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### CLUB NOTES

IN gaining three points from our last two matches, both played "away," we were fully expected to continue the good work by obtaining some reward at the expense of Burnley when they visited us last Saturday. But to the disappointment of our supporters, as well as to the players themselves, we had one of those days when just not a thing would go right. Chances were missed which, if they had been accepted, would have meant Burnley leaving Luton empty-handed but it was not to be and so we face this match tonight with Portsmouth in not quite as safe a position as we would be enjoying if those two points, which we feel we fully deserved, had come our way last Saturday. The ground had dried out remarkably quickly after all the rain we had been experiencing lately, and the conditions were so different compared with what they have been since the turn of the year that ball control was very difficult. This was the reason more than any other why we lost this match, for apart from the one shot when Ron Baynham brought off a marvellous save Burnley never looked like scoring, the two they did register were scrambled affairs and not the result of good shooting for very rarely were they in a position for a shot. However it was just one of those days and perhaps the less said about it the better.

Our fears after the Portsmouth match the previous Wednesday that several of our players' injuries would not respond to treatment in time for Saturday proved only too well founded, consequently we had to make four changes from the side which did duty at Fratton Park. Several of the lads who did play were still feeling very much the effect of the previous match, so what with changed ground conditions and these minor injuries, allied to the number of team changes (which are bound to upset any team), on reflection perhaps to lose was the natural outcome. On the other hand if the chances we had had been taken a different story would have been written, but now we must look ahead and get away from the lower end of the Table as quickly as possible. There is one regular supporter here tonight who has travelled all the way from Somerset, who writes to say that after the match at Highbury he is quite convinced that there is no fear of the "drop." We are fully with him. In fact we prophecy that we shall be placed in the top half of the Table when the final positions are made. The players also feel that, and if you the supporters would give the lads all the encouragement you can we are confident it would turn out to be so.

Our youngsters seem to be getting the limelight lately as far as Selection honours are concerned, for in the F.A. County Youth Championship Semi-Final Tie to be played at Basingstoke, on Saturday next, no fewer than nine of Luton Town Youth have been chosen to play against

Hampshire, in addition to which one other travels as Reserve together with Reg. Game as Team Attendant. The following Saturday, at Northampton, the same number have again been chosen to represent their County in the East Midlands Inter-County Triangular Tournament when Northamptonshire are the opposition. This coming on top of the fact that our County has reached the Final of the Schoolboys' Home Counties' Competition — Northern Section — speaks well for the youth of this County, and everybody connected with the welfare of these youngsters — not forgetting the school teachers — are doing a very fine job of work and it is very nice to see that their efforts are bearing fruit in no small measure. Bedfordshire has been looked upon for a long time as poor in football talent, but here is proof that we are waking from our slumbers at last, and we are all very proud of these lads who are helping to put Bedfordshire on the map. Incidentally talking of the Schoolboys' Home Counties' Competition — Northern Section — between Bedfordshire and Middlesex will be played on Dunstable Town's Ground, on Saturday next, at 3 p.m. The winners of this match will play Hampshire, the winners of the Southern Section, to see which County will have the honour of being Champions of the Competition for this season. The way the Bedfordshire lads played here, a week last Saturday morning, Middlesex, we feel, will have to play exceedingly well to warrant their appearance in the Final.

We were hoping to receive Falkirk in a Floodlight Friendly here on Monday, April 8th, but due to congestion of fixtures find we cannot fit them in. On the Wednesday of that week, April 10th, we play Bedford Town in the Final Tie of the County Professional Cup, kick-off 7.30 p.m., and with Easter coming along the following week felt that an extra match with Falkirk would have been too much for the lads, especially with all these postponed matches to fit in allied to the fact that our first team will be playing Brentford, at Griffin Park, on Tuesday, 26th March, in the Semi-Final of the Southern Floodlight Challenge Cup Competition. The other Semi-Finalists are Reading and Arsenal. If we win at Brentford then we shall have another headache in making arrangements for the date of the Final, which must be played before April 20th.

The postponed League I match with Birmingham City, at Kenilworth Road, has been arranged for Wednesday, April 3rd, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Tickets at 5/6 each in the Wing Stand (Reserved) are still obtainable at the Office, and those tickets purchased for the original date are, of course, valid for this new date, April 3rd.



