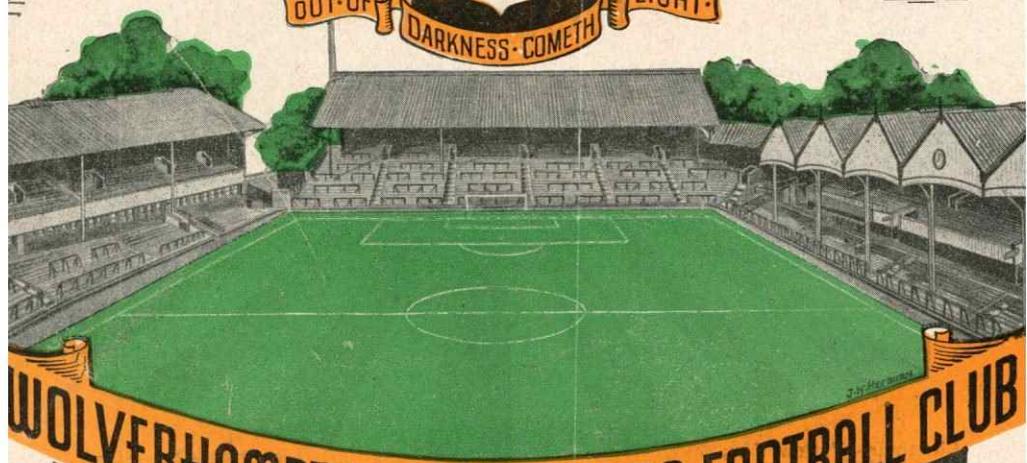


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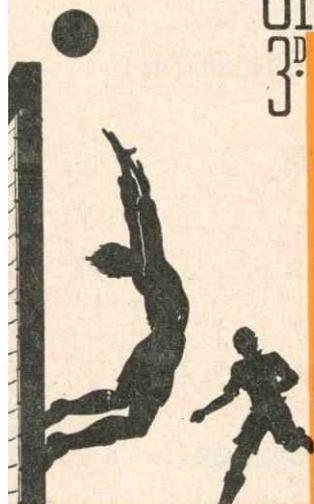
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — FIRST DIVISION

MOLINEUX GROUNDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

(Covered Accommodation for 30,000)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1956

Match No. 4

Kick-off 7 p.m.

Shirts:
Gold
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WOLVES

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LEFT

WILLIAMS

STUART
2

SHORTHOUSE
3

SLATER
4

WRIGHT
5

FLOWERS
6

HOOPER
7

BROADBENT
8

MURRAY
9

BOOTH
10

MULLEN
11

Linesman—Yellow Flag
W. JOHNSON-WILSON
(Malvern)

Referee—
E. S. OXLEY
(Pontefract, Yorks)

Linesman—Red Flag
H. HORNER
(Kenilworth)

ADAM
11

GROVES
10

MORTON
9

TURNER
8

CULLEN
7

SHANKS
6

OWEN
5

PEMBERTON
4

AHERNE
3

DUNNE
2

STRETEN

LEFT

Shirts:
White

LUTON TOWN

RIGHT
Knickers:
Black

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NOTES BY "WANDERER"

ANOTHER MOMENT OF SOCCER HISTORY

THE introduction of floodlights to Molineux has given us a number of new and thrilling experiences. We have had the famous Continental teams here, we have had moments of high triumph; we have had our first floodlit League match but tonight there is something else that is new.

This is the first match at Molineux to be played under the Football League's direction that matches may be started in daylight and ended, if necessary in floodlight, and when we had the opportunity to make this early experiment our friends from Luton readily fell in with the suggestion.

So tonight, with a later-than-usual kick-off for a mid-week league game the lights will be brought into use at a time mutually agreed by the two clubs.

We hope the experiment is a success for it gives a better opportunity for our followers to get to the ground.

ANOTHER THRILLER IN STORE?

