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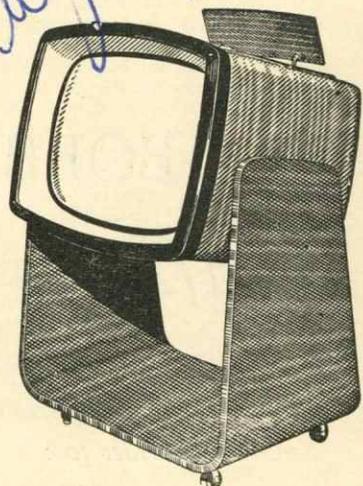
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CLUB NOTES

FOLLOWING our very satisfactory victory over Blackpool here last Wednesday, our third out of the four matches played so far, we face another very stiff hurdle today when we have as our guests one of the top Clubs in the country, Wolverhampton Wanderers. Their two visits to Kenilworth Road since we were promoted to the First Division have both resulted in defeats for them—last season by an only goal—and who has forgotten that memorable first visit here of theirs two years ago when we beat them by no less than five goals to one? That was one of those days when the ball seemed to run just right for us, for every time we obtained possession of it a goal seemed the natural outcome. That day we tried Bob Morton at centre forward for the first time, and what a difference he made. From having scored only 19 goals in the 14 matches played up to that time we put our goal average on the right side as a result of that win, and then when a fortnight later we popped in eight against Sunderland we really thought we had the 'team of all the talents'! Last season after our one goal victory over the Wolves we went to Molineux the following Wednesday evening for the return match, and again football of the highest order was seen. Only through a penalty goal, which we strongly disputed, were the Wolverhampton team the winners, beating us by five goals to four. Officials of other clubs and organisations who saw that match and who have discussed it with us since refer to it as the best game of football they had ever seen, and what a great pity a tele-recording of it was not made, for it would have stood as a classical example for all time. On our first visit to Molineux in the previous season, we won by two goals to one, so that our four meetings so far since the war have definitely been to our advantage. We hope we can still say the same at the conclusion of our meeting here today. It is noted with regret that Bert Williams has decided to hang up his boots, and so we shall not have the pleasure of seeing him in action again. Another capable 'keeper has however taken his place in the name of Malcolm Finlayson, who joined Millwall in 1948/49, from Scotland, at the age of 17, making 12 appearances in the First Team in that season in the Second Division. He played at Luton in that season, and we were very impressed by his capabilities even at that early age. He played regularly for Millwall until his transfer to Wolverhampton in August 1956. Little perhaps did he know then how soon he would be taking over the mantle graced by Bert Williams for so long at Molineux. The other player in the team who has taken the eye lately—apart from Billy Wright who has been at the forefront so consistently since he was selected to play for England in 1946 at inside left—is Norman Deeley, only 5 ft. 5 ins. tall, who is preferred at outside right instead of Harry Hooper, secured from West Ham at a very big fee in March 1956. This is indeed a surprise, for Hooper was looked upon as one of the successes at Wolverhampton, but apparently Stan Cullis knows what he is doing for Deeley earned his side a very valuable point by scoring at Bolton last Wednesday evening, and has thus scored in each of his last three games. If he possesses anything like the power behind his shots which little Johnny Hancocks had, then goalkeepers are in for a worrying time.

We feel that the player deserving of the highest praise in connection with our win over Blackpool last Wednesday night is Ron Baynham who, because of a particularly painful boil on the shin of his right leg, was a doubtful starter right up to the last minute. Those of us who have

actually seen it can only marvel that he played as well as he did for every movement, never mind kicking the ball, particularly when it was dead, must have given him intense pain. We are glad to say it is greatly improved for today's match. The rest of the side each played his part well in this meritorious victory, and it was pleasing to see how well Bob Morton fitted in again at centre forward—what a splendid Club man—and John Groves at wing half who laid on some delightful passes. It was a very satisfying victory, and our first double of the season.