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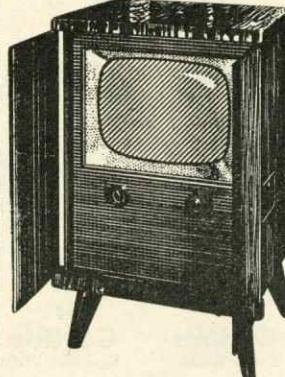
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**Division I and Football Combination Fixtures : 1956 - 1957****1956 FIRST XI—Division 1 Attendance 1955/56 F. A.**

|              |                          |        |        |              |              |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Aug. 18 Sat. | <b>Sunderland</b>        | ...    | 23,049 | 8 2          | <b>H 6 2</b> |
| " 22 Wed.    | <b>Wolves</b>            | ...    | 26,715 | 5 1          | <b>H 1 0</b> |
| " 25 Sat.    | <b>Charlton Athletic</b> | 19,014 | 2 2    | <b>A 2 1</b> |              |
| " 29 Wed.    | <b>Wolves</b>            | ...    | 46,781 | 2 1          | <b>A 4 5</b> |

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| Sept. 1 Sat. | <b>Manchester City</b> | 21,648 | 3 2 | <b>H 3 2</b> |
| " 5 Wed.     | <b>Aston Villa</b>     | 21,171 | 2 1 | <b>A 0 0</b> |
| " 8 Sat.     | <b>Blackpool</b>       | 32,112 | 2 3 | <b>A 0 4</b> |
| " 15 "       | <b>Everton</b>         | 18,076 | 2 2 | <b>H 2 0</b> |
| " 22 "       | <b>Tottenham H.</b>    | 58,960 | 1 2 | <b>A 0 5</b> |

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| " 29 "   | <b>Leeds United</b>     | 20,949 | ... | <b>H 2 2</b> |
| Oct. 6 " | <b>Newcastle United</b> | 36,491 | 0 4 | <b>A 2 2</b> |
| " 13 "   | <b>Sheffield Wed.</b>   | 19,202 | ... | <b>H 2 0</b> |
| " 20 "   | <b>Birmingham City</b>  | 32,000 | 0 0 | <b>A 0 3</b> |
| " 27 "   | <b>West Brom.</b>       | 16,786 | 0 2 | <b>A 0 1</b> |

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| Nov. 3 " | <b>Burnley</b>       | 22,891 | 1 3 | <b>A 1 1</b> |
| " 10 "   | <b>Preston N. E.</b> | 18,721 | 2 1 | <b>H 1 1</b> |
| " 17 "   | <b>Chelsea (I)</b>   | 30,823 | 0 0 | <b>A 1 4</b> |
| " 24 "   | <b>Cardiff City</b>  | 13,674 | 3 0 | <b>H 3 0</b> |

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

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| " 29 Sat. | <b>Manchester City</b> | 27,253 | 2 3 | <b>A 2 3</b> |  |
| 1957      |                        |        |     |              |  |

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| Jan. 5 Sat. | <b>Aston Villa</b> F.A. Cup—3 | 20,108 | <b>H 2 2</b> |              |
| " 7 Mon.    | <b>Aston Villa</b> (Replay)   | 28,356 | ...          | <b>A 0 2</b> |
| " 12 Sat.   | <b>Blackpool</b>              | 16,589 | 3 1          | <b>H 0 2</b> |
| " 19 "      | <b>Everton</b>                | 29,017 | 1 0          | <b>A 1 2</b> |
| " 26 "      | F.A. Cup 4                    | ...    |              |              |

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| Feb. 2 " | <b>Tottenham H.</b>     | 22,586 | 2 1 | <b>H 1 2</b> |
| " 9 "    | <b>Leeds United</b>     | 25,500 | ... | <b>A 2 2</b> |
| " 16 "   | <b>Newcastle U.</b> (5) | 21,007 | 4 2 | <b>H 4 1</b> |
| " 23 "   | <b>West Bromwich A.</b> | 21,880 | 1 3 | <b>A 0 4</b> |
| " 30 "   | <b>Chelsea</b>          | ...    | 2 2 | <b>H</b>     |

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| April 3 Wed. | <b>Birmingham</b>       | ... | 0 1 | <b>H</b> |
| " 6 Sat.     | <b>Cardiff City</b>     | ... | 0 2 | <b>A</b> |
| " 13 "       | <b>Manchester U.</b>    | ... | 0 2 | <b>A</b> |
| " 19 Fri.    | <b>Bolton Wanderers</b> | ... | 0 4 | <b>A</b> |
| " 20 Sat.    | <b>Sheffield Wed.</b>   | ... | ... | <b>A</b> |
| " 22 Mon.    | <b>Bolton Wand.</b>     | ... | 0 0 | <b>H</b> |
| " 27 Sat.    | <b>Aston Villa</b>      | ... | 0 1 | <b>A</b> |