IF tonight's match against the Hatters is as exciting as the first meeting at Kenilworth Road we are in for some rich soccer entertainment. Strange though it may seem, we have yet to beat our visitors in a Football League game—indeed, we have yet to take a point from them—so if they come here with plenty of confidence it will be readily understood.

On the other hand, we have good reason for making a special effort for three defeats in a row by the same team is something rare, and, in any event, there is the memory of last season's double to be wiped out.

In the circumstances this should be a fine game and we will commend to those who have not seen them, the quick-fire Luton side who are fast and skilful. They have in their ranks such outstanding individual players as Morton and Owen not to mention the choice of a couple of England goalkeepers in Streten and Baynham.

ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT

FROM the way we were playing in the first half at Blackpool on Saturday it looked odds on our getting a stirring victory but it was not to be. For the second match in succession our approach work did not produce the goals it merited.

The crowd were quick to respond to our splendid inter-passing but, as at Luton, it was of no avail. On this occasion however it did produce a couple of goals to give Jimmy Murray his fifth in three games and Bill Slater his first, and that against his former club colleagues.

Unhappily for us, Blackpool got three and they may have considered themselves a little fortunate to do so after being under such heavy pressure for so long. Nevertheless we are convinced that good football will show its reward and we hope the goals will soon be coming as they should.

PLENTY OF SUPPORT

ONE of the happier features of the visit to Blackpool was the big proportion of supporters we had among the holiday crowd although this, somewhat surprisingly, was smaller than in recent years.

It does a team good to get encouragement when they are away from home and there seems to be a hard core of stalwarts who follow us around almost everywhere whilst on special occasions on easily accessible grounds they are strongly supplemented.

At Blackpool the supporters made themselves heard to some effect and we are glad to acknowledge their interest for the players like to feel they have something behind them in the crowd.

Today's Topical Talk

by Ivan Sharpe



BERNARD STRETEN, Luton Town goalkeeper, played for England in the Amateur and then in the full International team. This amateur-professional business needs attention.

In a month or so, the Football Association will be spending thousands of pounds to send a team of amateurs to compete in the Olympic Games Football Tournament in Australia although this so-called amateur tournament is the world's phoniest and most farcical unpaid contest. Are they right or wrong to do so?

They are right because (1) if we, in England, don't lend a hand to help our Commonwealth cousins, we, the principal partner, don't deserve to have a Commonwealth or what's left of it, and (2) by participating we can help to clean-up, to be in a better position to put this Olympic amateur tangle straight.

ALL JUST PLAYERS

THERE are no amateurs and professionals in some countries, like Hungary and Russia, so (although their stars make their living at the game like our professionals) all are eligible for the Olympics. Yes, the Olympic rule is wrong to permit this howling farce. But it may help to make the Olympics what they ought to be, namely, a test of *all* the athletes — amateurs and professionals.

Indeed, in the next ten years Association football in England may follow the lead of countries who say: "We have neither amateurs nor professionals. We have only *players*."

"ENOUGH!"

YOU see, there are so many grades of amateurism amid sport's modern commercialism that the whole thing's becoming impossible.

Fifty years ago, some of our most revered amateurs in the various sports of today would have been regarded as professionals. So it won't surprise me in the least if Association football gives a lead by crying "Enough!" and wipes out the undiscoverable border-line between amateur and pro.

The man wasn't far wrong who, just before the War, said: "The only amateur left is the fellow running for his morning train."

LUTON'S MOVES

NOW back to Luton, welcome guests today at Molineux.

They've always had an eye on the future: they were in the Football League, at times, before the old Southern League joined up to form the Third Division South. Yes, they were in the Second Division in far-away 1897 . . . and that took some courage for a town far south and of their restricted scope and size.

They have stepped out latterly because, in good part, of the vision of their manager, Dally Duncan, distinguished outside left of Derby County and Scotland. Note how men in this Luton team have been switched into success:—

Tall Syd Owen was a wing-half-back with Birmingham City and became an International when moved to centre-half at Luton. Wally Shanks, once on Chelsea's books as a forward, joined Luton on a month's trial and only made the grade when moved to wing-half-back.

