GAULD, James	Aberdeen	I.R.	5 11	12 0
GODFREY, Peter	Woolwich	O.R.	5 6	10 0
HAMMOND, CYRIL	Woolwich	L.H.B.	5 7½	10 13
HEWIE, John	Pretoria, S.A.	L.F.B.	6 1½	11 1
HURST, Gordon	Oldham, Lancs	O.R.	5 7½	12 3
JAGO, Gordon	Poplar	C.H.B.	6 1	11 6
KIERNAN, Billy	Croydon	O.L.	5 7	10 6
KIRKPATRICK, Alan	Newcastle on Tyne	I.L.	5 8	10 10
*LEARY, Stuart	Cape Town	C.F.	5 9½	10 9
LUCAS, Fred	Slades Green	I.R.	5 8	10 11
McCARTHY, Gerard	Limerick	C.H.B.	6 1	12 4
MARSH, Eddie	Dundee	G.	5 10½	11 5
MORRIS, Malcolm	Sandwich	R.F.B.	5 11	11 11
O'LINN, Syd	Capetown	R.H.B.	5 9	11 4
*REED, Frank	Seaham Harbour	G.	6 3½	13 0
*ROBINSON, Eddie	Sunderland	I.R.	5 6	10 10
RYAN, John	Alloa, Clackmannan	C.F.	5 9½	11 0
*SEWELL, John	Brockley	C.H.B.	5 10	11 0
*TUCKER, Keith	Deal	O.L.	5 9	11 6
*TITCOMBE, Ken	Swindon	C.H.B.	5 10	11 0
TOWNSEND, Don	Swindon	L.F.B.	5 10½	11 6
UFTON, Derek	Crayford	C.H.B.	5 11½	12 4
*WEST, John	Dartford	O.L.	5 6	10 6
*WERGE, Eddie	Sidcup	I.R.	5 9	10 6
WHITE, Ron	Bethnal Green	I.L.	5 8	11 0

* Serving in H.M. Forces.



**GERRY
McCARTHY**
CHARLTON'S new
centre-half from
LIMERICK

who made a pleasing debut in the opening match against ASTON VILLA.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIV. 1)
CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. LUTON TOWN K.O. 3.15 p.m.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Colours: Red Shirts, White Collars, White Knickers.

	Goal. EDDIE MARSH	
2 Right Back. JIMMY CAMPBELL		3 Left Back. DON TOWNSEND
4 Right Half. JOHN HEWIE	5 Centre Half. GERRY McCARTHY	6 Left Half. DEREK UFTON
7 Outside Right. GORDON HURST	8 Inside Right. JIMMY GAULD	9 Centre Forward. BOBBY AYRE
		10 Inside Left. RONNIE WHITE
		11 Outside Left. BILLY KIERNAN

Referee :
Mr. A. A. HOWLETT (Wilts)



Linesmen :
Mr. A. G. Cook (Sussex) (Red Flag)
Mr. S. J. Dant (Combs) (Yellow Flag)

ADAM Outside Left. 11	GROVES Inside Left. 10	MORTON Centre Forward. 9	TURNER Inside Right. 8	CULLEN Outside Right. 1
SHANKS Left Half. 6		OWEN Centre Half. 5	PEMBERTON Right Half. 4	
AHERNE Left Back. 3			DUNNE Right Back. 2	
		STRIEN Goal.		

LUTON TOWN

Colours: White Shirts, Black Knickers.

Any alteration in the above Teams will be broadcast before the start of the Match.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1956.	Date	Opponents	Grd.	F.	A.
Aug. 18	—	Aston Villa	A	1	3
" 23	—	Leeds United	H		
" 25	—	Luton Town	H		
" 29	—	Leeds United	A		
Sep. 1	—	Sunderland	A		
" 8	—	Sheffield Wednesday	H		
" 12	—	Bolton Wanderers	A		
" 15	—	Manchester City	H		
" 20	—	Bolton Wanderers	H		
" 22	—	Blackpool	A		
" 29	—	Everton	H		
Oct. 6	—	Manchester United	A		
" 13	—	Arsenal	H		
" 20	—	Portsmouth	A		
" 27	—	Newcastle United	H		
Nov. 3	—	Chelsea	A		
" 10	—	Cardiff City	H		
" 17	—	(1) Birmingham City	A		
" 24	—	West Bromwich	H		
Dec. 1	—	Burnley	A		
" 8	—	(2) Preston N.E.	H		
" 15	—	Aston Villa	H		
" 22	—	Luton Town	A		
" 25	—	Wolverhampton W.	H		
" 26	—	Wolverhampton W.	A		
" 29	—	Sunderland	H		
1957.					
Jan. 5	—	(3) Sheffield Wednesday	A		
" 12	—	Manchester City	A		
" 19	—	(4) Blackpool	H		
Feb. 2	—	Everton	A		
" 9	—	(5) Manchester U.	H		
" 16	—	Newcastle United	A		
Mar. 2	—	(6) Portsmouth	H		
" 9	—	Preston N.E.	A		
" 16	—	Chelsea	H		
" 23	—	(S.F.) Cardiff City	A		
" 30	—	Birmingham City	H		
Apl. 6	—	West Bromwich A.	A		
" 13	—	Burnley	H		
" 19	—	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
" 20	—	Arsenal	A		
" 22	—	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
" 27	—				
May 4	—	(Final)			

LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

1956.	Date	Opponents	Grd.	F.	A.
Wed. Oct. 10	—	Portsmouth	A		
Thur. " 25	—	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
Wed. " 31	—	Crystal Palace	H		
Wed. Nov. 7	—	Crystal Palace	A		
" " 14	—	Arsenal	H		
Mon. " 19	—	West Ham United	A		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1956.	Date	Opponents	Grd.	F.	A.
Aug. 18	—	Arsenal	H	1	4
" 25	—	Swansea Town	A		
" 30	—	Plymouth Argyle	H		
Sep. 1	—	Coventry City	H		
" 8	—	Leicester City	A		
" 15	—	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
" 22	—	Northampton Town	H		
" 29	—	Queen's Pk. R.	A		
Oct. 6	—	Brighton & Hove A.	H		
" 13	—	Cardiff City	A		
" 20	—	Ipswich Town	H		
" 27	—	Leyton Orient	A		
Nov. 3	—	Birmingham City	H		
" 10	—	Aldershot	A		
" 17	—	Bournemouth & B.A.	H		
" 24	—	Bristol Rovers	A		
Dec. 1	—	Chelsea	H		
" 8	—	Millwall	A		
" 15	—	Arsenal	A		
" 22	—	Swansea Town	H		
" 25	—	Norwich City	A		
" 26	—	Norwich City	H		
" 29	—	Coventry City	A		
1957.					
Jan. 5	—	Brentford	A		
" 12	—	Leicester City	H		
" 19	—	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
" 26	—	Brentford	H		
Feb. 2	—	Northampton Town	A		
" 9	—	Queen's Pk. R.	H		
" 16	—	Brighton & Hove A.	A		
" 23	—	Cardiff City	H		
Mar. 2	—	Ipswich Town	A		
" 9	—	Leyton Orient	H		
" 16	—	Birmingham City	A		
" 23	—	Aldershot	H		
" 30	—	Bournemouth & B.A.	A		
Apl. 6	—	Bristol Rovers	H		
" 13	—	Chelsea	A		
" 19	—	Reading	A		
" 20	—	Millwall	H		
" 22	—	Reading	H		
" 27	—	Plymouth Argyle	A		
May 4	—				

Wed. Nov. 28	—	Chelsea	H		
1957.					
Wed. Jan. 16	—	West Ham United	H		
Wed. Feb. 6	—	Portsmouth	H		
Wed. Mar. 6	—	Chelsea	A		
" " 20	—	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
" " 27	—	Arsenal	A		

ECHOES ACROSS THE VALLEY

Trainer to the F.A. touring team in South Africa this summer was Fred Ford, who played for Charlton at wing half-back prior to World War II. A local man, he joined Charlton from Erith and Belvedere. Afterwards, Fred took up training and was with Carlisle United. Now he is coach to Bristol Rovers, who are managed by another former Charlton player—Bert Tann.

John ("Buck") Ryan, Charlton outside right or centre-forward, now has a son and heir, and young Paddy is doing very nicely, thank you. The Ryans are living at Bexleyheath in the house Bert Johnson occupied when with Charlton. Bert is now manager of Cambridge United, the Eastern Counties League club. Also at Cambridge is Harold Phipps who acts as steward to the United Supporters' Club. Harold was in Charlton's F.A. Cup winning side of 1947 and later played for Watford and Bexleyheath.

Charlton left-back Don Townsend joined the married ranks during the close season. His wife is a Woolwich lady.

