

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

West Bromwich Albion



Official Programme

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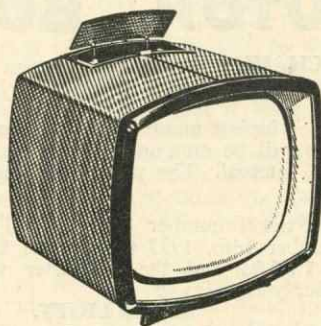
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Club Notes

WE are now entering a very busy part of the football season for besides taking a breath before we enter the Christmas rush of matches we have to bear in mind that our entry into the F.A. Challenge Cup Competition is due on the first Saturday in January, an event of some importance to every Club each year at whatever stage they enter this Competition. Stockport County, our opponents on 4th January, have enjoyed the luck of the draw this season for in each of the three Rounds in which they have been involved have been drawn at home, a great advantage to any Club. In the First Round they beat Barrow by two goals to one, and last Saturday won their Second Round with Hartlepool United by the same score although they were losing by a goal to nil at half time. This looks as if they can be dour fighters when the occasion demands. A good hard fight can therefore be expected and we shall prepare for just such a match.

On top of these extra matches round about Christmas time, involving four matches in eight days we have had to arrange for the Second Round replay with Brentford in the Southern Floodlight Challenge Cup Competition following our draw at Griffin Park last Tuesday evening when our lads had to fight all they knew, in the closing stages particularly, to avoid being knocked out of this Competition. As the Second Round has to be completed by January 31st we felt it best to get this replay out of the way before Christmas in case we have extra matches in January due to the F.A. Cup. We have therefore arranged to meet Brentford here on Monday night next, December 16th, kick-off 7.15. Prices of admission as shown on inside page of back cover. The "Bees" have been playing very well lately, and in fact a short while ago went eight matches without conceding a single goal but Millwall popped one past them in their next match which was sufficient to put paid to any further interest Brentford had in the F.A. Cup this season. We feel sure that if they had played as well on that occasion as they did against us last Tuesday they would most probably still have an active interest in the F.A. Cup for they played well enough to beat most teams. We shall have a chance of seeing them in action again here on Monday night to revive memories of some exciting meetings in the past. Remember for instance in 1952 when our 4th Round F.A. Cup encounter was settled at Highbury in the second replay, the winning goal being scored by Bob Morton with a wonderful left foot shot from outside the penalty box! The recognised first teams of both sides will be in action, so some good football under the floodlights should be seen.

We suffered our biggest defeat in the First Division at Fratton Park last Saturday when the result was five clear goals in favour of Portsmouth. The match, played under very greasy conditions, cried out for the long ball for the forwards to run on to, in view of the difficulty players in defence had in turning. It was the Portsmouth side however which adapted themselves better to these conditions and so they established a lead of two goals by half time which our lads just were not able to throw off. This defeat has knocked us down from fifth place in the Table to eighth place, but we are still nicely placed and a win today would put us back among the top six again.

The team we have to defeat today however, in order to achieve this is West Bromwich Albion, a team playing very well and fully deserving of their position of second place in the Table. Beaten only once this season out of the twenty-one matches played, and that at home early in September when the Arsenal were their visitors, they have since played seventeen matches without defeat. Although they have won one less than ourselves, eleven of their matches have been drawn, against our two, which makes up the difference in points. Last Saturday they were held to yet another draw at home by Blackpool who scored after the game had been in progress only forty seconds, but the "Seasiders" were not able to add any more notches to their stick due to a very firm and quick covering defence which gives very little away. West Bromwich have a team boasting five English Internationals in Don Howe, Bobby Robson, Ronnie Allen, Derek Kevan and that great stylist Ray Barlow who still shows class in everything he does. In addition Maurice Setters was chosen as Reserve by England when France played at Wembley last month, and there is Welsh International, Stuart Williams at left back to add yet another to this long list of Internationals in the team. We have always found the greatest difficulty in beating this team, having scored only one goal against them in our four League 1 fixtures to date, losing all four, and in fact have won only twice and drawn once in our ten encounters since the War. We must do our best today to make this record look a little more respectable.

