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CLUB NOTES

HAVING completed half our programme of the 1956/57 Season it is natural to look back and compare our position with our efforts at this stage last year. When we had played Charlton Athletic at home on December 17th last year in our twenty-first match of the season we had obtained 24 points with an aggregate of 39 goals against 29, having won 10, drawn 4. At the moment the picture for this season is not so satisfactory for we are five points in arrears on that and with an adverse goal average, and unless we suddenly find the form of last season we shall be well short of the 29 points we had obtained at the turn of the year. Our forwards just lately seem to have lost that assurance with which they started the season and which brought us such thrilling victories last season, the inside forwards in particular having lost that extra zip which can make all the difference to the result of a game. Since Turner received his injury at Birmingham last October we have only scored eight goals in the eight matches played, while conceding 13 goals and obtaining only four points. Although not blaming this injury for all our lack of success it has most certainly had quite a lot to do with it for the potential goal-scorer was out of action for four weeks and then came back before he was absolutely fit in an attempt to try and regain scoring power. Unfortunately it has not turned out successful, allied to the fact that the inside left position has also been under the weather, first with George Cummins finding the leg on which he had his cartilage removed last March not standing up to the strain and now requiring an extended rest from match play, while John Groves just cannot recapture that form in the First Team of which we know he is capable. He scored a brilliant goal against Arsenal here a fortnight ago, but taking the match right through he was not the Groves of old, and perhaps a spell in the Reserve side will help him to regain his confidence. With Cummins still not available for duty the forward line has given the Team Manager much hard thought. Several ideas have been considered, and he finally decided that as George McLeod has been playing very well indeed in the Reserve side in the centre forward position a good opportunity arises to play him in that position today. Bob Morton is moved to the inside right position for lately he has been playing more as an inside forward than a centre forward, while Gordon Turner, if he is fit will play at inside left. Mike Cullen is brought back in his original position of outside right in view of his very good game in the Reserves here last Saturday, while Tony Gregory is again considered for the outside left position. These moves will please some people, bring criticism from others, but whether you agree with them or not, give the lads your encouragement for this goes a long way on whether or not a player has a good game. If he feels he has the backing of the crowd from the first and is given a fair chance of settling down a good game usually ensures.

We have the wooden spoonists as our visitors today, a team now three points behind the second from bottom position and therefore in desperate straits. Their home defeat last Saturday at the hands of Aston Villa was calamitous and may prove disastrous to them, especially coming on top of their defeat at home the previous Saturday at the hands of Preston North End by four goals to three. In that match incidentally Johnny Summers the Charlton centre forward scored a hat trick and yet his side did not win. Charlton will therefore come here determined to the best of their ability to try to get back two of those precious lost points, and unless we get a

commanding lead early in the game then the Athletic with their fighting spirit will take some overcoming. We were very sorry when we learned that Jimmy Seed early in the season for health reasons had decided to retire as Manager of the Charlton Club. Having served them faithfully and so well for so long such a decision must have been a hard one to make, but one's health must take priority over all other matters and so sad as it was, undoubtedly the right conclusion was reached. We all sincerely hope Mr. Seed is feeling the benefit of his rest from managerial worries and that considering the circumstances he has never regretted his decision to retire, although it must have given much misgiving at the time.

We left two points behind at Sunderland last week, but while admitting we did not play at all well, the North Easters must be thanking their luck stars for the goal that earned them full bonus. It was a match which never rose above mediocrity, due largely to the fact that a gale blew from one goal to the other making ball control very difficult. Midfield we played the better football but it never seemed to get us anywhere and the defence had to battle all they knew to keep the score down to one goal. Given more normal conditions we are sure a different result would have been the case. However a good opportunity was missed of again obtaining a double at the expense of this Sunderland team who will have to play a lot better if they are to get away from the bottom of the Table.

Our Reserve side staged another very good game, defeating Queens Park Rangers very comfortably by five clear goals. It is as a result of the much-improved form shown by George McLeod in recent Reserve team matches that he gets his chance with the seniors today. We sincerely hope he continues to maintain that improvement for he has a great chance of making for himself a regular place in the First Team.