Jimmy Hill, Millwall's new outside-left from Coventry, is an old army chum of Charlton's Syd Ellis and Don Townsend. They were stationed together at Hulsea Barracks, and so was Arthur Proudler, centre-half who recently moved from Aston Villa to Crystal Palace.

Malcolm Morris, Charlton's young reserve full-back, utilised some of his close-season vacation to do a job of work as attendant and life-guard at Ladywell & Downham Baths. He also visited his native Deal and Sandwich district for a holiday.

Gordon Hurst, Gordon Jago and Eddie Marsh attended the F.A. coaching course at Lilleshall during the summer. It was a stiff practical course, but all three Charlton players enjoyed the experience. Some 110 players and coaches took the course, and they came from all parts of the world. Gordon Hurst is now a fully qualified F.A. coach, while Jago holds the preliminary certificate. Both are likely to instruct boys in Kent schools this winter, while Eddie Marsh is pushing ahead to a similar objective.

A happy interlude during the relaxation period at the F.A. coaching course at Lilleshall was a head-tennis match—Charlton v. West Ham. Roy Stroud, Malcolm Allison and Dick Walker represented the Hammers, and Eddie Marsh, Gordon Jago and Gordon Hurst were the Charlton trio. The game ended a draw (1-1). Malcolm Allison, of course, played for Charlton up to 1951. He now captains West Ham.

During the past few weeks, about 80 youngsters have been tried out at The Valley with a view to Charlton's colts team. Some of the lads came over 100 miles to get their chance, and there were local boys by the score. The trials revealed some useful talent, but just now, it seems there is a shortage of really promising young full-backs. Even so, there is the nucleus of a fine colts' side, and Charlton should again figure prominently in the S.E. Counties League, which, this season, is expanded through Millwall and Q.P. Rangers entering teams.

Among the aspirants to Charlton's colts' team is 16 year-old Fred Dowlman, a full-back from the Maidstone district who is also a good runner. At Erith Sports on Bank Holiday young Fred gained a first and a second over short distances. Fred's father, a Kent County A.A.A. official, is a great friend of Charlton. During the war, when serving overseas, Colonel Dowlman recommended Frank Lock to Charlton when Frank was serving under his command. Charlton fans will not need reminding what a fine full-back Frank Lock became.

Peter Croker, who was right-back in Charlton's F.A. Cup winning team of 1947, recently joined the scouting staff of the club.

During his annual close-season stay back home in Durban, South Africa, Charlton's popular half-back, Ken Chamberlain, did a job of work as a barman in a much frequented Durban Hostelry, and one day, Ken got a big surprise. Who should pop in for a pint but Eddie Firmani, his former Charlton team mate! Such an occasion called for drinks all round. Ken, by the way, has taken over Sam Bartram's chain of office as president of Charlton Athletic Supporters' Club.

HALF - TIME SCORES

MATCHES FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1956

First name opposite the letter represents the home team. W signifies match abandoned. Key for to-day's matches is as follows :—

CLUBS	Half Time	CLUBS	Half Time
A BIRMINGHAM CITY		K WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
ARSENAL		MANCHESTER UNITED	
B BLACKPOOL		L HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		LEYTON ORIENT	
C CARDIFF CITY		M NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
BURNLEY		FULHAM	
D CHELSEA		N WEST HAM UNITED	
PRESTON NORTH END		SWANSEA TOWN	
E EVERTON		P ALDERSHOT	
BOLTON WANDERERS		BRENTFORD	
F MANCHESTER CITY		Q CRYSTAL PALACE	
ASTON VILLA		COVENTRY CITY	
G PORTSMOUTH		R IPSWICH TOWN	
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		MILLWALL	
H SUNDERLAND		S QUEENS PARK RANGERS	
NEWCASTLE UNITED		NEWPORT COUNTY	
J TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		T SHREWSBURY TOWN	
LEEDS UNITED		GILLINGHAM	

MESSAGE FROM CHARLTON'S NEW CATERERS

Whatever the refreshment needs of Charlton F.C. supporters, we want to meet it if at all possible. Hot tea, sandwiches etc., beer and spirits can be obtained at all points of the ground. In the grandstand, three kiosks are open on the first floor, and the Restaurant on the ground floor.

When the gates are opened for all First Division games, we intend to have hot meat pies, hot sausage rolls and hot soup available in the grandstand Restaurant, and at the Robins Tavern (beneath the covered terracing).

Any suggestions by supporters regarding food and service will be welcomed. Just drop your suggestion in at the club, addressed to the Caterers.

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