Stockport County have a ground record of 27,833 when they played Liverpool in February, 1950, in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup. The police however have limited the attendance for our match with them on January 4th to 25,000, and so they have decided to make it an all-ticket match. Prices are, Reserved Seats 7/6 (our allocation of these is very small), Paddock 4/-, rest of Ground 2/6, and tickets are expected to be received at Luton by Friday next, December 20th, although the extra traffic on the railways just at this time might delay receipt of them a little longer. We hope to have tickets on sale at the Office, 70, Kenilworth Road, from Saturday, December 21st or they may be obtained by post by sending the correct remittance accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope. We hope the tickets will have been received by then, but if there is any difficulty anticipated the "Luton News" will give some guidance on the matter in their issue of December 19th. British Railways will be running an Excursion, but details of times and fares are not yet known. We hope to give these in our next Programme.

While all of you will, we hope, be partaking in the Festivities on Christmas Day spare a thought for our lads who will be dashing from Old Trafford immediately after the match to catch the 5.15 p.m. train from Manchester, arriving in Luton about 10.30 p.m. As this is the only train available on which a meal can be obtained the Manchester United lads are also travelling South on it in readiness for their appearance here on Boxing Day. We tried to get the match at Old Trafford re-arranged for a later date but the United are so tied up with their other commitments such as the European Cup that they just dare not leave their match with us in abeyance in case another date would prove more difficult still. So our lads will see very little of home at Christmas, but it is taken in all good part as just one of those things. However they are the first, together with the Chairman, Directors and the Staff, to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Right Back
4
Morton
Right Half
7
Adam
Outside Right
8
Turner(2)
Inside Right

Referee:

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(Westbury, Wilts.)

11
Horobin
Outside Left
10
Kevan
Inside Left
6
Barlow
Left Half
3
Williams
Left Back

West Brom. Albion

Shirts Navy Blue, White Stripes
Knickers White
Stockings Navy Blue and White

Baynham
Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half
9
Brown
Centre



9
Allen
Centre
5
Kennedy(0.9.)
Centre Half

Sanders
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3
Hawkes
Left Back
6
Pearce
Left Half
10
Groves
Inside Left
11
McLeod
Outside Left

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Inside Right
7
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A 0-1 means that the first named club has
scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

A	Arsenal	.....	Preston N. E.	.....
B	Aston Villa	.....	Manchester C.	.....
C	Blackpool	.....	Tottenham H.	.....
D	Bolton Wan.	.....	Burnley	.....
E	Everton	.....	Notts. Forest	.....
F	Leeds United	.....	Newcastle U.	.....
G	Leicester City	.....	Birmingham	.....
H	Manchester U.	.....	Chelsea	.....
K	Sunderland	.....	Portsmouth	.....
L	Wolverh'pton	.....	Sheffield Wed.	.....
M	Barnsley	.....	Liverpool	.....
N	Blackburn R.	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....

SECOND LIST

A	Bristol Rov.	.....	Grimsby T.	.....
B	Derby County	.....	Stoke City	.....
C	Fulham	.....	Cardiff City	.....
D	Ipswich Town	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
E	Lincoln City	.....	Huddersfield	.....
F	Notts. County	.....	Rotherham U.	.....
G	Sheffield Utd.	.....	Leyton O.	.....
H	Swansea T.	.....	Bristol City	.....
K	West Ham U.	.....	Middlesbro'	.....
L	Aldershot	.....	Shrewsbury	.....
M	Brighton & H.	.....	Colchester U.	.....
N	Exeter City	.....	Crystal Palace	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Gillingham	.....	Watford	.....
B	Millwall	.....	Northampton	.....
C	Newport Co.	.....	Bournemouth	.....
D	Plymouth A.	.....	Coventry City	.....
E	Port Vale	.....	Walsall	.....
F	Q. P. R.	.....	Torquay Utd.	.....
G	Southampton	.....	Norwich City	.....
H	Southend Utd.	.....	Brentford	.....
K	Swindon T.	Reading
L	Chester	Scunthorpe
M	Crewe Alex.	Bury
N	Portsm'th Res.	Luton T. Res.

