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A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU ...

As United's skipper, it is my privilege to wish you, on behalf of all my colleagues at Old Trafford, a very Happy Christmas! Already we are midway through the season and a testing time lies before us. But we are determined to be worthy of your loyalty and encouragement and shall strive our utmost to make 1958 both happy and successful!

ROGER BYRNE

FROM ALL OF US!



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MATT BUSBY talking



It is always a pleasure to meet old friends, and to-day may be no exception because, in entertaining Luton Town at Old Trafford to-day, I hope again to see my old friend "Dally" Duncan, manager of Luton, and Jack Crompton, former Manchester United goalkeeper, who is now trainer to the Luton team and, I am told, doing his job very well. Glad to know that, Jack. We shall always remember you for the fine job of work you did in the Manchester United team, including the successful Cup Final of 1948. I can say that you always took a great interest in the youth members of the United personnel, helping them in many ways. To Mr. Duncan also I recall many great occasions on the

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football field years ago, when he was playing outside-left for Derby County, and Scotland. I was opposed to him many times when I was with Manchester City and Liverpool. He was a very clever player, and never did I know him indulge in rough-house tactics. Now we settle down to watch our two teams in action to-day. I am sure it will be a fine game, and I am sure we shall have an enjoyable trip together on the same train for London after the match, for we resume where we left off at Luton in the return match to-morrow.

MUSIC PROGRAMME

March	Avondale
Symphony	...	Unfinished Symphony	
Chorus	...	Hallelujah Chorus	
Selection	...	Garland of Classics	
Vocal	...	Silent Night	
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March	...	Tannhauser	

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FINALLY,
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 INTO A
 CHRISTMAS
 STOCKING

WHICH UNITED
 WILL ENDEAVOUR
 TO FILL WITH ORANGES
 AND A FEW DIRTY
 FOOTBALLS.

WELCOME TO . . .

LUTON TOWN

by TOM JACKSON

of the MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

Since they came into senior football for the first time in their history two seasons ago, Luton Town have earned a reputation as one of the most attractive teams in the country. To-day they visit Old Trafford in the first of two holiday fixtures with United seeking points to enhance their challenge to the League leaders.

Luton, managed by former Derby and Scotland winger, "Dally" Duncan, have an ex-United stalwart on their staff — Jack Crompton, appointed their trainer-coach last year after a distinguished career as a goalkeeper at Old Trafford.

Last season United repeated a League double over Luton, winning 3-1 here and 2-0 in the return game. In the corresponding fixture, played on 1st December, 1956, goals by Edwards, Taylor and Pegg, against one by Gregory, gave United the points.

These were the teams:

United: Wood; Foulkes, Byrne; Colman, Jones, McGuinness; Berry, Whelan, Taylor, Edwards, Pegg.

Luton: Baynham; Dunne, Ahearne; Pemberton, Kelly, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Luton Town playing personalities:

Ron Baynham (goalkeeper).

Capped three times for England two seasons ago. Hails from Birmingham and joined Luton from Worcester City in 1951, making his League debut the following season. Now rated among the best 'keepers in the country.

Seamus Dunne (full-back).

Product of County Wicklow, who was signed from Shelbourne in 1950. Has since rendered fine service at right-back, a position in which he has many Eire international caps. Noted for his polished style.

Ken Hawkes (full-back).

Newcomer to Luton's senior team this season. Got his chance when Tommy Ahearne and Leslie Jones stood down through injury. Is a product of North East football, having been signed from Shotton Colliery Welfare. Born at Durham.

Bob Morton (wing half-back).

Local discovery, from Aston Clinton, Bucks., who has developed into a grand utility player. Has figured at centre-forward and centre-half, but has won England "B" recognition as a wing-half.

Sid Owen (centre half-back).

Signed from Birmingham for a modest fee in 1947 and has made a name for his prowess in the middle. Gained three England caps in 1954, and regarded as one of the most consistent pivots in senior football. Birmingham-born.

Reg Pearce (wing half-back).

Another of the "Hatters" utility players, now excelling in an attacking role at left-half. Has also played in every forward position for his club. Comes from Liverpool and was signed from Winsford United in 1955 at a nominal fee.

Jimmy Adam (outside-right).

