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CLUB NOTES

AFTER the excellent game of football seen here last Saturday against Arsenal Reserves when we beat a by-no-means weak side by no less than five goals to one, followed last Thursday evening with another fine spectacle of football under the Floodlights with the Roumanian Army side C.C.A. which they won by four goals to three after being three goals in arrear, we now have the further pleasure of receiving West Bromwich Albion, one of the very oldest Clubs, in a League I fixture. In these three matches there will have been without a doubt enough good football to satisfy the appetite of the most enthusiastic fan. Thursday night especially there was everything one could wish in the view of entertainment, for there were seven good goals scored as the result of brilliant approach work, and for a visiting side to emerge winners after finding themselves three goals in arrear, especially at Kenilworth Road, meant that the opposition were something out of the ordinary. And such was the case. Even when facing defeat, as no doubt they did when that third goal was scored, they still proceeded to play their lovely football along the ground. It was a splendid match to watch and we are very grateful to these young Roumanians for agreeing to play at Luton to show us their skill and artistry. We feel that both sides gained something from it. Again our foreign visitors were impressed by the impartiality of the crowd, for they noticed how quickly any good work by either side was spontaneously applauded, a point we ourselves were very pleased to note for our reception in Bucharest had also been most encouraging and it was nice to see the good feelings reciprocated. We, as well as the Roumanians, were very disappointed in the attendance, for there were just over ten thousand spectators, a vast difference to their own setting when they normally play before at least fifty thousand people. However we feel sure that those of you who did turn up thoroughly enjoyed the display and would no doubt come again if we are fortunate enough to be able to get this team to play here in the future. They play their last match of the Tour at Wolverhampton on Monday evening next, leaving London Airport at 9.30 a.m. on the Tuesday morning following the match. We are very glad they made the trip to England, sincerely trust they have enjoyed themselves as well as learning something from it, and that the friendship existing between our two countries has been further cemented by this all-too-short visit.

Although we have found our visits to St. Andrews recently resulting in some reward our visit there last Saturday brought not only defeat but an injury to Gordon Turner which keeps him out of today's line-up and maybe for another week or two. This is a great pity for we have no one else on the books who can finish off a movement quite in the same way as can Turner and his absence on the field today means we are starting off on the wrong foot so to speak. Reg Pearce was played at inside right last Thursday night but due to the consistency of Gordon Turner

Reg has not been able to get first team experience in that position and he was not the success we anticipated. However all being well he will have a further opportunity today of proving himself and we hope he takes it not only from the Club's point of view but also from his own for he is a lad with good football ability which apart from his fine displays in the half back line he has not shown us in the forward line since his very fine game against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane, on Boxing Day last year, when we beat the "Blades" by four clear goals, Reg scoring one of them. He was playing at inside left that day, but seems more at home on the right and so here is a good opportunity for him to show his real ability as a forward.

In view of the failing light the kick-off today has been arranged for 2.45 as West Bromwich have very little experience of Floodlights and who felt it would not be fair to them in a League match to play under them. Requests to our next opponents at home, Preston North End, and to Arsenal, however have resulted in them agreeing to part of the match in each case being played under the lights and so for these two matches the kick-off has been arranged for 3 p.m. We will be guided by the success or otherwise of this experiment to see if the later kick-off is justified. Cardiff City is another Club with little or no experience of playing under Floodlight and so they also have asked to be excused from playing under them here at Luton—a view under the circumstances with which we are quite in agreement although naturally, a little disappointed for we feel and hope that the later kick-off will enable many people to attend who cannot make it for kick-off at 2.30 or 2.15.

In view of the fact that twice recently our goal nets have been broken by the ball, although they are only twelve months old, we wish to state that they are an entirely new idea designed ostensibly for Floodlight matches, but it seems they have been put onto the market without enough testing time. They are being given a thorough examination, one theory put forward being that the chemicals in the air are detrimental to the special material. In all fairness however we wish to point out that they were not supplied to us by a local firm.

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5 **Owen** Centre Half

Gregory Centre



9 **Kevan** Centre

5 **Kennedy** Centre Half

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Football League — Div. 1

3 **Jones** Left Back

6 **Shanks** Left Half

10 **Cummins** Inside Left

11 **Adam** Outside Left

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8 **Robson** Inside Right

7 **Griffin** Outside Right

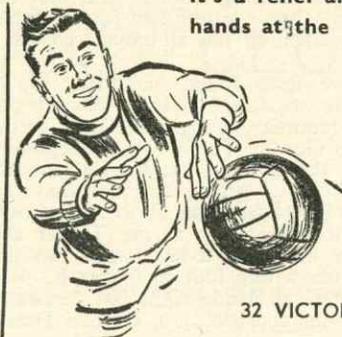
4 **Setters** Right Half

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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	Birmingham
B	Blackpool	Manchester U.
C	Bolton W.	Chelsea
D	Charlton Ath.	Newcastle U.
E	Everton	Arsenal
F	Leeds United	Preston N. E.
G	Manchester C.	Sheffield Wed.
H	Sunderland	Portsmouth
K	Tottenham H.	Burnley
L	Wolverh'pton	Cardiff City
M	Barnsley	Liverpool
N	Blackburn R.	Bury

SECOND LIST

A	Bristol City	Huddersfield
B	Fulham	Stoke City
C	Lincoln City	Leicester City
D	Notts. Forest	Doncaster R.
E	Port Vale	Notts. County
F	Rotherham U.	Bristol Rovers
G	Sheffield Utd.	Leyton O.
H	Swansea T.	Middlesbro'
K	West Ham U.	Grimsby T.
L	Colchester U.	Millwall Ath.
M	Coventry City	Gillingham
N	Crystal Palace	Aldershot

THIRD LIST

A	Exeter City	Brentford
B	Newport Co.	Torquay Utd.
C	Northampton	Shrewsbury T.
D	Norwich City	Brighton & H.
E	Plymouth A.	Ipswich Town
F	Q. P. R.	Walsall
G	Reading	Bournemouth
H	Southampton	Swindon T.
K	Southend Utd.	Watford
L	Rochdale	Hartlepoons
M	Wrexham	Accrington
N	Watford Res.	Luton T. Res.