We are asked by the Luton Band to express on their behalf a word of thanks to all those of you who contributed towards the collection made last Saturday for the National Children's Home at Harpenden. The sum of £14-15-0 was collected, a very good effort, especially when it is realised that only £84-11-3 was taken at the turnstiles. We are sure the money will be used to the greatest advantage to bring the greatest happiness to the children in the School at Harpenden, and much praise is due to the Luton Band for their worthy efforts in that direction.

Tickets for the Enclosure and the Bobbers Stand for the F.A. Cup match with Aston Villa on Saturday, January 5th are now available, either by calling at the Bobbers Stand Club any evening during normal opening hours, or by writing to 70, Kenilworth Road, enclosing correct remittance and a stamped addressed envelope. Prices for the Enclosure are at 5/- each, Boys 3/-, and the Bobbers Stand at 3/- each, Boys 2/-. Admission to the Terrace will be on day of match, payable at Turnstile, at 2/- each, Boys 1/-. Tickets for the Stand at 7/6 each are available only to Main Stand Season Ticket Holders by applying in writing to 70, Kenilworth Road, enclosing appropriate Blue Slip, remittance and a S.A.E. Bobbers Stand Season Ticket Holders can obtain their tickets either from the Bobbers Stand Club or by post from 70, Kenilworth Road. There is these last few days a steady demand for tickets so those of you wishing to see this match are advised not to delay making your application if you want to be under cover.

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Right Back

Pemberton
Right Half

Cullen
Outside Right

Morton
Inside Right

Referee:

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Outside Left

White
Inside Left

Cox
Left Half

Hewie
Left Back

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Streten
Goal

Owen
Centre Half

McLeod
Centre



Summers
Centre

Ufton
Centre Half

Duff
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

Aherne
Left Back

Shanks
Left Half

Turner
Inside Left

Gregory
Outside Left

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Ryan
Inside Right

Lawrie
Outside Right

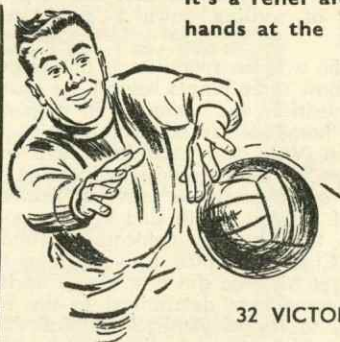
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Right Back

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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

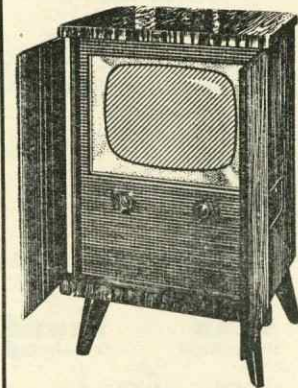
A	Arsenal	Birmingham
B	Aston Villa	Manchester C.
C	Bolton W.	Everton
D	Burnley	Cardiff City
E	Leeds United	Tottenham H.
F	Manchester U.	West Brom.
G	Newcastle U.	Sunderland
H	Preston N. E.	Chelsea
K	Sheffield Wed.	Portsmouth
L	Wolverh'pton	Blackpool
M	Bristol Rovers	Doncaster R.
N	Fulham	Notts. Forest

SECOND LIST

A	Leicester City	Stoke City
B	Leyton O.	Huddersfield
C	Lincoln City	Blackburn R.
D	Liverpool	Bury
E	Middlesbro'	Barnsley
F	Notts. County	Grimsby T.
G	Port Vale	Sheffield Utd.
H	Rotherham U.	Bristol City
K	Swansea T.	West Ham U.
L	Brentford	Aldershot
M	Brighton & H.	Walsall
N	Colchester U.	Northampton

THIRD LIST

A	Coventry City	Crystal Palace
B	Gillingham	Shrewsbury T.
C	Millwall Ath.	Ipswich Town
D	Newport Co.	Q. P. R.
E	Norwich City	Southend Utd.
F	Reading	Plymouth A.
G	Southampton	Exeter City
H	Swindon T.	Watford T.
K	Torquay Utd.	Bournemouth
L	Accrington	Oldham Ath.
M	Bradford City	Chesterfield
N	Tottenh'm Res.	Luton T. Res.

