

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

ASTON VILLA



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PRICELOW		P. ROMPTERMS	
4 Right Half		5 Centre Half	
H. E. M. LOCK		D. ORES	
6 Left Half		7 Centre Forward	
DOUGLAS FERR		S. ERVISS	
8 Inside Right		9 Inside Left	
F. LORING		P. LYEWOOD	
10 Outside Right		11 Outside Left	
M. OLDINGS		T. R. ELLIS	

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The ticket number for the ball on Saturday, 1st September, 1956, was 18607, and the supporter who had this number was:—

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10, Trent Road, Luton.

BOBBERS STAND NOTES

THANK YOU FOR £4,000

Dear Mr. Collier,

I have been requested by my Board to write and thank you and all connected with your club who have helped in any way to make possible the magnificent donation of £4,000 which you presented to my Chairman at the Board meeting held last evening.

As the Chairman so aptly pointed out at the presentation, this is more than a gesture—it is good solid cash and can be used straight away for the various projects carried out for the benefit of spectators during the close season.

The splendid work done by the Bobbers Stand Club over many years has materially aided us in gaining our present position in the football world, and I do assure you that such assistance is recognised and very much appreciated by all at Kenilworth Road.

Keep up the good work. It is magnificent, and such support is most encouraging.

Many, many thanks.

Yours very sincerely,

P. COLEY.

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CLUB NOTES

WHAT a game of contrasts was provided here on Saturday last when we had the Cupholders as our opponents. As the match progressed during the first half the Luton lads gradually but surely took a grip on the situation to such an extent that by the time the whistle sounded for a breather the City team was made to look very ordinary indeed. The way the ball was passed from one white-shirted player to another first on one side of the field and then the other was to see football at its very best. Little did anyone think the Manchester lads had the remotest chance of pulling this match out of the fire, but before we had had time to settle ourselves on the resumption, City had reduced their arrears by a most peculiar goal. Bernard Streten who, until then had been doing everything asked of him, found himself being hampered by two opponents while in possession. Somehow he dropped the ball, which of course was very slippery due to the rain which had fallen almost throughout the match and before he knew where he was the ball was in the net. Five minutes later just as the ball was going into touch about twenty yards from the Luton goal-line Bud Aherne was tripped, for which everybody expected a free-kick to be awarded. No such decision was given however, the ball was quickly thrown in and before our lads could sort themselves out the ball was again in the back of the Luton net. This goal really set the Northerners alight and for the rest of the match it was touch and go whether they could snatch an equaliser. It was not to be and we picked up another two good points to place us second position in the Table but we could so easily have dropped a valuable point which would have been most surprising in view of the undoubted superiority we enjoyed in the first half.

We receive Aston Villa this evening for the last of our mid-week League matches before the Christmas Holiday and extend a warm welcome to this very famous Club on another visit to Kenilworth Road. It is of course a well-known fact among the footballing fraternity that Aston Villa is one of the original twelve teams which formed the Football League in 1888/89. If bricks could talk what tales Villa Park could relate of all that has happened within its portals since its inauguration in 1874, having won all the honours this game can offer, known great triumphs and alas also despair when relegation faced them and indeed overtook them in season 1935/36. Two years later however they were back in the senior circle, and have not left it since although they escaped only by the narrowest of margins last season when they had a slightly better goal average than Huddersfield Town, who had to take the plunge. No doubt the Football League or some similar body would eventually have been founded, for fixtures in the early days of the 1880's were very unreliable affairs. A Scot living in Birmingham at that time of the name Mr. William McGregor and associated with Aston Villa disliked, with others of course, the uncertainty attached to the game when players, for instance could turn up anything up to sixty minutes late and there was

no redress. So Mr. McGregor called a Meeting in London on 22nd March, 1888 inviting twelve of the most prominent Clubs at that time to form a League or Union. The proposals put forward at that Meeting were accepted by the twelve Clubs present, which were Accrington, Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Derby County, Everton, Notts. County, Preston North End, Stoke, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Mr. McGregor was elected Chairman, and so ambitious and all-embracing was the scheme put forward by this far-sighted man that the Football League has gone from strength to strength ever since and we see it as the unchallenged premier League in England today. Football has much to be grateful for to Aston Villa and in so many ways, this being one example.

We receive quite a number of letters throughout a season from fans of the Clubs we visit, congratulating our lads on the sportsmanship they display and the high quality of their football. Since our visit to Molineux Park last Wednesday however we have received even more letters than usual and all in the most glowing terms. The people of Wolverhampton certainly know their football, one man writing that he has seen well over a thousand matches but the encounter he witnessed last Wednesday "beat the lot." Keep it up, lads, you are getting Luton well known not only for your football skill but also for the way in which you can take defeat when it comes in the best tradition of British sportsmanship. A wonderful tribute and one, we feel we must say, well deserved.