Our Reserve side came rather unstuck on their visit to Crystal Palace last Wednesday evening, losing by seven goals to one. Due to the fact that several of our part-time players are not able to get time off for these mid-week matches, allied to the fact that George Cummins and Dave Pacey were still not fit to play, caused us to field rather a scratch side, although on paper they looked good enough to give the Crystal Palace side which played down here the previous Wednesday evening quite a good fight. Young John Kershaw was given his first game in this grade of football, and although he still has much to learn cannot be blamed for the heavy defeat. A more experienced goalkeeper would most probably have saved three of the goals, but this young lad did very well and no doubt the experience will stand him in good stead.

We have a Metropolitan League fixture here on Monday next, kick-off 6 p.m., when we receive Headington United, and then on Wednesday next, kick-off 6 p.m. also, we receive Southend United Reserves in a Football Combination fixture.

For the fans who would like to see the lads play at Villa Park next Saturday, plenty of choice is available regarding transport, for Road and Rail Authorities have made arrangements to run their services. Those of you who prefer to go by train, one has been laid on to depart from Luton (Midland Road) at 10.30 a.m. arriving at Witton at 1.40 p.m., departing at 5.20 p.m. arriving at Luton 8.30 p.m. Return fare 13/6. To give the Railway Authorities some idea of the number travelling they would appreciate early application for tickets before the date of travelling. By doing so you make the prospect of a comfortable journey much better for yourselves as you then give the Railways time in which to arrange the number of coaches required. Travel House, Costins, Seamarks and Bunty Coaches are all making arrangements, so that if you wish to travel by road we advise early enquiries at these various Offices, all well known locally.

When we were approached by the Committee of the Hospital Commentaries' Scheme if a Collection outside our Ground today would have our blessing we were only too pleased to give it, knowing the good work which is being done through this Scheme. Quite a few of you here today have been in or know someone who has been in Hospital, and thus are aware of the joy and satisfaction these broadcasts give each match. We trust therefore that you gave some acknowledgment of this splendid work as you entered the Ground, for it is from this Collection each year that the Organisation receives its life-blood. Last year you contributed £107.7.7 to the funds, £126.18.2 in the previous year, both splendid efforts for which the Committee is grateful and much encouraged. They are hoping for another bumper collection today, with which they hope to extend the service further. And incidentally if anyone has any suggestions in this direction do not hesitate to write to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. R. Green of 78 Elmwood Crescent who will be pleased to put your ideas before the Committee for consideration.

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Wright 5 Centre Half

Finlayson Goal

Football League — Div. 1

Jones 3 Left Back

Pearce 6 Left Half

Brown 10 Inside Left

Adam 11 Outside Left

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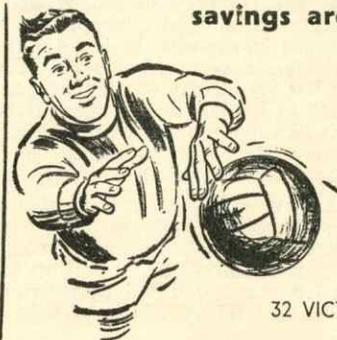
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FIRST LIST

A	Birmingham	Newcastle U.
B	Blackpool	Arsenal
C	Everton	Chelsea
D	Leicester City	.....	Bolton Wan.	.....
E	Manchester U.	.....	Leeds United	.....
F	Notts. Forest	.....	Manchester C.	.....
G	Portsmouth	.....	Sheffield Wed.	.....
H	Sunderland	.....	Aston Villa	.....
K	Tottenham H.	.....	Burnley	.....
L	West Brom.	.....	Preston N. E.	.....
M	Barnsley	.....	Swansea T.	.....
N	Blackburn R.	.....	Lincoln City	.....