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1956	FIRST XI	Division 1	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.	16,786	0 2	H 0 1
Nov. 3	"	Burnley	22,891	1 3	A 1 1
" 10	"	Preston N. E.	18,721	2 1	H 1 1
" 17	"	Chelsea (1)	30,823	0 0	A 1 4
" 24	"	Cardiff City	13,674	3 0	H 3 0
Dec. 1	"	Manchester United	34,736	1 3	A 1 4
" 8	"	Arsenal (2)	19,871	0 0	H 1 2
" 15	"	Sunderland	28,473	2 1	A 0 1
" 22	Wed.	Charlton Ath.	"	2 1	H
" 26	Wed.	Portsmouth	"	1 0	H
" 29	Sat.	Manchester City	"	2 3	A
1957					
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
" 11	Mon.	Portsmouth	"	0 0	A
" 16	Sat.	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	"	"	"

LEAGUE TABLE : 1956-57

Up to and including Sat., 15th December, 1956

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	21	14	4	3	51	32	32
Tottenham H.	21	12	5	4	54	31	29
Blackpool	21	11	5	5	53	37	27
Leeds United	22	10	6	6	41	31	26
Birmingham C.	21	10	5	6	40	30	25
Wolverhampton W.	21	11	3	7	52	39	25
Bolton W.	22	9	7	6	34	30	25
Arsenal	22	11	3	8	47	42	25
Preston N.E.	22	9	6	7	47	39	24
Burnley	22	8	7	7	30	27	23
West Bromwich	21	7	8	6	30	30	22
Aston Villa	20	7	6	7	30	29	20
Chelsea	21	6	8	7	35	36	20
Everton	22	8	4	10	30	39	20
LUTON TOWN	21	7	5	9	32	39	19
Sheffield Wed.	22	8	2	12	46	47	18
Manchester City	22	7	4	11	40	47	18
Newcastle Utd.	21	6	6	9	25	43	18
Cardiff City	21	6	5	10	30	39	17
Portsmouth	21	3	8	10	35	51	14
Sunderland	21	5	3	13	35	46	13
CHARLTON ATH.	22	4	2	16	30	57	10

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 0
" 29	"	Reading	1,588	"	H 0 1
Oct. 6	"	Chelsea	1,675	3 0	H 1 0
" 13	"	Bournemouth & B.	4,094	3 1	A 3 4
" 20	"	Arsenal	2,480	2 2	H 5 1
" 27	"	Watford	1,643	"	A 1 0
Nov. 3	"	Swindon Town	1,600	"	H 0 2
" 10	"	Brentford	1,421	3 7	A 2 1
" 17	"	Portsmouth	1,314	2 3	H 5 1
" 24	"	Ipswich Town	2,269	2 2	A 1 1
Dec. 1	"	Leicester City	1,622	2 2	H 7 0
" 15	"	Queens Park R.	1,314	3 1	H 5 0
" 22	"	Tottenham H.	"	"	A
" 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
To be arranged		Birmingham C.	"	2 8	H
"	"	Leyton Orient	"	3 4	A

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday, December 26th, 1956

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 1

LUTON T. v. PORTSMOUTH

Kick-Off 2.15 p.m.

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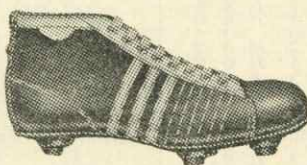
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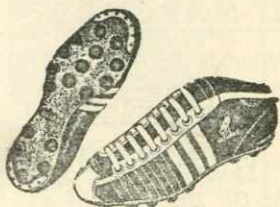
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