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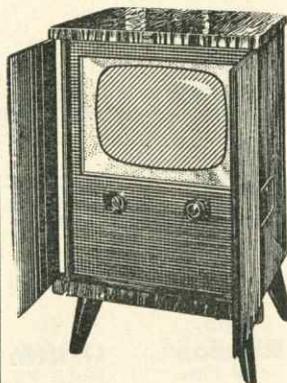
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Division I and Football Combination Fixtures : 1956 - 1957

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 1	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	21,171	2 1	H 0 0
" 8 Sat.	Blackpool	32,112	2 3	A 0 4
" 15 "	Everton	18,076	2 2	H 2 0
" 22 "	Tottenham H.	58,960	1 2	A 0 5
" 29 "	Leeds United	20,949	...	H 2 2
Oct. 6 "	Newcastle United	36,491	0 4	A 2 2
" 13 "	Sheffield Wed.	19,202	...	H 2 0
" 20 "	Birmingham City	32,000	0 0	A 0 3
" 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
1957				
Jan. 5 Sat.	F.A. Cup—3	...	3 1	H
" 12 "	Blackpool	...	1 0	A
" 19 "	Everton	...	...	...
" 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.	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	2,737	1 3	A 2 0
" 8 "	Bristol City	2,285	...	H 4 1
" 15 "	Plymouth Argyle	3,199	2 1	A 0 2
" 22 "	Southend United	1,746	1 5	H 2 2
" 29 "	Reading	1,588	...	A 0 1
Oct. 6 "	Chelsea	1,675	3 0	H 1 0
" 13 "	Bournemouth & B.	...	3 1	A 3 4
" 20 "	Arsenal	2,480	2 2	H 5 1
" 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	H
" 26 Wed.	Birmingham C.	...	1 3	A
" 29 Sat.	Crystal Palace	...	...	H
1957				
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 Friday	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

LEAGUE TABLE : 1956-57

Up to and including Saturday, October 20th, 1956

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	13	10	2	1	34	19	22
Tottenham H.	13	9	1	3	40	19	19
Blackpool	13	9	1	3	38	24	19
Burnley	14	6	6	2	23	15	18
Leeds United	14	7	4	3	24	18	18
Birmingham C.	13	7	3	3	28	17	17
Wolverhampton W.	13	6	3	4	34	22	15
Arsenal	14	7	1	6	31	27	15
Bolton W.	14	5	5	4	19	18	15
LUTON TOWN	13	6	3	4	24	26	15
WEST BROM.	13	4	5	4	19	20	13
Preston N.E.	14	5	3	6	24	25	13
Aston Villa	12	4	4	4	17	17	12
Sheffield Wed.	14	5	2	7	31	32	12
Chelsea	13	3	5	5	16	21	11
Newcastle Utd.	13	4	3	6	13	28	11
Cardiff City	13	3	4	6	19	29	10
Everton	14	4	2	8	19	32	10
Portsmouth	13	3	3	7	23	31	9
Manchester City	14	3	2	9	18	31	8
Sunderland	13	3	1	9	27	30	7
Charlton Ath.	14	2	1	11	17	39	5

NEXT MATCH

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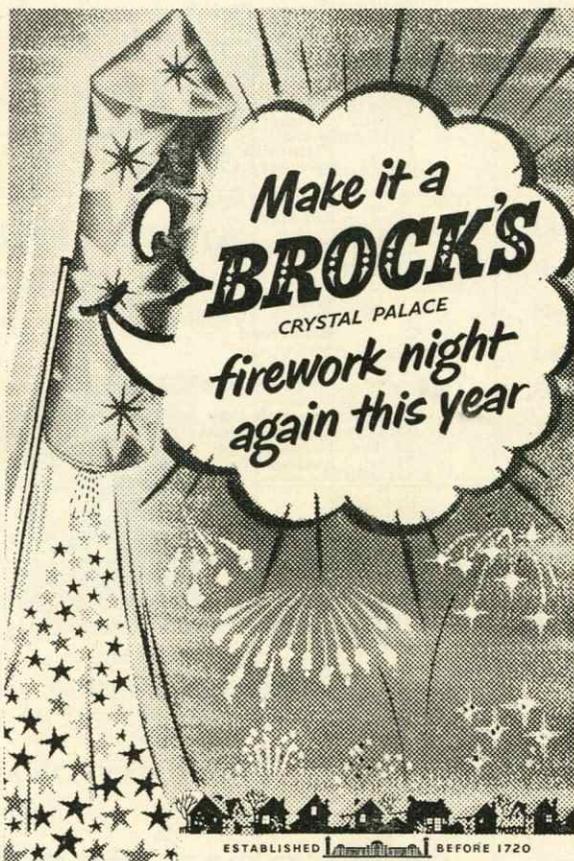
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