SECOND LIST

A	Bristol City	.....	Leyton O.	.....
B	Cardiff City	.....	Middlesbro'	.....
C	Fulham	.....	Liverpool	.....
D	Grimsby T.	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
E	Huddersfield	.....	Rotherham U.	.....
F	Ipswich Town	.....	Notts. County	.....
G	Sheffield Utd.	.....	Bristol Rov.	.....
H	Stoke City	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
K	West Ham U.	.....	Derby County	.....
L	Bournemouth	.....	Torquay Utd.	.....
M	Coventry City	.....	Watford	.....
N	Exeter City	.....	Southampton	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Gillingham	.....	Newport Co.	.....
B	Millwall	.....	Port Vale	.....
C	Norwich City	.....	Brentford	.....
D	Q. P. R.	.....	Brighton & H.	.....
E	Reading	.....	Aldershot	.....
F	Shrewsbury	.....	Northampton	.....
G	Southend Utd.	.....	Colchester U.	.....
H	Swindon T.	.....	Plymouth A.	.....
K	Walsall	Crystal Palace
L	Accrington	Carlisle Utd.
M	Bury	Southport
N	South'pt'n Res.	Luton T. Res.

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Football Excursion

SATURDAY, 14th SEPT.

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v. LUTON TOWN

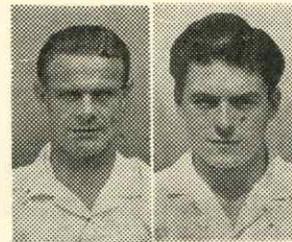
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DIVISION I and FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES :: 1957 - 1958

1957 FIRST XI—Division I		Attendance		1956/57		F A	
Aug. 24 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	...	17591	1	0	H	1 0
" 26 Mon.	Blackpool	...	21099	0	4	A	2 1
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	...	50111	3	1	A	0 2
Sept. 4 Wed.	Blackpool	...	19567	0	2	H	2 0
" 7 Sat.	Wolves	...	...	1	0	H	...
" 11 Wed.	Leeds United	...	...	2	1	A	...
" 14 Sat.	Aston Villa	...	...	3	1	A	...
" 18 Wed.	Leeds United	...	...	2	2	H	...
" 21 Sat.	Everton	...	...	2	0	H	...
" 28 "	Sunderland	...	...	0	1	A	...
Oct. 5 "	Burnley	...	...	0	2	H	...
" 12 "	Preston North End	...	...	0	2	A	...
" 19 "	Sheffield Wed.	...	...	2	0	H	...
" 26 "	Manchester City	...	...	2	3	A	...
Nov. 2 "	Birmingham C.	...	...	0	0	H	...
" 9 "	Chelsea	...	...	1	4	A	...
" 16 "	Newcastle U. (1)	...	...	4	1	H	...
" 23 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	0	5	A	...
" 30 "	Notts. Forest	...	...	...	...	H	...
Dec. 7 "	Portsmouth (2)	...	...	2	2	A	...
" 14 "	West Brom.	...	...	0	1	H	...
" 21 "	Bolton Wanderers	...	...	2	2	A	...
" 25 Wed.	Manchester United	...	...	1	3	A	...
" 26 Thurs.	Manchester Utd.	...	...	0	2	H	...
" 28 Sat.	Arsenal	...	...	1	2	H	...
1958							
Jan. 4 Sat.	F.A. Cup—3	...	...	4	5	A	...
" 11 "	Wolves	...	...	0	0	H	...
" 18 "	Aston Villa	...	...	...	...	H	...
" 25 "	F.A. Cup—4	...	...	...	...	H	...
Feb. 1 "	Everton	...	...	1	2	A	...
" 8 "	Sunderland	...	...	6	2	H	...
" 15 "	Burnley (5)	...	...	1	1	A	...
" 22 "	Preston N. E.	...	...	1	1	H	...
March 1 "	Sheffield Wed. (6)	...	...	0	3	A	...
" 8 "	Manchester City	...	...	3	2	H	...
" 15 "	Birmingham City	...	...	0	3	A	...
" 22 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	1	3	H	...
" 29 "	Newcastle United	...	...	2	2	A	...
April 5 "	Chelsea	...	...	0	4	H	...
" 7 Mon.	Leicester City	...	...	...	...	H	...
" 8 Tues.	Leicester City	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 12 Sat.	Notts. Forest	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 19 "	Portsmouth	...	...	1	0	H	...
" 26 "	West Bromwich A.	...	...	0	4	A	...

