

BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTERED OFFICE:

GRIFFIN PARK, BRAEMAR ROAD, BRENTFORD

GROUND: GRIFFIN PARK, EALING ROAD, BRENTFORD

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

SEASON 1956/57

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BRENTFORD

V.

LUTON TOWN

SOUTHERN FLOODLIGHT CHALLENGE CUP
SEMI-FINAL

TUESDAY, MARCH 26th, 1957

Kick-off at 7.30 p.m.

THREEPENCE

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TEAMS

BRENTFORD

Colours—RED & WHITE STRIPES

RIGHT WING

CAKEBREAD

2—BRAGG 3—RUSSELL

4—MORGAN 5—DARGIE 6—COOTE

8—TAYLOR 10—TOWERS

7—PARSONS 9—FRANCIS 11—NEWCOMBE

Referee:
W.O. J. J. BAXTER



Linesmen:
Messrs.
A. J. Sturgeon (Red Flag)
L. S. Cook (Yellow Flag)

11—ADAM 9—GREGORY 7—CULLEN

10—MCLEOD 8—GROVES

6—SMITH 5—KELLY 4—MORTON

3—MCNALLY 2—JONES

BAYNHAM

LEFT WING

LUTON TOWN

Colours—WHITE

RIGHT WING

NEWS AND VIEWS

By SCANNER

Good Evening, Everybody,

To-night we entertain Luton Town in the Semi-Final of the Southern Floodlight Challenge Cup. Although Luton are now in the First Division and Brentford in the Third, it seems only a short while ago that the two clubs came to grips regularly in League games. The Kenilworth Road side, in point of fact, are among Brentford's oldest rivals, their meetings dating back to the very early days of the present century.

Previously members of the Southern League in its original form, Luton Town were absorbed into the Football League on the formation of the Third Division in 1920, and they gained promotion to the Second Division at the end of 1936-37, making the jump into top class in 1954-55. In their initial season in the First Division they made a brave show, finishing tenth on the list, but this season they have found the going harder, although they are clear of the relegation scramble.

There have been some piquant battles between Brentford and Luton, and sensational is an apt word to apply to the last encounter, on April 10th, 1954, for the game must surely rank as the outstanding freak of all time at Griffin Park. Probably three Lutonians who took part in that match, and who are likely to play here this evening—Bob Morton, Sid Owen and George Cummins—would agree. The game was almost incredibly one-sided, particularly in the second half, which was virtually a non-stop battle between Bernard Streten and the Brentford forwards. With a series of miraculous saves, the International denied Brentford a goal, and, to rub things in, Luton won the match in one of their fleeting attacks with a chancy goal. Turner, who otherwise would have been yards offside, had a simple task to score when he was placed on-side because the ball touched Kenny Coote on its way to him. The defeat was a bitter blow at a time when Brentford needed every point they could get to preserve their Second Division membership.

Well within recent memory, too, are the F.A. Cup battles between Brentford and Luton in 1952. Having beaten Queen's Park Rangers 3—1 at Griffin Park in the Third Round, Brentford visited Luton in the Fourth, and after being two goals down they

forced a replay at 2—2, with Bill Sperrin scoring twice. The second game, at Griffin Park, was goalless, including a period of extra time. The second replay was at neutral Highbury, and in the normal 90 minutes Luton took the lead twice, with Billy Dare equalising in each instance. Seven minutes from the end of extra time, Bob Morton got Luton's winning goal.

Possibly the best-known among the Luton players is Sid Owen, a centre half who went to Kenilworth Road from Birmingham in 1947, and played for England against Hungary, Yugoslavia and Belgium in 1954. Another International, Ron Baynham, kept goal for England against Denmark, Spain and Ireland last season. George Cummins (inside left) has played for Eire, and right winger Michael Cullen helped Scotland against Austria last season. Bob Morton is an England "B" man.

COMING FIXTURES

On Saturday next Brentford travel to Norwich, and on the following Saturday comes the eagerly anticipated home game with Colchester United, leaders of the Third Division. The kick-off will be at 3.15 p.m. On Tuesday, April 9th, the Bees have a Griffin Park floodlight game with Hayes, this year's Semi-Finalists for the F.A. Amateur Cup (7.30 p.m.).

Brentford Reserves will be at home to Norwich City Reserves on Saturday next. Kick-off at 3.15 p.m.

BRAZILIANS HERE NEXT WEEK

An outstanding event on Brentford's calendar for 1956-57 is the visit of the famous South American side, Esporte Clube Bahia, of Brazil, on Thursday, April 4th. Kick-off at 7.30 p.m. Reigning Champions of the Professional Division of the State of Bahia League, a title they have held ten times since their formation in 1931, our distinguished visitors will include several Internationals.

NEXT HOME GAME

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 1957

BRENTFORD RESERVES

v.

NORWICH CITY RESERVES

Football Combination

Kick-off at 3.15 p.m.