Gordon Turner from Hull made the grade the reverse way: he started out as a wing-half-back and made his mark after being moved to outside right. Bob Morton, the local lad, was a wing-half but hit the headlines when moved to centre-forward.

And that — in these days of star-shortage — is the way to build football teams, whether you have or you haven't thousands of pounds to play with.

THE ROCKY ROAD

BEING a good fellow and making friends also helps — two of Luton's forwards are sons of men with whom Dally Duncan was associated in his playing days — Turner and John Groves at inside left.

These things tell. The shortage of players persists. It's a fine thing that money won't now buy honours, but the shortage of good players is greater than it should be and I hope the powers-that-be are giving this pressing problem their constant attention. Too many League clubs? Maybe. Why otherwise does demand for good players still exceed supply?

In my travels I run across clubs with a worried look. Preston are one: Everton another. Everton are at Molineux next Saturday so their problems will be examined here at the week-end. What I am stressing is that rebuilding or patching-up wobbling teams has never presented so many difficulties.

DUDS & DIAMONDS

EXPERIMENT of the Luton kind therefore seems essential. John Carey, Blackburn Rovers' manager and former Manchester United and Irish International, saw small future for Bryan Douglas at inside-forward so switched him to the wing. Straight off, he was another player. Took to the role instantaneously. Now he's in line for representative honours.

Different has been the experience of Doncaster's Aleck Jeffrey, inside left. Some stars-to-be hit you in the eye; their ability stands out instantaneously.

So it was with Jeffrey. At the season's end in 1955 I went to see the England v. Wales Schools International match at Maine Road, Manchester, and there for all to see was a youngster with a man's method — and a man like John Goodall or Clem Stephenson at that . . . Jeffrey.

That way started players like Sam Crooks of Derby and Stanley Matthews of Stoke. Their ability stood out a mile. They were as easy to smell out as gorgonzola in the Suez Canal. Life's like that. Duds and diamonds.

1st with the latest - SPORTING STAR

FIRST DIVISION

1956									
Aug 18	Manchester City	...	(7-2)	h	5-1				
" 22	Luton Town	...	(1-5)	a	0-1				
" 25	Blackpool	...	(1-2)	a	2-3				
" 29	Luton Town	...	(1-2)	h					
Sept 1	Everton	...	(1-0)	h					
" 8	Tottenham Hotspur	...	(1-2)	a					
" 12	Sunderland	...	(3-1)	h					
" 15	Leeds United	...	(-)	a					
" 22	Bolton Wanderers	...	(1-2)	a					
" 29	Birmingham City	...	(1-0)	h					
Oct 6	West Bromwich A.	...	(1-1)	a					
" 13	Portsmouth	...	(3-1)	h					
" 20	Chelsea	...	(3-2)	a					
" 27	Cardiff City	...	(0-2)	h					
Nov 3	Manchester United	...	(3-4)	a					
" 10	Arsenal	...	(3-3)	h					
" 17	Burnley	...	(2-1)	a					
" 24	Preston North End	...	(2-1)	h					
Dec 1	Newcastle United	...	(1-3)	a					
" 8	Sheffield Wednesday	...	(-)	h					
" 15	Manchester City	...	(2-2)	a					
" 22	Blackpool	...	(2-3)	h					
" 25	Charlton Athletic	...	(2-0)	a					
" 26	Charlton Athletic	...	(2-0)	h					
" 29	Everton	...	(1-2)	a					
1957									
Jan 1	Sunderland	...	(1-1)	a					
" 5	(3)								
" 12	Tottenham Hotspur	...	(5-1)	h					
" 19	Leeds United	...	(-)	a					
" 26	(4)								
Feb 2	Bolton Wanderers	...	(4-2)	h					
" 9	Birmingham City	...	(0-0)	a					
" 16	West Bromwich A.	...	(3-2)	h					
" 23	Cardiff City	...	(9-1)	a					
Mar 2	Chelsea	...	(2-1)	h					
" 9	Sheffield Wednesday	...	(-)	a					
" 16	Manchester United	...	(0-2)	h					
" 23	Arsenal	...	(2-2)	a					
" 30	Burnley	...	(3-1)	h					
April 6	Preston North End	...	(0-2)	a					
" 13	Newcastle United	...	(2-1)	h					
" 20	Portsmouth	...	(1-2)	a					
" 22	Aston Villa	...	(0-0)	a					
" 23	Aston Villa	...	(0-0)	h					