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EXCURSION

SATURDAY

11th JANUARY, 1958

Wolves

v. LUTON TOWN

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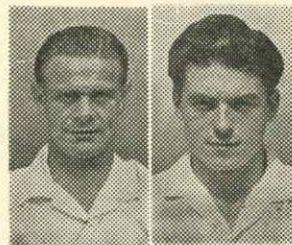
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DIVISION I and FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES :: 1957 - 1958

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 ...	28962	3 1	A	0 2
" 18 Wed.	Leeds United ...	16887	2 2	H	1 1
" 21 Sat.	Everton ...	19797	2 0	H	0 1
" 28 "	Sunderland ...	36734	0 1	A	0 3
Oct. 5 "	Burnley ...	15179	0 2	H	3 2
" 12 "	Preston North End ...	25403	0 2	A	0 1
" 19 "	Sheffield Wed. ...	14473	2 0	H	2 0
" 26 "	Manchester City ...	36333	2 3	A	2 2
Nov. 2 "	Birmingham C. ...	17316	0 0	H	3 0
" 9 "	Chelsea ...	34102	1 4	A	3 1
" 16 "	Newcastle U. (1) ...	19703	4 1	H	0 3
" 23 "	Tottenham H. ...	41242	0 5	A	1 3
" 30 "	Notts. Forest ...	18391	...	H	3 1
Dec. 7 "	Portsmouth (2) ...	17782	2 2	A	0 5
" 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 ...	...	...	...	...
" 11 "	Wolves ...	...	4 5	A	...
" 18 "	Aston Villa ...	...	0 0	H	...
" 25 "	F.A. Cup—4 ...	...	...	...	...
Feb. 1 "	Everton ...	...	1 2	A	...
" 8 "	Sunderland ...	...	6 2	H	...
" 15 "	Burnley (5) ...	...	1 1	A	...
" 22 "	Preston N. E. ...	...	1 1	A	...
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	...

League Table, 1957 - 58

DIVISION 1

Up to and including Saturday, 7th December, 1957

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wolverhampton W.	21	14	5	2	52	24	33
WEST BROMWICH	21	9	11	1	49	29	29
Preston North End	20	11	3	6	42	27	25
Manchester United	20	11	3	6	49	35	25
Nottingham Forest	20	11	1	8	41	29	23
Manchester City	20	11	1	8	52	51	23
Blackpool	20	9	4	7	33	30	22
LUTON TOWN	20	10	2	8	28	29	22
Bolton W.	20	9	4	7	37	38	22
Burnley	20	9	3	8	42	38	21
Arsenal	21	9	3	9	33	35	21
Everton	20	7	7	6	31	35	21
Chelsea	20	7	6	7	43	38	20
Tottenham H.	21	8	4	9	45	49	20
Birmingham C.	21	6	6	9	35	46	18
Portsmouth	20	7	3	10	37	36	17
Sunderland	21	5	6	10	26	49	16
Aston Villa	21	6	4	11	32	54	16
Newcastle Utd.	20	6	3	11	31	32	15
Leeds United	21	5	4	12	26	41	14
Sheffield Wed.	20	5	3	12	31	45	13
Leicester City	20	5	2	13	39	54	12

1957	Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1956/57	F	A
Aug. 24 Sat.	Plymouth Argyle ...	4346	0 2	A	1 0
" 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	3 3
" 11 Wed.	Southend Utd. ...	964	2 2	H	0 2
" 14 Sat.	Swansea Town ...	1799	...	H	1 1
" 18 Wed.	Southend United ...	1856	0 2	A	1 3
" 21 Sat.	...	...	...	...	...
" 25 Wed.	Aldershot ...	853	...	A	2 0
" 28 Sat.	Bristol Rovers ...	1537	...	H	4 0
Oct. 5 Sat.	Arsenal ...	4532	2 3	A	2 1
" 12 "	Norwich City ...	1841	1 3	H	5 0
" 19 "	Charlton Athletic ...	1642	...	A	4 1
" 26 "	Birmingham C. ...	2191	4 2	H	2 3
Nov. 2 "	Coventry City ...	1667	0 4	A	2 1
" 9 "	Northampton T. ...	1371	...	H	3 2
" 16 "	Tottenham H. ...	4129	2 3	A	0 2
" 23 "	Chelsea ...	1694	1 0	H	0 2
" 30 "	Bournemouth & B. ...	2883	3 4	A	0 3
Dec. 7 "	Brentford ...	1235	3 0	H	6 2
" 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. ...	...	...	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	H	...
" 19 "	Brentford	2 1	A	...
" 26 "	Portsmouth	5 1	H	...

NEXT MATCHES

Monday, 16th December, 1957

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