Speedy Scot who is equally at home on either wing, though signed five seasons ago as an outside-left. Cost a big North Eastern League fee when secured from Spennymoor United, and has proved a sound investment. Born Glasgow.

Gordon Turner (inside-forward).

Luton's top scorer for the last three seasons. Is the son of a former Hull City winger and a real livewire in the attack. Has Football League honours and now being tipped for international recognition. Was signed on demob. from the Navy in 1950 and is a native of Hull.

Allan Brown (centre-forward).

Former Blackpool and Scottish international wing-half or inside-forward who cost Luton a big fee last season. Has made a real impression on being switched to leadership of the attack. First came into English football when he joined Blackpool from East Fife in 1950.

John Groves (centre-forward).

Son of a former Derby player who was a team-mate of manager "Dally" Duncan — and signed straight from school at Derby at 15. Got his League debut at inside-right and has recently earned a regular place since Brown switched to the middle. Born at Derby.

George McLeod (outside-left).

Signed from Scottish junior club, Inverness Clachnacuddin, nearly two years ago. First came to the fore at centre-forward in the reserves, but has now staked a claim to a regular left-wing place. Is a native of Inverness.

UNITED ROLL CALL . . . by Alf Clarke

FIRST TEAM

Appearances: Wood 20, Gaskell 1, Foulkes 21, Jones (P.) 1, Byrne 19, McGuinness 3, Colman 17, Goodwin 4, Jones (M.) 3, Blanchflower 18, Edwards 19, Berry 19, Scanlon 2, Whelan 20, Doherty 1, Webster 5, Taylor 19, Dawson 1, Viollet 13, Charlton 4, Pegg 21.

Scorers: Whelan 12, Taylor 12, Viollet 9, Berry 4, Pegg 4, Edwards 3, Webster 2, Opponents 2, Doherty 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Appearances: Gaskell 19, Clayton 2, Olive 1, Greaves 14, Cope 15, Bent 1, Smith 3, Jones (P.) 16, Carolan 2, Goodwin 16, Colman 1, Jones (M.) 18, Blanchflower 1, McGuinness 19, Webster 14, Morgans 13, Whitefoot 8, Doherty 7, Dawson 16, Harrop 11, Charlton 17, Brennan 1, Scanlon 20, Shiels 1, Hunter 3, Viollet 1, Pearson 2.

Scorers: Dawson 18, Charlton 12, Scanlon 12, Harrop 11, Doherty 5, Cope 4, Morgans 4, Whitefoot 2, Webster 2, Goodwin 2, Opponents 2, Pearson 1.



CASUAL COMMENTS

by ALF CLARKE

of the
EVENING
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MANCHESTER



It is Christmas time, the half-way stage of the season has been reached, and even if United are not "sitting pretty" at the head of the League table well let us hope the Yuletide fare is serviceable and that we can look forward to a New Year of better things in store from the League point of view.

Now let me go back down the Memory Lane of the season, as I remember them. First there was the pre-season visit to Germany where United played games in Berlin and Hanover, and won both matches, in Berlin by 3-0 and in Hanover by 4-2. These two matches were watched by an aggregate attendance of 90,000 and United certainly proved themselves.

We started the season proper with a neat 3-0 victory at Leicester, where Whelan set the pace with a hat-trick, achieved a similar result against Everton, and then carried on to a 4-1 victory over friendly rivals Manchester City, at Old Trafford. There was an attendance of 63,103 at that match, which set up a post-war record attendance at the United ground. Away to Everton for a 3-3 draw, after United had been leading 3-1 at half-time. Here again United were watched by a big crowd totalling 72,077. Jackie Blanchflower was hurt in that game and it meant considerable team changes which, in my view, caused United to drop a point.

Leeds United came to Old Trafford and went down 5-0, Johnny Berry and Tommy Taylor each getting two

of them, and it was followed by a sensational 4-1 success at Blackpool. Crash followed, with Bolton hitting United for a 4-0 defeat at Burnden, and crash it was when Blackpool reversed the tables with a 2-1 success here.

Back to winning form against Arsenal, and then the first leg of the European Cup, in Dublin, with a 6-0 United win. Wolves then hit us 3-1 at Molineux where several United players, down with 'flu, could not turn out. Shamrock Rovers again, and they played very well though losing 3-2. A 4-1 defeat of Villa followed — some slight compensation for the Cup Final defeat — and a fine 2-1 win (with record attendance 47,654) at Nottingham.

