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FIRST DIVISION

LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th, 1957

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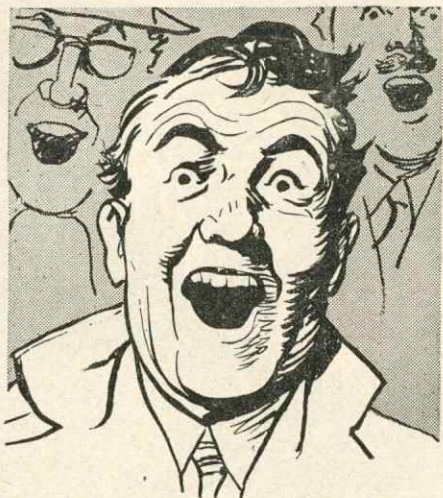
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NOTES

FIRST OF ALL, in this last issue of "Villa News" for season 1956-57, we must congratulate our players on their good performances during the season and especially since 1957 came in, they have been simply splendid and we have every reason to be proud of them. Now, on this, their last appearance at Villa Park prior to their big day at Wembley, we must wish them the very best of luck in their effort to secure, on Saturday next, that valuable and most cherished trophy—The Football Association Challenge Cup. We feel sure that all our supporters will echo that wish with all their hearts, so give them that famous Villa Park roar, as they leave the pitch after today's game with Luton Town. The sound of that roar will hearten them beyond words and with it still ringing in their ears a week hence, there is no saying what they may accomplish. That they have a stupendous task before them there is no denying, for are not their opponents already the League champions of 1956-57 !! Having once again achieved that objective, Manchester United are now all out to accomplish that most elusive of football doubles, The League Championship and F.A. Cup in one and the same season, a feat which has only been accomplished twice before, once by Preston North End in 1888-89 and by Aston Villa in 1896-97. Since then several clubs have gone near to winning the double including Manchester United, who, in season 1947-48, won the Cup but were beaten by Arsenal for the League championship. In 1913, that's a long time ago, Sunderland were greatly fancied to bring off

the double, but in the Final of the Cup that year they bumped up against a great Aston Villa team and lost by the only goal of the game. Sunderland, however, did win the League, with Aston Villa as runners-up. Can our 1957 team repeat what our 1913 team did, and so prevent that famous double of exactly sixty years ago being equalled? Well, we haven't much longer to wait before we know the answer, but whether they win or lose, of one thing we are sure, and that is that no fitter team will ever have trod upon the famous Wembley turf and no team will have played harder to gain the blue riband of the football world than Aston Villa. Finally, should Manchester United succeed, Aston Villa and its players will be the first to congratulate the United Club on achieving its great objective, and wish the team the best of luck in their efforts to add the European Cup, subject to their still being in the Competition, to the trophies already gained in what should be their most illustrious year in the world of football.

K. O. ROBERTS

Consequent to the continuous trouble our young player has been experiencing with his right knee, Ken has had the cartilage removed successfully, and is now progressing well. So by the time season 1957-58 arrives he should be quite his old self again.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES SEASON 1956-7 (Up to and including April 23rd).

The Football League

Aldis	..	40	McParland	..	36
Baxter	..	12	Myerscough	..	12
Birch	..	6	Pace	..	20

Chapman ..	6	M. J. Pinner ..	2
Crowe ..	1	Pritchard ..	1
Crowther ..	24	Roberts ..	9
Dixon ..	38	Sabin ..	1
Dugdale ..	39	Saward ..	40
Hogg ..	12	Sewell ..	38
Jackson ..	2	Sims ..	37
Jones ..	1	Smith ..	38
Lynn ..	29	Southren ..	7

The F.A. Cup

Aldis ..	8	Myerscough ..	2
Crowther ..	8	Pace ..	6
Dixon ..	8	Saward ..	8
Dugdale ..	8	Sewell ..	8
Lynn ..	8	Sims ..	8
McParland ..	8	Smith ..	8

OUR GOAL SCORERS

(Up to and including April 23rd).

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Sewell 17, McParland 12, Smith 11, Dixon 6, Pace 6, Lynn 3, Myerscough 3, Chapman 2, Baxter 1, Roberts 1, Saward 1, Opponent (o.g.) 1.

F.A. CUP: McParland 5, Dixon 5, Pace 2, Myerscough 1, Sewell 1, Smith 1.

