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3
Left Back
P. ROMPTERMS

4
Right Half
H. E. M. LOCK

5
Centre Half
D. ORES

6
Left Half
DOUGLAS FERR

7
Outside Right
M. OLDINGS

8
Inside Right
F. LORING

9
Centre Forward
S. ERVISS

10
Inside Left
P. LYEWOOD

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CLUB NOTES

AFTER our most unhappy match here last Saturday when Chelsea were our visitors we wonder what is in store for us tonight when we have Birmingham City as our guests, although we ourselves feel confident we shall enjoy a very good game tonight for two reasons at least. The first one is that every game played so far under the floodlights has been a most entertaining one, and secondly we always play well in the match following a poor one. Never were we more hopeful of two such factors coming together as tonight in order to ensure that we shall see some good football for we are afraid that following last Saturday's most disappointing display our followers must be wondering what has happened to almost the same team which has played such glorious football in the past and which has brought us into the First Division. That a team which could go to both Arsenal and Leeds United grounds and come away worthy winners to play as they did last Saturday is almost unbelievable, but unfortunately it is the case. We are quite sure our lads will make amends tonight however and make everybody feel that all is well with the world again and that football is a lovely sport to follow.

Birmingham City rather surprisingly lost to Charlton Athletic at The Valley last Saturday by an only goal, which brings Charlton within striking distance of other teams with relegation worries. What a surprise it would be if the Londoners maintained their recent form and escaped the big drop in the end after holding up the rest of the teams in the First Division right from the commencement of the season. It is almost a forlorn hope but it is a possibility and an exciting one. Although they lost at Charlton, and have now no further interest in the F.A. Cup this year following their defeat at the hands of Manchester United a week last Saturday, we nevertheless know we have a man-sized job on tonight if we are going to beat this team, which has always proved such a bogey to us. They used to beat us home and away year after year, and even last season when we held them to a goalless draw at St. Andrews following the accident to our coach we thought we had a chance of beating them in the return fixture the following January, but it was not to be and they won by an only goal in the end, all against the run of the play. We have beaten them twice though, in Football League encounters, which shows it can be done. The first was on Wednesday night, 16th September, 1953, when after a most thrilling match, we won by two goals to nil, scored by Downie (penalty) and Joe Scott who played the game of his life that night at centre forward. The teams that night were—Luton : Baynham, Dunne, Aherne ; Shanks, Morton, Watkins ; Cullen, Cummins, Scott, Downie and Davies. Cullen, as a matter of interest, dislocated a shoulder in the first five minutes of this game but came back to play a 'stormer.' Birmingham's team was : Merrick, Green, Martin ; Bannister, Boyd, Warhurst ; Stewart, Kinsey, Purdon, Murphy and Govan. We felt we had really laid the bogey once and for all when we won again when Birmingham visited us the following September, winning by an only goal, scored by Jimmy Adam, but as already stated we lapsed again when the "Blues" visited us last season. With so much at stake tonight we do trust we shall have made it a trio of successes against this team when the final whistle has blown. Our lads always play well when they know they must pull out that little extra in order to win and this is one of those occasions.

Although we did not win last Saturday and everybody seemed to have an off-day there is one player whom we must congratulate for his pluck and sheer determination and that player is Wally Shanks. Although in great pain and discomfort, even following an injection to his injured foot he came back onto the field and soon made his presence felt. Wally has been in hospital since Monday with his injured leg supported in the air, the muscle is so badly torn, but seeing him on the field following the injury only those who realised how bad it was knew the sheer determination which was required by this lad to be on the field at all. But it was his wish to be there and so we feel that no praise can be too high for this great-hearted player. He has been a splendid servant of the Club, not always appreciated by all our supporters, but Wally has always given of his very best at all times, and we are very sorry indeed that this injury should come so soon after getting over the previous one. We trust you will soon be fit again, Wally, and taking your place once more on the field.

On Monday night we have the Schoolboys here playing under the Floodlights in the Seaward Trophy Annual Match, kick-off 7.30 p.m. On this occasion the West Ham Schoolboys have very kindly agreed to provide the opposition and we can assure you that a very good game will be staged here that night, for these youngsters play some surprisingly good football.

On the following Wednesday night, April 10th we have Bedford Town as our opponents in the Final of the Bedfordshire Professional Cup, and if last season's match is anything to go by then we shall again have a most entertaining evening's sport. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Our next first team home match, with Manchester United, is likely to be a "full house." The tickets for the Wing Stand were sold out soon after they were available and this is a good indication of the interest aroused by this attractive fixture.

Wednesday, 10th April, 1957

BEDFORDSHIRE PROFESSIONAL CUP—Final

Kick - off 7.30 p.m.

