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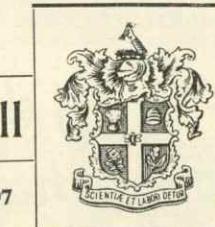
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## Luton Town Football

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### CLUB NOTES

YET another season has come along in the 71 years of our existence when our interest in the F.A. Cup has been shattered before Cup Final day. The Villa on this occasion, the Club which in the past has played a large part in the history of the Cup, proved our bogey team as far as this season's interest is concerned. After holding us to a two - goal draw here last Saturday we succumbed to their superior strength before their own supporters in the replay last Monday. It was a match over which there was very little one could enthuse, and the only satisfaction the Villa fans could get from it was the fact that their side won. The conditions were certainly better than they were here for the first encounter, but still it was the bigger and stronger side which had a decided advantage, and the Villa used this superiority to the full. The very first time Roy Davies for instance received the ball in the first few minutes their right back, Lynn, came crashing into him and caught him above the ankle, but fortunately it has responded to treatment in time for today's match. Roy's face was writhed with pain, but he pluckily carried on although his game was very much affected by this knock. Even in the very last minute of the game, with the Villa leading by the two goals, Davies received a ball which he slipped past the oncoming back, but again Lynn crashed into him to such an extent that Davies's face is badly bruised. Several other of our lads received kicks on knees and even above the knees, so that when these Notes were being penned last Thursday evening, the Team to appear here this afternoon was a very unknown set-up. After our match with Villa earlier in the season we expected a very hard-fought match in the Cup when we knew they were our opponents, but did not expect such a hard-tackling side as they proved on these two occasions. It was a game which could have gone either way, for the Villa, until they scored their first goal, never looked like scoring. It was felt that whichever side scored first would win the game, and this proved to be the case. Turner, in the first half, shot well on one occasion for the ball to be deflected by a defender's hip and even then it missed the upright by about a yard only. McLeod worked like a Trojan and again thoroughly justified his promotion.

So once more we say goodbye to any further interest in the Cup until next January, and meanwhile must concentrate on obtaining a more comfortable position in the League Table.

We are very pleased to see the lads from Blackpool as our guests this afternoon, but very sorry to know that that Grand Old Man of Football, Stanley Matthews, C.B.E., is not in the side, for we were all looking forward to another dazzling display from him. Just as W. G. Grace was looked upon as the Grand Old Man of Cricket, so we look upon S. Matthews as his counterpart in Football, and we are sure Stan. himself will not be offended by including the word "old" in describing him for it is said in the very nicest way. When we appeared at Blackpool, last September, those of us who were present at that

match had the privilege of seeing an exhibition of football from the Great Stan, that has never been bettered by anyone at any time. Bud Aherne, who had the unenviable task of playing against him that day, just did not know what to do to stop him, and many more goals than the four which were scored should have been scored from the openings created by this marvellous player. Time after time when he received the ball there was no apparent danger to us, but by the time he had parted with it another goal should have been the outcome of his brilliant play. We shall never see his like again, and so it is a great pity he is not appearing this afternoon for we feel each season may be his last and that will be that. We sincerely hope however that he has many more seasons in action before finally deciding to hang up his boots, for England still wants his services as well as his Club. We hope to see him again next season, playing as well as ever. The "Seasiders" after a very promising start to the season have trailed off rather badly lately and are now eighth place in the Table. They did a very good job of work last Saturday, however, when they beat Bolton, at Burnden Park, by the odd goal in five to pass into the Fourth Round of the Cup. To beat such a hard proposition as Bolton, especially on their own ground, is no mean achievement, and so we must expect a hard match here this afternoon for they are fielding the same team which knocked out Bolton except for Matthews.

We were hoping the Quarter Finals of the F.A. County Youth Championship would be played here at Kenilworth Road, next Saturday morning, and permission had been granted for the use of the ground for the match to be staged, but opponents London F.A., due to some of their players being required for other Representative matches, declined the date arranged. Bedford Town have kindly offered the Beds. F.A. the use of their ground on the morning of February 2nd, so the match will probably be played then.

The B.B.C. are broadcasting a report of this match today with Blackpool in the "Sports Report" between 5 and 6 p.m. tonight, in the Light Programme. Perhaps some of you will be home in time to hear it. The Reporter is Mr. Clifford Webb.

We have received several complaints from people who have attended our matches complaining of some of the language they hear. One person writes with much feeling on the subject for he says he brought his wife with him last Saturday but he will not do so again, and he is quite sure that quite a number of other ladies do not attend for this very same reason. We do ask you, the guilty ones, to refrain from this very unpleasant way of expressing yourselves, particularly as it causes offence to others and is quite unnecessary.

We are suggesting to the Portsmouth Club that we play our postponed fixture with them here on the night of Wednesday, March 20th, kick - off 7 p.m. We think this will be agreeable to them, but whatever date is agreed upon those of you who purchased tickets for the original date will be able to use them when the match is played.



