



# READING FOOTBALL CLUB

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## FIXTURES—1956-57

### LEAGUE III (SOUTH)

Feb.	2—Norwich City	..	..	A	5—2
..	9—Coventry City	..	..	H	3—0
..	16—Shrewsbury Town	..	..	H	2—2
..	23—Walsall	..	..	A	2—3
Mar.	2—Ipswich Town	..	..	H	1—3
..	9—Brentford	..	..	A	0—4
..	13—Exeter City	..	..	H	4—0
..	16—Torquay United	..	..	H	3—1
..	23—Millwall	..	..	A	0—1
..	25—Southampton	..	..	H	2—4
..	30—Brighton & Hove Albion	..	..	H	2—2
April	6—Gillingham	..	..	A	0—0
..	13—Swindon Town	..	..	H	
..	19—Watford	..	..	A	
..	20—Bournemouth & B.A.	..	..	A	
..	22—Watford	..	..	H	
..	27—Brighton & Hove A.	..	..	A	
May	1—Brentford	..	..	H	

### COMBINATION LEAGUE

Jan.	19—Coventry City	..	..	A	1—2
..	26—Southampton	..	..	H	0—0
Feb.	2—Brentford	..	..	H	5—1
..	9—Luton Town	..	..	A	0—4
..	16—Watford	..	..	A	1—1
Mar.	2—Leicester City	..	..	A	0—6
..	9—Cardiff City	..	..	H	2—3
..	16—Ipswich Town	..	..	A	1—3
..	23—Birmingham City	..	..	H	3—1
..	30—Swindon Town	..	..	A	0—2
April	6—Millwall	..	..	H	2—3
..	13—Bristol Rovers	..	..	A	
..	15—Arsenal	..	..	H	
..	19—Charlton Athletic	..	..	H	
..	20—Portsmouth	..	..	H	
..	22—Charlton Athletic	..	..	A	

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to and including 6th April)

#### Goals

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Colchester	40	20	13	7	76	45	53
Torquay	40	21	10	9	79	60	52
Ipswich	40	20	8	12	87	47	48
Southampton	39	19	9	11	67	43	47
Brighton	40	17	11	12	72	58	45
Bournemouth	39	15	13	11	72	52	43
Walsall	40	15	12	13	73	61	42
Brentford	40	14	14	12	70	68	42
<b>READING</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>41</b>
Q.P.R.	39	16	9	14	52	50	41
Shrewsbury	39	12	17	10	61	67	41
Millwall	39	15	10	14	56	73	40
Northampton	39	15	9	15	60	58	39
Newport	37	13	12	12	54	47	38
Watford	39	14	9	16	62	64	37
Southend	39	14	9	16	56	61	36
Aldershot	39	13	10	16	70	82	36
Gillingham	40	12	12	16	52	68	36
Crystal Palace	40	10	14	16	54	67	34
Plymouth	39	12	9	18	55	65	33
Coventry	40	11	11	18	60	77	33
Exeter	40	10	12	18	53	69	32
Swindon	39	12	5	22	57	91	29
Norwich	40	7	14	19	54	83	28

### F.A. CUP

Tommy Dixon	..	..	3
Bobby Campbell	..	..	1
Jimmy Wheeler	..	..	1

## READING FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

FOUNDED IN 1871

### CLUB NOTES

This evening we extend a cordial welcome to the Directors, Officials and Players of the Luton Town Football Club in the Southern Floodlight Competition Cup Final.

In the semi-final of this Competition our visitors defeated Brentford, whilst it will be recalled that we ourselves defeated Arsenal.

Luton Town are an old established Club having been founded 72 years ago, and to-day have a well appointed ground at Kenilworth Road.

The Club's principal honours include: Champions, Third Division (South), 1936-37. Runners-up, Division Two, 1954-55. Runners-up Southern League Division One, 1894-95, 1895-96.

Many well-known International Players have assisted this popular Midlands Club and include: B. Streten, J. R. Elvey, S. Owen, J. Payne, who it will be recalled scored ten goals versus Bristol Rovers, on April 13th, 1936, and established a Football League record, A. Brown and I. Hughes.

Last season's Football League Record was, played 42, won 17, drawn 8, lost 17. Goals for 66, against 64. Points 42.

The Club's Football League goalscorers were: Turner 19, Morton 10, MacEwan 8, Adams 5, Cullen 5, Davies 5, Pearce 4, Cummins 2, Gregory 2, Groves 1.

The Club's Manager is Mr. Dally Duncan who will be remembered as the Scottish International and former Derby County player. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Duncan assisted our Club as a "Guest" Player during the last war years.

We are indeed also very pleased to welcome Mr. R. H. Pratt, J.P., Chairman of this Competition and who is also Chairman of The West Ham United Football Club, and also Mr. W. R. Wall, Secretary, who is Secretary to the Arsenal Football Club.

### The Man on the Cover . . .

**DAVID MEESON**  
(Goalkeeper)

Now in his third season with the Club, David was transferred from Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C., on August 10th, 1954, on his release from the Royal Air Force.

Selected as a reserve for England under 23 XI., versus Italy, at Stamford Bridge in January, 1955.

Height: 6ft. 1in. Weight: 12st. 6lbs.



## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

To our many members who have enquired about Cup Final Tickets we are sorry to say we can do very little, but as you know the Club receives a small allocation and these will be drawn for as soon as received and winners will be notified.

With the Season in its last stages one's thoughts naturally turn to next Season and I would like to bring to your notice the Season Ticket by the instalment Plan which the Club is running. It is very simple, you pay what you like and when you like the only condition is that payments must be completed by July 31st. Prices of Tickets are: Centre Stand £7.7.0, B and D Stands £6.6.0, A and E Stands £5.5.0, and for the Ground £2.15.0 so to help the Reading Football Club with their Summer Wages problem, send your application to me NOW at 252 Oxford Road, Reading.

Our membership continues to grow and we would like to thank you for the way in which you are supporting our various money raising schemes and all proceeds from these efforts will be used for YOUR benefit.

We would like to thank you for the way you are supporting our Sheet collections and also we would like to thank the men who go round with the sheet, this effort is bringing us in a regular income and Wednesday Night's Collection was £5.0.2½ and this will purchase a Ton of Cement which will be used for Ground improvements behind the Tilehurst Goal.

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BATTLE ATHLETIC MINORS v. READING MINORS  
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19th

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

**CHARLTON ATHLETIC**

KICK-OFF 6.30 p.m.

KICK-OFF 3.15 p.m.

## SMITH'S COACHES

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19th

## WATFORD

FARE 5/6

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

## BOURNEMOUTH

FARE 12/6

Full Details from Head Office  
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		PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA	13/-
		BOURNEMOUTH	15/9

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Reading South	depart 7.45 a.m. to	PORTSMOUTH	13/6
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Reading South	depart 11.50 a.m. to	PORTSMOUTH	8/6
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