DESMOND HACKETT PRAISES VILLA

If you didn't see what Desmond Hackett said in the "Daily Express" last Tuesday, here are a few of his lavish words of praise on our win against the Wolves, at Villa Park, on Monday.

"If Aston Villa take to Wembley the brand of football that whipped Wolves yesterday there will be only one team in the Cup Final ... and it will not be Manchester United.

I have never seen a side so superbly fit as this Villa team.

I have seldom seen a team play with such ease in presenting defence-shattering moves. And I have certainly never seen a team so determined not to concede even the slightest advantage.

That is the new spirit of Aston Villa. The Villa who have so splendidly revived the old glory and the old arts of this proud club.

Wolves were finally reduced to a scrambling, shambling outfit."

VILLA START THE HOLIDAY WELL

Newcastle United 1 Aston Villa 2 (Mitchell) (Sewell, McParland)

A two goal burst in two minutes, Sewell (71 mins.) and McParland (72 mins.) being the scorers, brought us back from Newcastle with another morale boosting 2-1 win.

For 70 minutes Villa were second-best and rarely shaped like winners. Newcastle, who moved in front after 18 minutes with a Mitchell goal, were playing the football which looked certain to keep them there. But then came our

two goal snatch and the St. James's Park crowd were stunned to silence as a couple of thunderbolts hit them and Villa "kidnapped" the points. For the last 18 minutes Villa were in control.

The general impression after the game was that Villa did not deserve to win. That, though, does not give credit for another fine defensive effort in which all six defenders worked as a single unit and it is invidious to name one man. Perhaps, though, Stan Crowther deserves a special word. Since the cup-ties against Burnley, particularly the away match, he has reached a new level of ability. This game, in which he was celebrating his "stand by for the Young England tour behind the Iron Curtain," did not fall below his new standard. The attack did not work so smoothly and Bill Myerscough was often fighting a lone battle down the middle on his own. Yet he fought hard enough to come out of the game with credit.

This win, though, was an excellent achievement. For long spells Villa appeared to be cruising along and playing just well enough to hold Newcastle. Then they forged ahead and won with "something to spare."

Newcastle United: Simpson; Keith, McMichael; Franks, Stokoe, Casey; White, Milburn, Curry, Hannah, Mitchell.

Aston Villa: Sims; Lynn, Aldis; Crowther, Dugdale, Saward; Smith, Sewell, Myerscough, Dixon, McParland. Referee: Mr. J. Cook (Pontefract).

VILLA'S EASY WIN

Aston Villa 4 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 (Dixon, Smith 2, Sewell)

36,000 spectators at Villa Park on Easter Monday saw Villa's expected Cup Final team gain a comfortable win over their old Black Country rivals and no one could cavil at the result, for Villa always held the whip hand from the time Dixon put them in the lead after eight minutes play. It was one of Johnnie's neat headers and it was the outcome of a typical Smith centre following quick work by Sewell. Three minutes later the Wolves goal all but fell again when Myerscough put in a shot from over on the left which landed in the goal-mouth and caused many heart flutters from Wolves defenders before it was finally scrambled away. Villa were now playing in a manner much to the liking of their followers, some of their mid-field play being loudly cheered, but it wasn't all Villa, for the Wolves often made excursions into our territory, where they found our defence on its best behaviour with Sims showing his old associates he was still the Sims they knew so well. Although we had no further goals in the first half we had plenty of thrills, one of which was caused by a Peter Aldis run through, in the style of Stan Lynn, which,

unfortunately, broke down just when we were getting ready to cheer a goal scoring effort from him. Play in the second half opened with some clever and interesting football from both sides, and each set of defenders had opportunities to show their capabilities. Gradually, however, Villa began to get on top, although playing well within themselves, and in the seventy-fourth minute Smith, who was having the time of his life against his old pals, cleverly beat Williams with a shot close to the right hand post of Williams who dived to it in vain. This goal was the outcome of good work in which Myerscough, McParland and Dixon took part before the latter player gave Smith his golden opportunity, and he took it with both hands, figuratively speaking. Five minutes later our outside-right did it again when he seized the ball from a header by Wright and with a great shot from about twenty-five yards he beat Williams all the way. With two minutes to go Villa made their total four when after a combined move between Smith, McParland, Dixon and Sewell, the latter was left clear, and as Williams advanced towards him our inside-right coolly lobbed the ball goalwards and though Williams got his hands to it he could not prevent it entering the net. So ended a great game for Villa and one which should be an inspiration for May 4th.