For the second time already in this young season all our teams (there are six of them) won their matches last Saturday, with the exception of the Luton and District League side who have not yet played. As the majority of the players in each of our teams except the First Team are local lads this speaks well for our present scheme of developing our own youngsters, a policy which has paid ample dividends so far. Go it lads, it is up to you.

The packing of the crowd was a bit better last Saturday, but it was still poor behind the Oak Road goal where the gates had to be closed at one time because the people coming in could not get inside the Stand. Considering there was ample room once the hard crust around each entrance could be penetrated we do think more co-operation could be given by some of you already inside the Stand. We therefore appeal to you all to help the other fellow if you can, which would undoubtedly lead to a better feeling all round and thus help you to enjoy the match all the more. Try it.

We hope that you have noticed with interest the copy of the letter, appearing in the Bobbers Stand Notes, which was sent to the Bobbers Club acknowledging receipt of a donation of £4,000 and we repeat that this coming on top of other donations already made is a magnificent gesture and is very much appreciated by all at Kenilworth Road. May the Bobbers Club keep up the good work and go from strength to strength.

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The following letter was received from the Board of Directors in connection with the £4,000 gift, which proves how much your and our help is needed and appreciated. The Boys have made a grand start this season which should give you every encouragement to join us.

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Right Back

4
Pemberton
Right Half

7
Cullen
Outside Right

8
Turner
Inside Right

Referee:
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(Newport, Mon.)

11
McParland
Outside Left

10
Dickson
Inside Left

6
Saward
Left Half

3
Aldis
Left Back

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Stretton

Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half

Morton
Centre



9
Pace
Centre

5
Duggdale
Centre Half

Sims
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3
Aherne
Left Back

6
Shanks
Left Half

10
Cummins
Inside Left

11
Adam
Outside Left

Linesmen:

Red Flag:

Mr. C. W. Jillings (Romford)

Orange Flag:

Mr. D. Lewis (London)

8
Sewell
Inside Right

7
Smith
Outside Right

4
Baxter
Right Half

2
Hogg
Right Back

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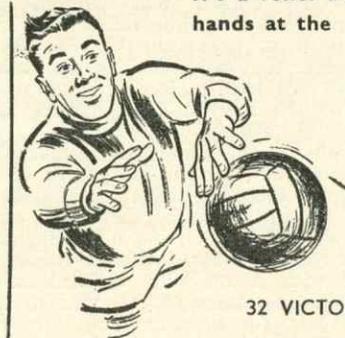
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

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
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- C
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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	26,715	5 2	H 1 0
" 25	Sat. Charlton Athletic	19,014	2 2	A 2 1
" 29	Wed. Wolves	46,781	2 1	A 4 5
Sept. 1	Sat. Manchester City	21,648	3 2	H 3 2
" 5	Wed. Aston Villa	...	2 1	H 3 2
" 8	Sat. Blackpool	...	2 3	A 3 2
" 15	" Everton	...	2 2	H 3 2
" 22	" Tottenham H.	...	1 2	A 3 2
" 29	" Leeds United	...	...	H 3 2
Oct. 6	" Newcastle United	...	0 4	A 3 2
" 13	" Sheffield Wed.	...	...	H 3 2
" 20	" Birmingham City	...	0 0	A 3 2
" 27	" West Brom.	...	0 2	H 3 2
Nov. 3	" Burnley	...	1 3	A 3 2
" 10	" Preston N. E.	...	2 1	H 3 2
" 17	" Chelsea (1)	...	0 0	A 3 2
" 24	" Cardiff City	...	3 0	H 3 2
Dec. 1	" Manchester United	...	1 3	A 3 2
" 8	" Arsenal (2)	...	0 0	H 3 2
" 15	" Sunderland	...	2 1	A 3 2
" 22	" Charlton Ath.	...	2 1	H 3 2
" 25	Tues. Portsmouth	...	0 0	A 3 2
" 26	Wed. Portsmouth	...	1 0	H 3 2
" 29	Sat. Manchester City	...	2 3	A 3 2
1957				
Jan. 5	Sat. F.A. Cup—3	...	...	...
" 12	" Blackpool	...	3 1	H 3 2
" 19	" Everton	...	1 0	A 3 2
" 26	" F.A.—Cup 4	...	...	...
Feb. 2	" Tottenham H.	...	2 1	H 3 2
" 9	" Leeds United	...	...	A 3 2
" 16	" Newcastle U. (5)	...	4 2	H 3 2
" 23	" West Bromwich A.	...	1 3	A 3 2
Mar. 2	" Birmingham (6)	...	0 1	H 3 2
" 9	" Arsenal	...	0 3	A 3 2
" 16	" Burnley	...	2 3	H 3 2
" 23	" Preston N. E. (S.F.)	...	1 2	A 3 2
" 30	" Chelsea	...	2 2	H 3 2
April 6	" Cardiff City	...	0 2	A 3 2
" 13	" Manchester U.	...	0 2	H 3 2
" 19	Fri. Bolton Wanderers	...	0 4	A 3 2
" 20	Sat. Sheffield Wed.	...	...	A 3 2
" 22	Mon. Bolton Wand.	...	0 0	H 3 2
" 27	Sat. Aston Villa	...	0 1	A 3 2
May 4	" F.A. Cup—Final	...	...	...