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

1956									
Aug 18	Barnsley	...	(2-1)	a	2-2				
" 20	Bolton Wanderers	...	(1-0)	h	2-2				
" 25	Sheffield United	...	(2-0)	h	5-1				
" 29	Bolton Wanderers	...	(1-0)	a					
Sept 1	Manchester City	...	(0-1)	a					
" 5	Derby County	...	(2-5)	a					
" 8	Blackburn Rovers	...	(4-0)	h					
" 15	Blackpool	...	(0-1)	a					
" 22	Everton	...	(3-1)	h					
" 29	Leeds United	...	(1-3)	a					
Oct 6	Chesterfield	...	(6-1)	h					
" 13	Stoke City	...	(0-0)	a					
" 20	Bury	...	(4-2)	h					
" 27	Huddersfield Town	...	(1-3)	a					
Nov 3	Burnley	...	(6-2)	h					
" 10	Preston North End	...	(0-4)	a					
" 17	Liverpool	...	(1-2)	h					
" 24	Manchester United	...	(0-4)	a					
Dec 1	Sheffield Wednesday	...	(3-1)	h					
" 8	Newcastle United	...	(2-4)	a					
" 15	Barnsley	...	(0-1)	h					
" 22	Sheffield United	...	(0-4)	a					
" 26	West Bromwich A.	...	(1-3)	a					
" 29	Manchester City	...	(4-4)	h					
1957									
Jan 5	(-)								
" 12	Blackburn Rovers	...	(1-2)	a					
" 19	Blackpool	...	(0-1)	h					
" 26	West Bromwich A.	...	(4-3)	h					
Feb 2	Everton	...	(0-1)	a					
" 9	Leeds United	...	(5-1)	h					
" 16	Chesterfield	...	(0-4)	a					
" 23	Stoke City	...	(5-0)	h					
Mar 2	Bury	...	(3-1)	a					
" 9	Huddersfield Town	...	(5-1)	h					
" 16	Burnley	...	(5-1)	a					
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April 6	Manchester United	...	(2-3)	h					
" 13	Sheffield Wednesday	...	(2-0)	a					
" 20	Newcastle United	...	(6-2)	h					
" 22	Aston Villa	...	(3-2)	h					
" 23	Aston Villa	...	(2-2)	a					
" 27	Derby County	...	(5-0)	h					

WOLVES MATCHES AND TEAMS

AUGUST 20th, 1956
Central League v. Bolton Wanderers (h) 2-2.
 Sidebottom, Beavon, Harris, Howells, Showell, Clamp, Hancock, Mason, Swinbourne, Wilshaw, Neil, P.
 Scorers: Wilshaw, Neil, P.

AUGUST 21st, 1956
Worcestershire Combination v. Malvern Town (a) 0-2.
 Richards, Greaves, Deakin, Ogden, Brown, Long, Perry, Adams, Parsonage, Hall, Sambrook.

AUGUST 22nd, 1956
First Division v. Luton Town (a) 0-1.
 Williams, Stuart, Shorthouse, Slater, Wright, Flowers, Hooper, Broadbent, Murray, Booth, Mullen.

Birmingham League v. Bedworth Town (a) 3-2.
 Burden, Tether, Jones, Howells, Kyle, Thomson, Evans, Middleton, Stobart, Jackson, Round.
 Scorer: Middleton 3.

