

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

LEEDS UNITED



Official Programme

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Wednesday, 18th September, 1957

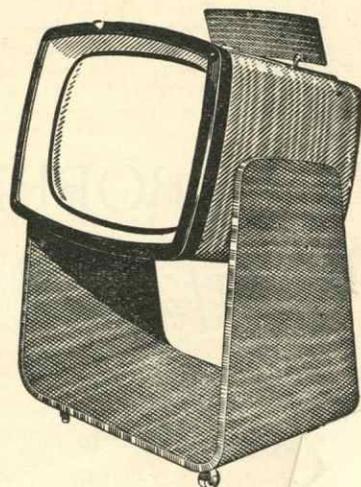
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CLUB NOTES

FOLLOWING our splendid win at Elland Road last Wednesday evening when we beat the United by two goals to nil our lads went to Villa Park last Saturday knowing they had a tough nut to crack from past experience but little thinking how very tough it was going to be. We came away bruised and weary, and with a two goal defeat for our pains. One newspaper sports writer comments, 'while praising Villa for their courage and determination I shuddered at some of their tackling'. This is from a report on a game in the First Division of the Football League where football is surely the first criterion. The greatness of England, and Scotland too, in the past was because they had ball players who were allowed time in which to show their skill, and in consequence the public were entertained and came back for more. It is a great pity that robust play is resulting in the skilful player being pushed out of the game. This desperate fight for points has done much to bring about a change in tactics, although there must be some form of a competitive element otherwise there is a lack of interest. We feel that unless there is a return to the finer arts of the game then attendances are going to drop even further in the aggregate. No time should be lost in getting down to the important business of considering how to make the play more attractive in order to bring back the missing thousands. The Management Committee of The Football League is giving the whole set-up their very earnest attention and thought and a meeting of the Clubs is shortly to be held to consider their proposals. We feel sure that their deliberations will result in a general improvement all round.

Our victory at Elland Road last Wednesday evening, proved a real tonic to us all, for the United are a difficult team to beat on their own ground and any team which can avoid defeat there can be congratulated on a fine performance. Leeds began the season with two "away" matches, which they lost without having the satisfaction of having scored a goal, but then two victories in their next two matches, both at home, in which they popped in six goals against Leicester City and Aston Villa gave them great confidence when we were their next opponents at home. But it was not to be, for failing to benefit from a penalty kick given against us, Ron Baynham bringing off a very good save, the United seemed to lose their poise and goals from Bob Morton (his first this season) and Gordon Turner (his sixth) put us in a strong position which we kept despite a rip-roaring effort at the end by the Leeds side to try and restore their position. Undoubtedly they are missing the influence of the great John Charles, for many a time he scored a goal for them when things were going badly, and his presence must have given them great confidence. On Charles' departure their Manager, Raich Carter, whom we all remember for his brilliant displays for Sunderland, Derby County and England, and what a great pity he is not now able to still do his stuff on a Saturday afternoon—went to Aidrieonians and signed their centre forward Hugh Baird at a quite substantial fee. In those two victories over

Leicester and the Villa, Baird scored three times, so that undoubtedly he knows where lies the net, and Syd Owen and Company did a very fine job in preventing this skilful player from adding to his score, especially before his now 'home' crowd. He is noted for his terrific burst of speed, for getting into unmarked positions in front of goal, and we feel his name will not be very far from the leading goal-scorers when once he has settled down to the English type of football. Left winger Jack Overfield has had the distinction two years running of opening the scoring for Leeds, and with George Meek on the other wing (only 5 ft. 4 ins.) but a bundle of energy the whole ninety minutes, together with George O'Brien, another Scot, secured end of last season, from Dunfermline, and Harold Brook the Sheffield United player, Leeds have a forward line which should hit the high spots. All the more credit therefore to our lads for their great win against this strong Leeds side last Wednesday. Let us hope we can achieve our second double of the season to-night and so keep us well in with the leaders.

Our Reserve side is giving us much food for thought these days, for they are not playing at all well. They started the season quite successfully by beating Plymouth away by one goal and then overcoming Crystal Palace by four goals without reply, and with only ten men for the best part of the match. But since then very little has gone right, having conceded 17 goals and gaining only one point out of the last five matches, three of them at home. This is indeed a very bad start, the worst we can remember. We are in the process of giving youngsters out of the junior sides the experience of playing in the Football Combination grade of football, which is quite a high standard, and time is required for them to settle down into this higher class. Quite a few of them too are serving apprenticeships, which means that they can train only two nights a week following long days on their feet in the workshops. The ability is undoubtedly there, but at the moment the double job of learning a trade and playing football is resulting in their football being just that bit on the slow side which makes all the difference in effectiveness. A great pity for the youngsters we have signed show great promise for the future when this transitional stage has been passed.