1956 Reserve XI Fixtures		Attendance	1955/56	F. A.
Aug. 18	Sat. Queens Park R.	2,079	...	A 7 1
" 25	" Tottenham H.	2,320	0 1	H 4 1
" 29	Wed. West Ham Utd.	1,890	...	H 0 2
Sept. 1	Sat. Crystal Palace	...	1 3	A 2 0
" 8	" Bristol City	...	...	H 2 0
" 15	" Plymouth Argyle	...	2 1	A 2 0
" 22	" Southend United	...	1 5	H 2 0
" 29	" Reading	...	...	A 2 0
Oct. 6	" Chelsea	...	3 0	H 2 0
" 13	" Bournemouth & B.	...	3 1	A 2 0
" 20	" Arsenal	...	2 2	H 2 0
" 27	" Watford	...	...	A 2 0
Nov. 3	" Swindon Town	...	...	H 2 0
" 10	" Brentford	...	3 7	A 2 0
" 17	" Portsmouth	...	2 3	H 2 0
" 24	" Ipswich Town	...	2 2	A 2 0
Dec. 1	" Leicester City	...	2 2	H 2 0
" 8	" Leyton Orient	...	3 4	A 2 0
" 15	" Queens Park R.	...	3 1	H 2 0
" 22	" Tottenham H.	...	...	A 2 0
" 25	Tues. Birmingham C.	...	2 8	H 2 0
" 26	Wed. Birmingham C.	...	1 3	A 2 0
" 29	Sat. Crystal Palace	...	...	H 2 0
1957				
Jan. 5	Sat. Coventry City	...	1 2	A 2 0
" 12	" Bristol City	...	...	A 2 0
" 19	" Plymouth A.	...	6 6	H 2 0
" 26	" Coventry City	...	7 0	H 2 0
Feb. 2	" Southend United	...	...	A 2 0
" 9	" Reading	...	...	H 2 0
" 16	" Chelsea	...	0 4	A 2 0
" 23	" Bournemouth	...	3 3	H 2 0
March 2	" Arsenal	...	0 2	A 2 0
" 9	" Watford	...	...	H 2 0
" 16	" Swindon Town	...	...	A 2 0
" 23	" Brentford	...	5 2	H 2 0
" 30	" Portsmouth	...	1 4	A 2 0
April 6	" Ipswich Town	...	2 1	H 2 0
" 13	" Leicester City	...	1 1	A 2 0
" 19	Friday Norwich City	...	0 1	H 2 0
" 20	Sat. Leyton Orient	...	3 4	H 2 0
" 22	Mon. Norwich City	...	0 2	A 2 0
" 27	Sat. Swansea Town	...	0 1	A 2 0

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 8th September, 1956

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

LUTON TOWN RESERVES
v.
BRISTOL C. RESERVES

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Wednesday, 12th September

METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LUTON 'A' v. DUNSTABLE TOWN

Kick-off 6 p.m.

Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Saturday, 15th September

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division I

LUTON T. v. EVERTON

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Usual First Team Prices of Admission

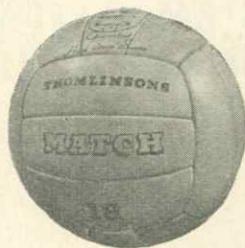
LEAGUE TABLE : 1956-57

Up to and including Monday, 3rd September, 1956

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	5	4	1	0	14	7	9
Burnley	6	4	1	1	12	7	9
LUTON TOWN	5	4	0	1	16	10	8
Blackpool	6	4	0	2	18	14	8
Leeds United	5	3	1	1	12	7	7
Tottenham H.	6	3	1	2	15	11	7
Birmingham C.	5	3	1	1	13	10	7
Sheffield Wed.	4	3	0	1	13	5	6
Wolverhampton W.	5	3	0	2	14	10	6
ASTON VILLA	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Newcastle Utd.	5	3	0	2	7	11	6
Bolton W.	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
Arsenal	5	2	1	2	9	8	5
Sunderland	4	2	0	2	14	9	4
Cardiff City	5	1	2	2	8	12	4
West Bromwich	5	1	1	3	7	11	3
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	1	6	3
Preston N.E.	5	1	0	4	10	11	2
Portsmouth	5	1	0	4	8	13	2
Manchester City	5	0	2	3	8	14	2
Everton	6	0	1	5	9	19	1
Charlton Ath.	5	0	0	5	4	19	0

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