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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	.....	Portsmouth	.....
B	Aston Villa	.....	Everton	.....
C	Bolton W.	.....	Leeds United	.....
D	Burnley	.....	West Brom.	.....
E	Chelsea	.....	Cardiff City	.....
F	Manchester U.	.....	Newcastle U.	.....
G	Preston N. E.	.....	Birmingham	.....
H	Sheffield Wed.	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
K	Sunderland	.....	Manchester C.	.....
L	Wolverh'pton	.....	Tottenham H.	.....
M	Barnsley	.....	Bristol City	.....
N	Bristol Rovers	.....	Middlesbro'	.....

**SECOND LIST**

A	Huddersfield	.....	Bury	.....
B	Leicester City	.....	Sheffield Utd.	.....
C	Leyton O.	.....	Grimsby T.	.....
D	Lincoln City	.....	Notts. Forest	.....
E	Liverpool	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
F	Notts. County	.....	Stoke City	.....
G	Port Vale	.....	Blackburn R.	.....
H	Rotherham U.	.....	West Ham U.	.....
K	Swansea T.	.....	Fulham	.....
L	Aldershot	.....	Watford T.	.....
M	Brentford	.....	Shrewsbury T.	.....
N	Brighton & H.	.....	Bournemouth	.....

**THIRD LIST**

A	Colchester U.	.....	Plymouth A.	.....
B	Coventry City	.....	Northampton	.....
C	Exeter City	.....	Crystal Palace	.....
D	Gillingham	.....	Ipswich Town	.....
E	Millwall Ath.	.....	Torquay Utd.	.....
F	Newport Co.	.....	Reading	.....
G	Norwich City	.....	Q. P. R.	.....
H	Southampton	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
K	Swindon T.	.....	Walsall	.....
L	Accrington	.....	Southport	.....
M	Derby County	.....	Barrow	.....
N	Bristol C. Res.	.....	Luton T. Res.	.....

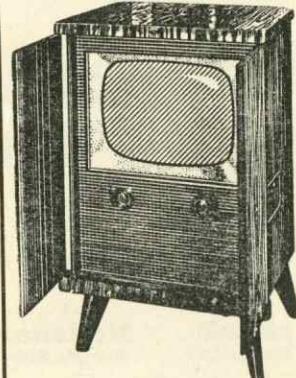
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**Division I and Football Combination Fixtures : 1956 - 1957****1956 FIRST XI—Division 1 Attendance 1955/56 F. A.**

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	2	1	A 1 4
" 24 "	Cardiff City	13,674	3	0	H 3 0

Dec. 1 "	Manchester United	34,736	1	3	A 1 3
" 8 "	Arsenal (2)	19,871	0	0	H 1 2
" 15 "	Sunderland	28,473	2	1	A 0 1
" 22 "	Charlton Ath.	9,922	2	1	H 4 2

" 29 Sat.	Manchester City	27,253	2	3	A 2 3
1957					

Jan. 5 Sat.	Aston Villa	F.A. Cup—3	20,108	H 2 2	
" 7 Mon.	Aston Villa	(Replay)	28,356	A 0 2	
" 12 Sat.	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.	...	0	0	H
" 22 Mon.	Bolton Wand.	...	0	0	H

" 27 Sat.	Aston Villa	...	0	1	A
May 4 "	F.A. Cup—Final	...			

To be arranged

Portsmouth

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**1956 Reserve XI Fixtures Attendance 1955/56 F. A.**

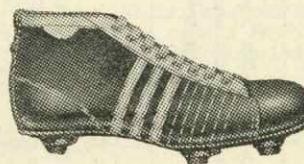
Aug. 18 Sat.	Queens Park R.	...	2,079	0	1	A 7 1
" 25 "	Tottenham H.	...	2,320	0	1	H 4 1
" 29 Wed.	West Ham Utd.	...	1,890	...		H 0 2

Sept. 1 Sat.	Crystal Palace	...	2,737</
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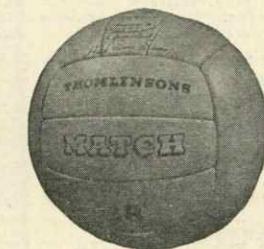


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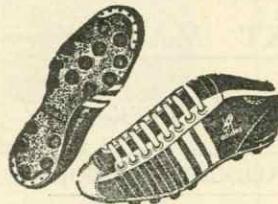
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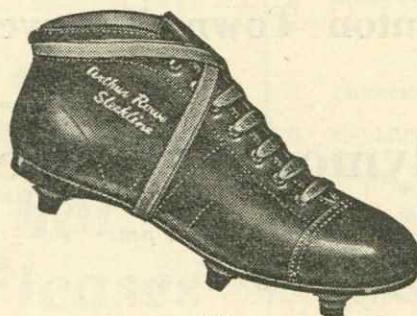


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