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| May 4 " | F.A. Cup—Final | ... |  |  |  |
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**LEAGUE TABLE : 1956-57**

Up to and including Saturday, 16th March, 1957

**DIVISION I**

|                   | P.        | W.        | D.        | L.        | F.        | A.        | P.        |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Manchester United | 33        | 22        | 6         | 5         | 86        | 47        | 50        |
| Preston N.E.      | 34        | 18        | 9         | 7         | 76        | 51        | 45        |
| Tottenham H.      | 33        | 18        | 8         | 7         | 84        | 47        | 44        |
| Blackpool         | 33        | 18        | 7         | 8         | 78        | 55        | 43        |
| Wolverhampton W.  | 33        | 17        | 6         | 10        | 83        | 60        | 40        |
| Arsenal           | 34        | 17        | 6         | 11        | 72        | 60        | 40        |
| Leeds United      | 35        | 13        | 12        | 10        | 63        | 49        | 38        |
| Bolton W.         | 34        | 14        | 9         | 11        | 55        | 55        | 37        |
| Burnley           | 33        | 13        | 10        | 10        | 57        | 38        | 36        |
| West Bromwich     | 32        | 12        | 10        | 10        | 48        | 44        | 34        |
| Newcastle Utd.    | 35        | 13        | 7         | 15        | 58        | 70        | 33        |
| Birmingham C.     | 32        | 13        | 6         | 13        | 55        | 51        | 32        |
| Aston Villa       | 31        | 9         | 13        | 9         | 45        | 41        | 31        |
| Chelsea           | 34        | 9         | 12        | 13        | 55        | 64        | 30        |
| Everton           | 34        | 12        | 6         | 16        | 48        | 64        | 30        |
| Sheffield Wed.    | 33        | 12        | 4         | 17        | 65        | 74        | 28        |
| <b>LUTON TOWN</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>28</b> |
| Manchester City   | 34        | 10        | 7         | 17        | 64        | 74        | 27        |
| Cardiff City      | 33        | 9         | 6         | 18        | 47        | 75        | 24        |
| Sunderland        | 33        | 8         | 6         | 19        | 54        | 74        | 22        |
| <b>PORTSMOUTH</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>12</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>76</b> | <b>22</b> |
| Charlton Ath.     | 35        | 7         | 2         | 26        | 51        | 104       | 16        |

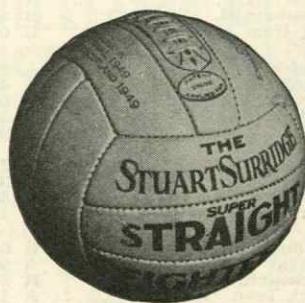
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|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|
| Aug. 18 Sat. | <b>Queens Park R.</b> | ...   | 2,079 |     | <b>A 7 1</b> |
| " 25 "       | <b>Tottenham H.</b>   | ...   | 2,320 | 0 1 | <b>H 4 1</b> |
| " 29 Wed.  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

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| Sept. 1 Sat. | **Crystal Palace** | ... | 2,737 | 1 3 | **A 2 0** |

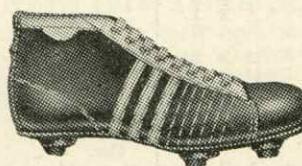
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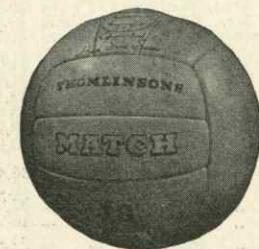


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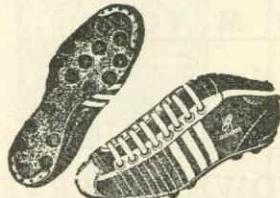
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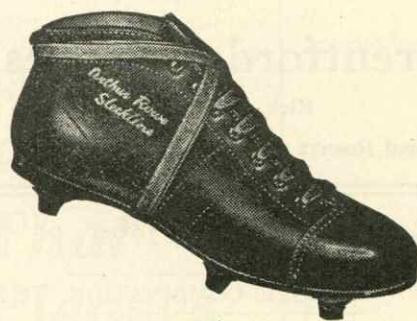


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