Aston Villa: Sims; Lynn, Aldis; Crowther, Dugdale, Saward; Smith, Sewell, Myerscough, Dixon, McParland. **Wolverhampton Wanderers:** Williams; Showell, Jones; Slater, Wright, Flowers; Deeley, Murray, Wilshaw, Broadbent, Mullen.

Referee: Mr. J. V. Sherlock (Sheffield).

WOLVES GET THEIR REVENGE

Wolverhampton Wanderers 3 Aston Villa 0 (Broadbent 2, Wilshaw)

For the return fixture between these two old opponents, at Molineux, on Tuesday, both sides showed a number of changes from the teams which had done duty twenty-four hours earlier. Villa's changes numbered five, we had Mike Pinner in goal, Birch at centre-half, Southren at outside-right, Pace in the centre, and Chapman inside-left, so it was not at all surprising to find that the rhythm and teamwork was not so much in evidence as it had been on Monday, and our prospects of success were not enhanced when Southren suffered a pulled muscle during the first half which eventually caused his retirement with 30 minutes left for play.

On the other hand the alterations in the home side were apparently for the better, they were livelier and more purposeful in all they did and whilst their first two goals might come under the heading of lucky ones, there is little doubt that on the run of the play, the Wolves were the better side and deserved the spoils. Although

all the scoring was done by one side, as in their first meeting, such should not have been the case in this game, for Pace had a glorious chance in the twentieth minute, when, with only Finlayson in front of him, he shot wide of a post. This was not the only missed chance by any means, there were numerous others at each end, with the Wolves the bigger offenders. In the twenty-ninth minute, however, Hooper put across a low ball which evaded Pinner as he fell for it, and reaching Broadbent, he put it into the empty net. In the second half, with Southren practically a passenger until he retired, Wolves had the advantage territorially and in the fifty-eighth minute Wilshaw managed to get the ball past Pinner. Wolves were now on top in a game which had never really sparkled and in the seventy-fourth minute Broadbent took another simple chance to again beat Pinner. So, in a way, the Wolves gained their revenge for their beating on Monday, but what a different game it was!

Wolverhampton Wanderers: Finlayson; Showell, Jones; Slater, Wright, Clamp; Hooper, Murray, Wilshaw, Broadbent, Mullen.

Aston Villa: M. J. Pinner; Lynn, Aldis; Crowther, Birch, Saward; Southren, Sewell, Pace, Chapman, McParland.

Referee: Mr. J. V. Sherlock (Sheffield).

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE — FIRST DIVISION

(Up to and including Tuesday, 23rd April)

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester United	40	27	6	7	99	51	61
Tottenham Hotspur	40	21	7	2	102	54	54
Preston North End	41	22	9	10	83	56	54
Blackpool	40	21	10	9	91	63	51
Arsenal	42	21	13	8	85	69	50
Wolverhampton Wand.	42	20	14	8	94	70	48
Leeds United	42	15	13	14	72	63	44
Burnley	40	17	13	10	55	49	44
ASTON VILLA	41	14	12	15	64	52	43
Bolton Wanderers	41	16	14	11	64	64	43
Chelsea	41	13	15	13	73	72	39
West Bromwich Albion ..	40	13	14	13	57	61	39
Birmingham City	40	15	17	8	66	63	38
Everton	41	14	18	9	60	78	37
Sheffield Wednesday ..	41	15	20	6	79	88	36
Newcastle United	42	14	20	8	67	87	36
Luton Town	41	13	19	9	55	75	35
Manchester City	41	13	20	8	75	85	34
Sunderland	41	12	21	8	65	85	32
Portsmouth	40	9	18	13	59	89	31
Cardiff City	41	10	22	9	51	85	29
Charlton Athletic	42	9	29	4	62	120	22

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Sheffield United 3 Aston Villa 1

Another re-arranged fixture took place on Wednesday, April 17th, when our Reserves visited Sheffield. It was a good game and an enjoyable one but the home side were just the better side in attack. Our goal came in the second half and was scored by Harris.

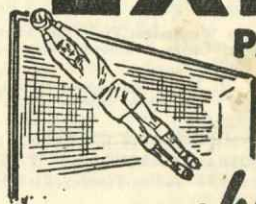
Aston Villa: Sabin; Hogg, Pritchard; Spencer, Morrall, Lee; Harris, Southren, W. Hazelden, Crowe, Morris.