Floodlight

LUTON TOWN
V.
BEDFORD TOWN



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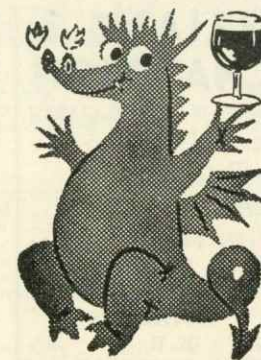
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Centre Half

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Centre



Brown
Centre
Smith
Centre Half

Merrick

Goal

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Left Back

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Left Half

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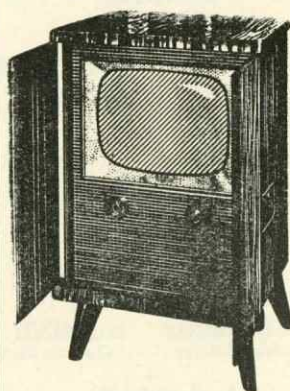
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LISTA
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N**SECOND LIST**A
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N**THIRD LIST**A
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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 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 ...	16,589	3 1	H 0 2
" 19 "	Everton ...	29,017	1 0	A 1 2
" 26 "	F.A.—Cup 4 ...	...	...	...
Feb. 2 "	Tottenham H. ...	22,586	2 1	H 1 2
" 9 "	Leeds United ...	25,500	...	A 2 1
" 16 "	Newcastle U. (5) ...	21,007	4 2	H 4 1
" 23 "	West Bromwich A. ...	21,880	1 3	A 0 4
Mar. 9 "	Arsenal ...	41,288	0 3	A 3 1
" 13 Wed.	Portsmouth ...	22,438	0 0	A 2 2
" 16 Sat.	Burnley ...	16,420	2 3	H 0 2
" 20 Wed.	Portsmouth ...	14,601	1 0	H 1 0
" 23 Sat.	Preston N. E. (S.F.) ...	23,361	1 2	A 0 2
" 30 "	Chelsea ...	15,083	2 2	H 0 4
April 3 Wed.	Birmingham ...	...	0 1	H
" 6 Sat.	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 Saturday, 30th March, 1957

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	35	23	6	6	88	50	52
Preston North End	36	19	9	8	78	53	47
Tottenham Hotspur	35	18	10	7	87	50	46
Blackpool	34	19	7	8	83	55	45
Arsenal	37	18	7	12	76	64	43
Wolverhampton W.	36	17	8	11	84	62	42
Leeds United	37	14	13	10	67	53	41
Bolton Wan.	36	16	9	11	59	56	41
Burnley	34	14	10	10	49	39	38
West Brom. Albion	33	12	10	11	49	46	34
Newcastle United	37	13	8	16	61	74	34
Aston Villa	32	10	13	9	47	41	33
BIRMINGHAM C.	33	13	6	14	55	52	32
Chelsea	36	10	12	14	59	66	32
Everton	36	13	6	17	52	68	32
LUTON TOWN	35	12	6	17	52	68	30
Manchester City	36	11	7	18	68	78	29
Sheffield Wed.	35	12	5	18	68	78	29
Sunderland	35	9	7	19	57	75	25
Cardiff City	35	9	7	19	50	79	25
Portsmouth	34	6	12	16	53	84	24
Charlton Athletic	37	9	2	26	55	106	20

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. ...	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. ...	3,546	...	A 2 3
" 29 Sat.	Crystal Palace ...	2,290	...	H 8 1
1957				
Jan. 5 Sat.	Coventry City ...	2,524	1 2	A 0 4
" 12 "	Bristol City ...	2,804	...	A 1 3
" 19 "	Plymouth A. ...	1,695	6 6	H 5 2
" 26 "	Coventry City ...	1,740	7 0	H 3 1
Feb. 9 "	Reading ...	2,275	...	H 4 0
March 2 "	Arsenal ...	7,093	0 2	A 2 3
" 9 "	Watford ...	1,514	...	H 5 0
" 14 Thurs.	Leyton Orient ...	1,161	3 4	A 4 3
" 16 Sat.	Swindon Town ...	2,297	...	A 1 2
" 20 Wed.	Birmingham C. ...	...	1 3	A 0 2
" 23 Sat.	Brentford ...	1,728	5 2	H 3 0
" 27 Wed.	Birmingham C. ...	364	2 8	H 4 2
" 30 Sat.	Portsmouth ...	...	1 4	A 3 5
April 6 "	Ipswich Town ...	...	2 1	H
" 10 Wed.	Chelsea ...	...	0 4	A
" 13 Sat.	Leicester City ...	...	1 1	A
" 17 Wed.	Southend United ...	...	...	A
" 19 Friday	Norwich City ...	...	0 1	H
" 20 Sat.	Norwich Orient ...	...	3 4	H
" 22 Mon.	Norwich City ...	...	0 2	A
" 24 Wed.	Bournemouth	3 3	H
" 27 Sat.	Swansea Town	0 1	A

NEXT MATCHES**Saturday, 6th April, 1957**

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