The Committee of the Luton Hospitals' Football Commentaries Scheme are delighted with the response they received in the collection they held outside the Ground a week last Saturday. In his letter Mr. Reg Green, the Hon. Secretary, writes 'the collection amounted to the grand sum of £112/3/8d., which included £8/8/0d., collected by the nurses in the Wards at the Luton and Dunstable and St. Mary's Hospitals,' and goes on to say thank you to all who took part in the Collection and the many people who so kindly made a contribution. It is a magnificent effort, and at the same time has made the members of the Scheme feel their efforts are really appreciated.

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11
Overfield
Outside Left
10
Brook
Inside Left
6
Kerfoot
Left Half
3
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Left Back

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Baynam
Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half

9
Morton
Centre



9
Baird
Centre

5
Charlton
Centre Half

Wood
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3
Jones
Left Back

6
Pearce
Left Half

10
Brown
Inside Left

11
McLeod
Outside Left

Linesmen :

Red Flag :
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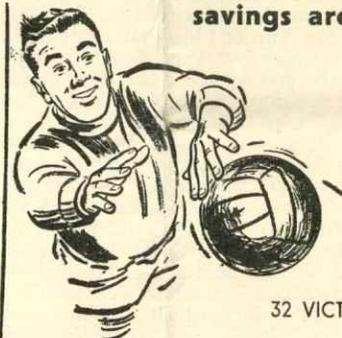
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FIRST LIST

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
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SECOND LIST

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THIRD LIST

- A
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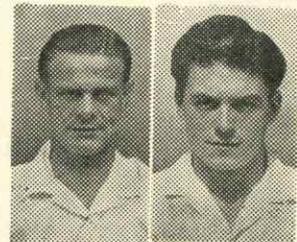
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1957 FIRST XI—Division 1		Attendance	1956/57	F	A
Aug. 24 Sat.	Bolton Wand. ...	17591	1 0	H	1 0
.. 26 Mon.	Blackpool ...	21099	0 4	A	2 1
.. 31 Sat.	Arsenal ...	50111	3 1	A	0 2
Sept. 4 Wed.	Blackpool ...	19567	0 2	H	2 0
.. 7 Sat.	Wolves ...	22030	1 0	H	3 1
.. 11 Wed.	Leeds United ...	21972	2 1	A	2 0
.. 14 Sat.	Aston Villa ...	28000	3 1	A	0 2
.. 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 ...	...	...	A	...
.. 11 ..	Wolves ...	...	4 5	A	...
.. 18 ..	Aston Villa ...	...	0 0	H	...
.. 25 ..	F.A. Cup—4 ...	...	...	A	...
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 ...	747	2 0	A	1 7
.. 7 Sat.	Southampton ...	2894	...	A	2 2
.. 11 Wed.	Southend Utd. ...	964	2 2	H	0 2
.. 14 Sat.	Swansea Town ...	1799	...	H	1 2
.. 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. ...	...	5 0	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. ...	...	...	H	...
.. 29 ..	Tottenham H. ...	...	4 1	A	...
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	H	...
.. 19 ..	Brentford ...	...	2 1	A	...
.. 26 ..	Portsmouth ...	...	5 1	H	...

League Table, 1957 - 58

DIVISION 1

Up to and including Monday, 16th September

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	7	5	1	1	22	9	11
Everton	7	5	1	1	14	9	11
Notts. Forest	7	5	1	1	12	8	11
LUTON TOWN	7	5	0	2	10	6	10
Wolverhampton W.	7	4	1	2	18	8	9
Arsenal	7	4	1	2	12	8	9
West Bromwich	7	3	3	1	15	11	9
Burnley	7	3	2	2	12	9	8
Manchester City	6	4	0	2	14	11	8
Bolton W.	7	3	2	2	14	12	8
Portsmouth	7	3	1	3	14	14	7
Newcastle Utd.	6	3	0	3	11	8	6
Chelsea	7	2	2	3	15	16	6
Preston North End	7	3	0	4	11	12	6
Aston Villa	7	2	1	4	7	11	5
Sheffield Wed.	5	2	0	3	7	8	4
Blackpool	7	2	0	5	7	14	4
LEEDS UNITED	7	2	0	5	7	15	4
Birmingham C.	7	1	2	4	7	16	4
Tottenham H.	7	1	2	4	10	18	4
Sunderland	7	1	2	4	8	18	4
Leicester City	7	1	0	6	12	16	2

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 21st September, 1957

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