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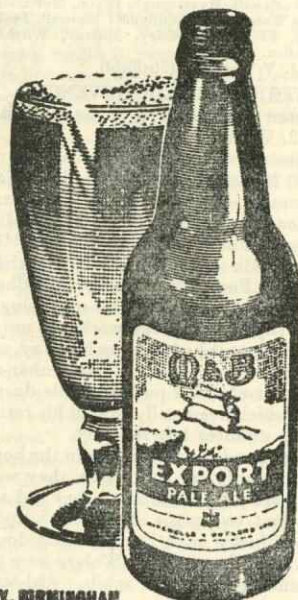
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TEAMS FOR SATURDAY, 27th APRIL 1957

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LUTON TOWN

Right

Left

BAYNHAM

McNALLY
(2)

JONES
(3)

MORTON
(4)

KELLY
(5)

PEARCE
(6)

CULLEN
(7)

TURNER
(8)

DAVIES
(9)

BROWN
(10)

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(11)

Referee :

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(11)

DIXON
(10)

MYERSCOUGH
(9)

SEWELL
(8)

SMITH
(7)

SAWARD
(6)

DUGDALE
(5)

CROWTHER
(4)

ALDIS
(3)

LYNN
(2)

SIMS

ASTON VILLA

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THIRD TEAM FIXTURES

Birmingham and District Football League
(First Division)

1956			For	Ag.
Aug. 18	Banbury Spencer ..	Home	2	2
" 23	Lockheed ..	Away	4	1
" 25	Atherstone Town ..	Away	1	4
Sept. 1	Tamworth ..	Away	4	5
" 8	Brierley Hill Alliance ..	Away	0	3
" 8	Burton Albion ..	Away	4	3
" 15	Burton Albion ..	Home	1	2
" 22	Whitwick Colliery ..	Away	5	2
" 29	Bromsgrove Rovers ..	Away	4	2
Oct. 6	Rugby Town ..	Home	5	2
" 13	Brush Sports ..	Away	1	2
" 20	Worcester City ..	Home	5	3
" 27	Walsall ..	Away	0	0
Nov. 3	Shrewsbury Town ..	Home	4	1
" 10	Oswestry Town ..	Away	4	3
" 17	Halesowen Town ..	Home	6	1
" 24	Nuneaton Borough ..	Away	0	4
Dec. 1	Stourbridge ..	Home	4	2
" 8	Brierley Hill Alliance ..	Home	4	1
" 15	Banbury Spencer ..	Away	1	2
" 22	Atherstone Town ..	Home	4	1
" 29	Tamworth ..	Home	0	2
1957				
Jan. 5	Wolverhampton W. ..	Home	3	2
" 12	Bromsgrove Rovers ..	Home	2	1
" 26	Bedworth Town ..	Away	1	4
Feb. 9	Oswestry Town ..	Home	3	2
" 16	Rugby Town ..	Away	1	5
" 23	Brush Sports ..	Home	2	2
Mar. 2	Halesowen Town ..	Away	4	1
" 16	Stourbridge ..	Away	0	0
" 23	Worcester City ..	Away	0	2
April 6	Nuneaton Borough ..	Home	3	3
" 13	Shrewsbury Town ..	Away	0	0
" 15	Lockheed ..	Home	0	1
" 20	Bedworth Town ..	Home	2	3
" 27	Walsall ..	Home		
May 1	Wolverhampton W. ..	Away		
" 3	Whitwick Colliery ..	Home		