Then came a shock. A 3-0 home defeat from Portsmouth, but a grand 4-0 victory over Villa in the Charity Shield match. West Brom beat us 4-3 at the Hawthorns, we then beat Burnley 1-0, drew 1-1 at Preston, just got the better of Sheffield Wednesday (2-1), and won our European cup tie 3-0 against Dukla. Away to Newcastle for a 2-1 last-minute victory, but . . . Tottenham came here and won 4-3, we lost 1-0 at Prague (but won 3-1 on the aggregate) and followed with a 3-3 draw at Birmingham — a grand game. Up came Chelsea and beat us 1-0.

So, after such a brilliant start in the League, United had a bad spell particularly in forfeiting points at home which caused them to dip to fourth place in the League. Injuries, however, were perhaps the main cause, and especially when Dennis Viollet had to miss so many games because of an ankle which he hurt in the Charity Shield game. So that has been the season's progress — I am not able to record the outcome of the Leicester match as this programme had to go to press before the game.

Now for the F.A. Cup and European Cup — and we shall be watching for any League slip-ups by Wolves!

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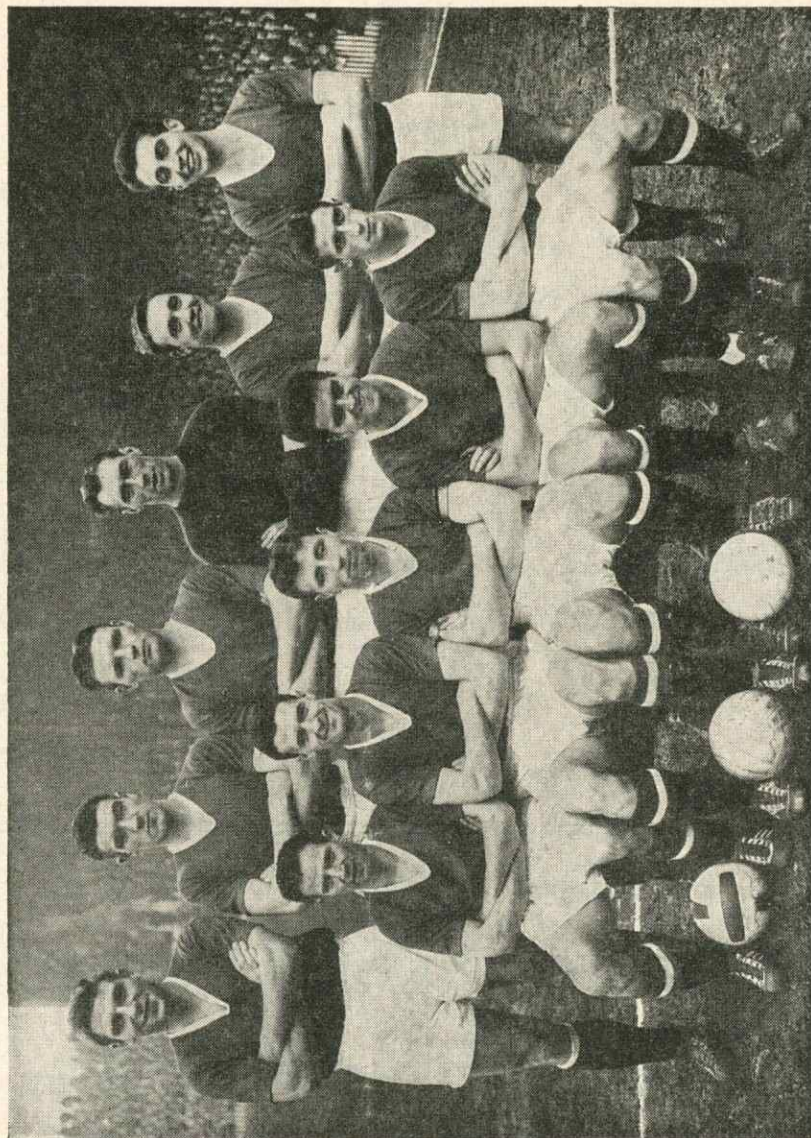