1957 Reserve XI Fixtures		Attendance		1956/57		F A	
Aug. 24 Sat.	Plymouth Argyle	...	4346	0	2	A	0 1
" 28 Wed.	Crystal Palace	...	1411	8	1	H	4 0
" 31 Sat.	Ipswich Town	...	1869	3	3	H	2 3
Sept. 4 Wed.	Crystal Palace	...	...	2	0	A	1 7
" 7 Sat.	Southampton	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 11 Wed.	Southend Utd.	...	...	2	2	H	...
" 14 Sat.	Swansea Town	...	...	...	...	H	...
" 18 Wed.	Southend United	...	...	0	2	A	...
" 21 Sat.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 25 Wed.	Aldershot	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 28 Sat.	Bristol Rovers	...	...	...	...	H	...
Oct. 5 Sat.	Arsenal	...	...	2	3	A	...
" 12 "	Norwich City	...	...	1	3	H	...
" 19 "	Charlton Athletic	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 26 "	Birmingham C.	...	...	4	2	H	...
Nov. 2 "	Coventry City	...	...	0	4	A	...
" 9 "	Northampton T.	...	...	...	...	H	...
" 16 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	2	3	A	...
" 23 "	Chelsea	...	...	1	0	H	...
" 30 "	Bournemouth & B.	...	...	3	4	A	...
Dec. 7 "	Brentford	...	...	3	0	H	...
" 14 "	Portsmouth	...	...	3	5	A	...
" 21 "	Plymouth A.	...	...	5	2	H	...
" 25 Wed.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 26 Thurs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 28 Sat.	Ipswich Town	...	...	1	1	A	...
1958							
Jan. 4 Sat.	Fulham	...	...	...	...	H	...
" 11 "	Southampton	...	...	...	...	H	...
" 18 "	Swansea Town	...	...	2	0	A	...
" 25 "	Queens Park R.	...	...	...	...	H	...
Feb. 1 "	Leicester City	...	...	1	2	A	...
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 15 "	Arsenal	...	...	5	1	H	...
" 22 "	Norwich City	...	...	1	3	A	...
March 1 "	Charlton Ath.	...	...	...	...	H	...
" 8 "	Birmingham City	...	...	0	2	A	...
" 15 "	Coventry City	...	...	3	1	H	...
" 22 "	Northampton T.	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 29 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	4	1	H	...
April 4 Fri.	West Ham Utd.	...	...	0	2	H	...
" 5 Sat.	Chelsea	...	...	2	4	A	...
" 7 Mon.	West Ham United	...	...	...	...	A	...
" 12 Sat.	Bournemouth	...	...	5	0	A	...
" 19 "	Brentford	...	...	2	1	A	...
" 26 "	Portsmouth	...	...	5	1	H	...

League Table, 1957-58

DIVISION I

Up to and including Wednesday, 4th September

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	4	3	1	0	13	4	7
Arsenal	4	3	1	0	7	3	7
Notts. Forest	4	3	1	0	7	3	7
LUTON TOWN	4	3	0	1	5	3	6
WOLVERH'PTON	4	2	1	1	12	3	5
Portsmouth	4	2	1	1	10	8	5
Everton	4	2	1	1	5	6	5
Preston North End	4	2	0	2	7	5	4
Burnley	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
Manchester City	3	2	0	0	9	8	4
Leeds United	4	2	0	2	6	6	4
West Brom. Albion	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	10	10	3
Bolton W.	4	1	1	2	5	8	3
Birmingham C.	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
Newcastle Utd.	4	1	0	2	4	4	2
Sheffield Wed.	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Leicester City	4	1	0	3	7	9	2
Blackpool	4	1	0	3	4	7	2
Aston Villa	4	1	0	3	3	8	2
Sunderland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Tottenham H.	4	0	1	3	8	12	1

NEXT MATCHES

Monday, 9th September, 1957
METROPOLITAN & DISTRICT LEAGUE
Luton Town 'A' v. Headington
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Wednesday, 11th September
FOOTBALL COMBINATION
Luton T. Res. v. Southend Res.
Kick-off 6 p.m.
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Saturday, 14th September
FOOTBALL COMBINATION
Luton T. Res. v. Swansea T. Res.
Kick-off 3 p.m.
Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

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