FOURTH TEAM FIXTURES

Warwickshire Football Combination

1956			For	Ag.
Aug. 18	Coventry Amateurs ..	Home	3	0
" 25	Kenilworth Rangers ..	Away	0	0
Sept. 1	Rootes Athletic ..	Home	4	0
" 5	Rugby Town ..	Home	3	0
" 8	Lockheed ..	Away	2	4
" 15	Rugby Town ..	Away	1	0
" 22	Bedworth Town ..	Home	0	1
" 29	Warwick S.R. ..	Home	6	1
" 29	Anslay Hall Colliery ..	Away	4	1
Oct. 6	Birmingham City ..	Home	3	2
" 13	Kenilworth Rangers ..	Home	1	2
" 20	Nuneaton Borough ..	Away	2	3
" 27	Warwick S.R. ..	Away	4	5
Nov. 3	Bedworth Town ..	Away	3	2
" 10	Worcester City ..	Home	0	2
" 17	Warwick Constabulary ..	Away	5	1
" 24	Warwick Town ..	Home	3	4
Dec. 1	Birch Coppice ..	Home	2	4
" 8	Coventry Amateurs ..	Away	5	0
" 15	Lockheed ..	Home	3	6
" 24	Rootes Athletic ..	Away	3	3
1957				
Jan. 5	Cublington Albion ..	Home	1	1
" 12	Birch Coppice ..	Away	2	1
" 19	Worcester City ..	Away	5	5
" 26	Warwick S.R. (Camkin Cup) ..	Away	3	4
Feb. 2	Anslay Hall Colliery ..	Home	3	1
" 9	Warwick Constabulary ..	Home	7	3
" 16	Birmingham City ..	Away	2	4
" 23	Nuneaton Borough ..	Home	1	2
Mar. 2	Coventry City ..	Away	1	1
" 9	Cublington Albion ..	Away	1	0
" 16	Banbury Spencer ..	Away	3	0
" 23	Warwick Town ..	Away	2	4
April 6	Banbury Spencer ..	Home	4	4
" 13	Coventry City ..	Home	1	3
" 20	West Bromwich Albion ..	Away		
" 27				
May 4				

Aston Villa 0

Chesterfield 0

At Villa Park, on Easter Saturday, the visitors were the wooden-spoonists and on the face of it, it looked good for Villa, but we found them a much better side than their record indicated, for they had an attack which often moved well and a sound defence in which Allison, at centre-half, stood out. The first half was fairly even, but Villa dominated the second period and were only kept out by a defence which was often lucky to survive a number of goal-mouth scrammages.

Aston Villa: Sabin; Hogg, Pritchard; Spencer, Morrall, Lee; Southren, Chapman, W. Hazelden, Crowe, Morris.

Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Aston Villa 2

At Molineux, on Easter Monday, an uninspiring first half ended goal-less, but things livened up in the second period and three goals accrued, two to Villa and one to the home side. Villa's came from Hogg and Baxter, who no doubt appreciated scoring against his old club.

Aston Villa: M. J. Pinner; Hogg, Pritchard; Baxter, Morrall, Lee; Southren, Lawton, Chapman, Crowe, Morris.

Aston Villa 4 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1

At Villa Park, on Tuesday, these two teams resumed their rivalry for Central League points, and, as at Molineux on Monday, Villa proved the stronger goal-scoring side and thus gained a nice Easter double over their Black Country opponents. Our goals were scored by Hogg (from the penalty spot as on Monday), Lawton, Hazelden and Morris. Middleton scoring for Wolves.

Aston Villa: Sabin; Hogg, Jackson; Baxter, Morrall, Lee; Harris, Lawton, W. Hazelden, Crowe, Morris.

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Port Vale 1

Aston Villa 3

This game took place on March 7th, but was missed for recording purposes owing to the stress of work in connection with our Cup-tie replay with Burnley, two days later. It was a good game and a good win, and the goals were scored by Harris (2) and Hayes.

Aston Villa: M. J. Pearson; Spencer, Platts; K. Worrall, Smith (A.); Baxter; Harris, Lawton, W. Hazelden, A. Hayes, Marsh.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Aston Villa 0

Lockheed 1

In a well-fought out game at Halesowen, on Monday, April 15th, the visitors took away the points as the result of a first-half goal.

Aston Villa: McBride; Sharples, Price; Nokes, Smith (A.), Spencer; Harris, Lawton, Dorsett, Atkinson, Marsh.

Aston Villa 2

Bedworth Town 3

At Halesowen, on Saturday, in an even first half the visitors led at the interval 1-0. The second half ran much more in favour of Villa and Dorsett scored two good goals. Unfortunately, the visitors were awarded two doubtful penalties from which they scored and so took away two points.

Aston Villa: McBride; Price, Ashfield; Nokes, Smith (A.), D. Elias; Harris, Carter, Dorsett, Sharples, Atkinson.

WARWICKSHIRE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Aston Villa 1 Coventry City 3

At Coventry, on Saturday, the home side proved a little too good for our young players and won a good game deservedly. Hinchliffe was our scorer.

Aston Villa: F. Flynn; G. Whitehouse, Platts; G. Brooke, Campbell, Cobley; Hinchliffe, T. Hanford, C. Crutchley, B. Rhodes, Marsh.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT A.F.A.