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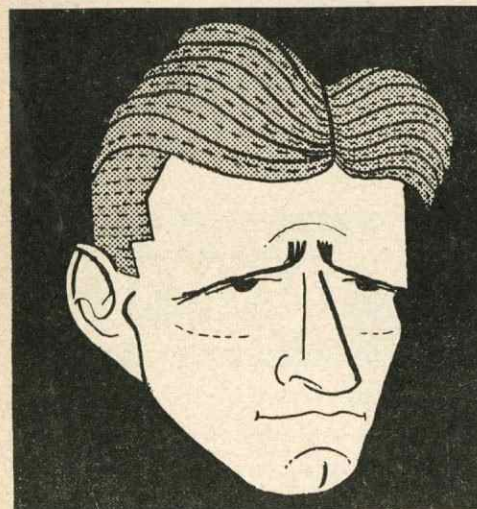
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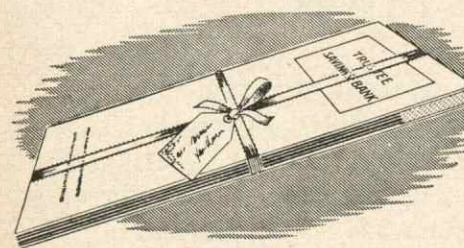
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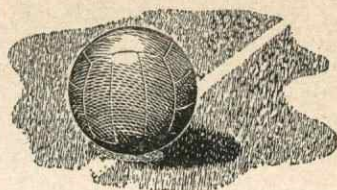
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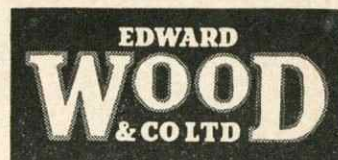
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WITH THE JUNIORS

We have now arrived at the half-way stage of the season and it provides a good opportunity for us to look back upon the matches played so far. Like many other clubs our teams suffered considerably from the effects of Asian flu during September and October and, as is well known, absences through illness or injury in the first and second teams is also reflected in the teams turned out lower down the scale. Players move up into a higher grade and have to be replaced and this often affects the team-work and produces surprise results.

The "A" team started the season with two good wins against Everton and Oldham Athletic "A" teams but then played six games before they won again. Another bad patch followed when they lost three games out of four but they have since won four games on the run and their league position has improved immensely. The "B" team had the unusual experience of having to play eight matches before registering their first win of the season. Since then they have played a further four games without defeat and are rapidly getting into better form. The Juniors have played more true to normal form and have only lost one match in the ten played so far. This was against Stamford Lads and they had the satisfaction of reversing the result when the teams met again three weeks later. At the present time the Juniors are at the top of their league table and have won through to the second round of the league cup competition.

All in all our teams have had their share of ups and downs but even so the work of grooming young players has shown good results and several have appeared in the Central League side. This, after all, is the object in running the teams and the continued successes of our young players gives cause for satisfaction and speaks volumes for the grand work put in by Assistant Manager Jimmy Murphy and his aide Bert Whalley.

We wish all our young players a very happy Christmas and good fortune in the coming New Year.

F.A. YOUTH CUP — 4TH ROUND
Leeds United v. Manchester United
December 18th, 1957 (Elland Road)

Within three minutes of the kick-off Spratt opened the scoring for the visitors and Dawson went on to score a hat trick. Leeds were three goals down before Leighton scored a consolation goal. Quick tackling by United's forwards was largely responsible for their victory, coupled with the sound defensive work of Holland and Smith.

Leeds 1, United 4.