OUR NEW COACH



HARRY POTTS

A native of Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham. Played for Burnley in the 1947 Cup-Final and from 1937 to 1950 when he was transferred to Everton F.C.

He played for Everton from 1950 until last September when an injury received whilst playing against Luton Town finished his career as a player.

From September until the end of the season he assisted the Everton Club on their coaching and scouting staff, and was appointed as coach at Molineux last month.

Served as a sergeant in the R.A.F. during the War and was a member of The Services XI which toured India and Burma.

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Next Matches at Molineux

Football League — First Division
 Match No. 5 **3 p.m.**
 Kick-off

EVERTON

SATURDAY NEXT,
 SEPTEMBER 1st, 1956

Central League — Match No. 6
BLACKBURN ROVERS RES.

Kick-off 3 p.m.
 SATURDAY, SEPT. 8th, 1956

Football League — First Division
SUNDERLAND

(Part Floodlight)
 Match No. 7 **7 p.m.**
 Kick-off
 WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12th, 1956

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
LUTON	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
BLACKPOOL	4	3	0	1	12	10	6
TOTTENHAM	3	2	1	0	11	4	5
B'HAM	3	2	1	0	9	5	5
MAN UTD	3	2	1	0	8	5	5
SHEF WED	3	2	0	1	9	5	4
CARDIFF	3	1	2	0	8	5	4
LEEDS TD	3	2	0	1	8	7	4
NEWCASTLE	3	2	0	1	6	7	4
ASTON VILLA	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
ARSENAL	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
BURNLEY	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
BOLTON	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
ALBION	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
WOLVES	3	1	0	2	7	5	2
PORTSMTH	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
SUNDERLD	3	1	0	2	6	8	2
MAN CITY	3	0	2	1	4	8	2
CHFLSFA	3	1	0	2	1	6	2
EVERTON	4	0	1	3	7	15	1
CHARLTON	3	0	0	3	3	7	0
P.N.E.	2	0	0	3	2	8	0

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
LIVERPOOL	3	3	0	0	6	0	6
HUDDERSF'D	4	2	2	0	12	8	6
MAN. UTD.	4	3	0	1	17	6	6
BLACKPOOL	3	2	1	0	8	2	5
WOLVES	3	1	2	0	9	5	4
ALBION	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
EVERTON	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
SHEFF. WED.	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
ASTON VILLA	2	1	1	0	7	4	3
MAN CITY	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
SHEFF. UTD.	4	1	1	2	3	9	3
PRESTON	4	1	1	2	4	11	3
NEWCASTLE	4	0	2	2	8	13	2
BURNLEY	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
STOKE	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
LEEDS UTD	3	1	0	2	5	8	2
BARNLSLEY	3	0	2	1	4	7	2
BLACKBURN	3	1	0	2	3	9	2
DERBY CO	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
BOLTON	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
CHESTERFLD	2	0	0	2	4	9	0
BURY	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

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G LEICESTER CITY
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 BURY
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FIRST DIVISION		GOALSCORERS	
APPEARANCES	LEAGUE	LEAGUE	
Booth	3	Murray	5
Broadbent	3	Hooper	1
Flowers	3	Slater	1
Hooper	3		
Mullen	3		
Murray	3		
Shorthouse	3		
Slater	3		
Stuart	3		
Wright	3		
Williams	3		

CENTRAL LEAGUE		GOALSCORERS	
APPEARANCES			
Clamp	3	Hancocks	4
Hancocks	3	Neil (P)	2
Mason	3	Swinbourne	1
Neil (P)	3	Wilshaw	1
Showell	3	Stobart	1
Sidebottom	3		
Beavon	2		
Harris	2		
Howells	2		
Swinbourne	2		
Wilshaw	2		
Jackson	1		
Tether	1		
Jones	1		
Thomson	1		
Stobart	1		

(Up to and including August 25th, 1956)



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