Division One

Aston Villa Amateurs 3

Handsworth G.S.O.B. 1

At Erdington on Wednesday, April 17th, our Fifth team secured two more points with a well deserved victory over strong opponents. Our goals were scored by Rhodes, Innocent, and Satchwell.

Aston Villa Amateurs: P. Hollins; R. Edwards, B. Temple; K. Smith, P. Page, D. Manship; J. Wilson, B. Rhodes, K. Satchwell, W. Atkins, J. Innocent.

Albright Rangers 3 Aston Villa Amateurs 2

At Oldbury, last Saturday, after a gallant fight against misfortune, our Fifth team succumbed to an odd goal defeat. Bereft of the services of Flynn in goal at the last moment, they played Eden there, he having volunteered to do so, and he gave a creditable display too. At the interval the home side led 2-0, then our lads fought back to such effect that they equalised by goals from Atkins and Wilson. Then with 15 minutes to go Innocent had to leave the field owing to a cut eye and to crown it all, in a last minute scramble, the home team got the winning goal.

Aston Villa Amateurs: A. Eden; R. Edwards, B. Temple; K. Smith, P. Page, D. Manship; J. Wilson, W. Atkins, K. Satchwell, M. Haycock, J. Innocent.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT A.F.A.

Junior Section

Aston Villa Juniors 4

Silhill "B" 5

In a good and entertaining match at Erdington, last Saturday, our Juniors lost by the odd goal of nine and our goal getters were, Deakin (2), Chatterton and Tindall.

Aston Villa Juniors: D. Taylor; B. Reece, W. Coleing; J. Chatterton, R. Nangreave, P. Trotter; P. Orton, A. Deakin, A. Callaghan, M. Tindall, B. Morris.

Score Board: Matches for Saturday 27th April 1957

The first name opposite the letters represents the home team. M. signifies Match abandoned.
Key for to-day's matches as follows:—

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY	L	PORT VALE
B	MANCHESTER CITY	N	ROTHERHAM UNITED
C	PORTSMOUTH	P	SHEFFIELD UNITED
D	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	N	NOTTINGHAM FOREST
E	BOLTON WANDERERS	P	ALDERSHOT
F	EVERTON	S	COVENTRY CITY
G	CARDIFF CITY	T	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
H	MANCHESTER UNITED	R	READING
I	PRESTON NORTH END	E	IPSWICH
J	CHELSEA	S	SOUTHEND UNITED
K	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	W	SWINDON TOWN
	BLACKPOOL	C	COLCHESTER UNITED
	BRISTOL CITY	T	TORQUAY UNITED
	SWANSEA TOWN	R	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS
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	LINCOLN CITY	W	WALSALL
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	LIVERPOOL	T	BARNLEY RESERVES
	WEST HAM UNITED	E	ASTON VILLA RESERVES

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1956				For Agt.
Aug. 18	Charlton Athletic	L	Home	3 1
" 22	West Bromwich Albion	L	Away	0 2
" 25	Manchester City	L	Away	1 1
" 27	West Bromwich Albion	L	Home	0 0
Sept. 1	Blackpool	L	Home	3 2
" 5	Luton Town	L	Away	0 0
" 8	Everton	L	Away	4 0
" 15	Tottenham Hotspur	L	Home	2 4
" 22	Leeds United	L	Away	0 1
" 29	Bolton Wanderers	L	Home	0 0
Oct. 6	Portsmouth	L	Away	1 5
" 10	Army F.A.	F	Away	7 1
" 13	Newcastle United	L	Home	3 1
" 27	Birmingham City	L	Home	3 1
Nov. 3	Arsenal	L	Away	1 2
" 10	Burnley	L	Home	1 0
" 17	Preston North End	L	Away	3 3
" 24	Chelsea	L	Home	1 1
Dec. 1	Sheffield Wednesday	L	Away	1 2
" 8	Manchester United	L	Home	1 3
" 15	Charlton Athletic	L	Away	2 0
" 25	Sunderland	L	Away	0 1
" 29	Blackpool	L	Away	0 0
1957				
Jan. 5	Luton Town F.A. Cup	Away	2 2	
" 7	Luton Town (Cup Replay)	Home	2 0	
" 12	Everton	L	Home	5 1
" 19	Tottenham Hotspur	L	Away	0 3
" 26	Middlesbrough F.A. Cup	Away	3 2	
Feb. 2	Leeds United	L	Home	1 1
" 4	Manchester City	L	Home	2 2
" 9	Bolton Wanderers	L	Away	0 0
" 16	Bristol City F.A. Cup	Home	2 1	
" 18	Portsmouth	L	Home	2 2
Mar. 2	Burnley F.A. Cup	Away	1 1	
" 6	Burnley 6th R'nd (Replay)	Home	2 0	
" 9	Manchester United	L	Away	1 1
" 13	Cardiff City	L	Home	4 1
" 16	Arsenal	L	Home	0 0
" 23	West Brom. A. F.A. Cup SF	Away	2 2	
" 28	West Bromwich Albion F.A. Cup S.F. (Replay)	Away	1 0	
" 30	Preston North End	L	Home	2 0
April 3	Cardiff City	L	Away	0 1
" 6	Chelsea	L	Away	1 1
" 8	Sunderland	L	Home	2 2
" 10	Birmingham City	L	Away	2 1
" 13	Sheffield Wednesday	L	Home	5 0
" 15	Burnley	L	Away	1 2
" 20	Newcastle United	L	Away	2 1
" 22	Wolverhampton W.	L	Home	4 0
" 23	Wolverhampton W.	L	Away	0 3
" 27	Luton Town	L	Home	
May 4	Manchester U. F.A. Cup Final			