European Cup Quarter Final

(1st leg) versus

RED STAR YUGOSLAVIA

On Wednesday, 15th January, 1958

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

		1957-58		1956-57	
		F	A	F	A
1957					
Aug. 24	Leicester City	A	3	0	2
" 28	Everton	H	3	0	2
" 31	Manchester City	H	4	1	2
Sept. 4	Everton	A	3	3	2
" 7	Leeds United	H	5	0	3
" 9	Blackpool	A	4	1	2
" 14	Bolton Wanderers	A	0	4	0
" 18	Blackpool	H	1	2	0
" 21	Arsenal	H	4	2	6
" 25	Shamrock Rovers				
"	(European Cup)	A	6	0	
" 28	Wolverhampton W.	A	1	3	1
Oct. 2	Shamrock Rovers				
"	(European Cup)	H	3	2	
Oct. 5	Aston Villa	H	4	1	1
" 12	Nottingham Forest	A	2	1	
" 19	Portsmouth	H	0	3	3
" 22	Aston Villa				
"	(F.A. Charity Shield)	H	4	0	
" 26	West Bromwich Albion	A	3	4	3
Nov. 2	Burnley	H	1	0	2
" 9	Preston North End	A	1	1	3
" 16	Sheffield Wednesday	H	2	1	4
" 20	Dukla (Prague)				
"	(European Cup)	H	3	0	
" 23	Newcastle United	A	2	1	1
" 30	Tottenham Hotspur	H	3	4	0
Dec. 4	Dukla (Prague)				
"	(European Cup)	A	0	1	
" 7	Birmingham City	A	3	3	1
" 14	Chelsea	H	0	1	3
" 21	Leicester City	H			
" 25	Luton Town	H		3	1
" 26	Luton Town	A		2	0
" 28	Manchester City	A		4	2
'58 Jan. 4	F.A. Cup - Workington	A			
" 11	Leeds United	A		2	1
" 15	Red Star (Belgrade)				
"	(European Cup)	H			
" 18	Bolton Wanderers	H		0	2
" 23	F.A. Cup (4th Round)				
Feb. 1	Arsenal	A		2	1
" 8	Red Star (Belgrade)				
"	(European Cup)	A			
" 8	Wolverhampton W.	H		3	0
" 15	Aston Villa (5th)	A		3	1
" 22	Nottingham Forest				
" 1	Portsmouth (6th)	A		3	1
Mar. 8	West Bromwich Albion	H		1	1
" 15	Burnley	A		3	1
" 22	Newcastle United	H		6	1
" 29	Sheffield Wednesday	A		1	2
April 4	Sunderland	H		4	0
" 5	Preston North End	H		3	2
" 7	Sunderland	A		3	1
" 12	Tottenham Hotspur	A		2	2
" 19	Birmingham City	H		2	2
" 26	Chelsea	A		2	1
May 3	F.A. Cup Final				

CENTRAL LEAGUE

		1957-58		1956-57	
		F	A	F	A
1957					
Aug. 24	Blackburn Rovers	H	5	1	3
" 26	Everton	A	1	3	3
" 31	Manchester City	A	4	3	1
Sept. 2	Everton	H	2	4	5
" 7	Leeds United	A	3	1	1
" 9	Blackpool	H	2	2	0
" 14	Bolton Wanderers	H	2	2	1
" 16	Blackpool	A	8	1	1
" 21	Wolverhampton W.	A	2	1	0
" 23	Sheffield United	H	2	1	1
" 28	Aston Villa	H	6	1	5
Oct. 5	Derby County	A	2	4	5
" 12	Sheffield Wednesday	H	3	0	4
" 19	Burnley	A	3	0	2
" 26	Preston North End	H	6	1	6
Nov. 2	Newcastle United	A	5	0	3
" 9	Liverpool	H	2	1	0
" 16	Stoke City	A	3	0	2
" 23	West Bromwich Albion	H	5	1	4
" 30	Chesterfield	A	3	2	1
Dec. 7	Bury	H	4	0	2
" 14	Huddersfield Town	A	2	4	1
" 21	Blackburn Rovers	A		0	2
" 25	Barnsley	A		2	2
" 26	Barnsley	H		2	0
" 28	Manchester City	H		3	1

Will supporters attending Central League matches please note that seats marked "Reserved" are for the use of Season Ticket holders.

1958					
Jan. 4					
" 11	Leeds United	H		4	1
" 18	Bolton Wanderers	A		2	3
" 25					
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton W.	H		2	0
" 8	Aston Villa	A		1	2
" 15	Derby County	H		2	0
" 22	Sheffield Wednesday	A		1	3
Mar. 1	Burnley	H		4	0
" 8	Preston North End	A		3	1
" 15	Newcastle United	H		3	1
" 22	Liverpool	A		1	4
" 29	Stoke City	H		1	0
April 5	West Bromwich Albion	A		3	3
" 7	Sheffield United	A		1	0
" 12	Chesterfield	H		6	2
" 19	Bury	A		2	2
" 26	Huddersfield Town	H		4	1
May 3					
Lancashire Senior Cup					
(1st Round)					
1957					
Nov. 6	Bolton Wanderers	H	3	1	