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MIDLAND MID-WEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES

1956				For Agt.
Oct. 3	West Bromwich Albion	L	Home	1 0
" 11	Stoke City	L	Away	0 0
" 17	Leicester City	L	Home	4 1
" 25	Walsall	L	Away	0 2
" 31	Leicester City	L	Away	2 0
Nov. 7	Notts County	L	Away	1 3
" 14	Stoke City	L	Home	0 3
Dec. 12	Port Vale	L	Home	4 0
1957				
Feb. 6	Notts County	L	Home	2 5
Mar. 7	Port Vale	L	Away	3 1
" 13	Birmingham City	L	Away	2 2
" 27	West Bromwich Albion	L	Away	2 2
April 25	Birmingham City	L	Home	
" 30	Walsall	L	Home	

* Played at Halesowen.

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

1956				For Agt.
Aug. 22	Derby County	L	Away	2 2
Aug. 25	Blackburn Rovers	L	Home	5 2
Sept. 1	Blackpool	L	Away	1 5
" 3	Barnsley	L	Home	4 1
" 8	Everton	L	Home	2 4
" 10	Derby County	L	Home	0 3
" 22	Bolton Wanderers	L	Home	4 2
" 29	Stoke City	L	Away	0 3
Oct. 6	Bury	L	Home	4 3
" 13	Huddersfield Town	L	Away	0 0
" 20	Burnley	L	Home	4 0
" 27	Preston North End	L	Away	1 2
Nov. 3	Liverpool	L	Home	0 2
" 10	Manchester United	L	Away	2 5
" 17	Sheffield Wednesday	L	Home	0 1
" 24	Newcastle United	L	Away	2 5
Dec. 1	West Bromwich Albion	L	Home	2 0
" 15	Manchester City	L	Home	3 1
" 29	Sheffield United	L	Home	2 1
" 29	Blackpool	L	Home	1 0
1957				
Jan. 5	Manchester City	L	Away	0 4
" 12	Everton	L	Away	1 1
" 19	Leeds United	L	Home	0 2
" 26	Leeds United	L	Away	1 1
Feb. 2	Bolton Wanderers	L	Away	1 2
" 9	Stoke City	L	Home	1 1
" 16	Bury	L	Away	2 1
" 23	Huddersfield Town	L	Home	6 0
Mar. 9	Preston North End	L	Home	3 3
" 12	Burnley	L	Away	0 4
" 16	Liverpool	L	Away	1 2
" 20	Chesterfield	L	Away	5 2
" 23	Manchester United	L	Home	2 1
" 30	Sheffield Wednesday	L	Away	1 2
April 4	Blackburn Rovers	L	Away	1 0
" 6	Newcastle United	L	Home	4 4
" 13	West Bromwich Albion	L	Away	0 1
" 17	Sheffield United	L	Away	1 3
" 20	Chesterfield	L	Home	0 0
" 22	Wolverhampton W.	L	Away	2 1
" 23	Wolverhampton W.	L	Home	4 1
" 27	Barnsley	L	Away	
May 4				

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