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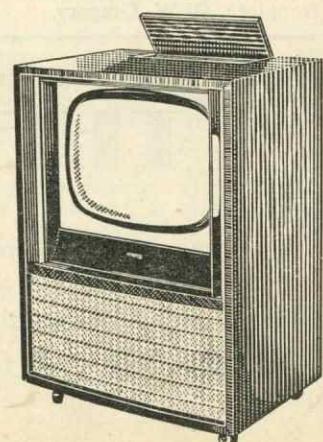
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CLUB NOTES

FIRST OF ALL we hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and that four points were obtained to help the Festive Spirit. Our lads certainly faced a very hard task in having to play the League Champions twice in so short a time, especially when we had Syd Owen, Gordon Turner, Bob Morton and Allan Brown all on the doubtful side on Christmas Eve, following their very hard match at Bolton last Saturday. As these Notes were being prepared the team to travel to Manchester was not known, but we hope the injuries were not as bad as appeared the case last Monday morning, for four such players out of the side, especially at this time of the season, would be a heavy blow to overcome. We are quite sure however that if any Reserve team players have been called upon to fill a vacancy that they made a good job of it, for there are several players who played here against Plymouth Reserves last Saturday who would not let us down if moved into the higher sphere.

The match at Bolton last Saturday was a real humdinger, with the spoils going to the team which played the better football, although territorially perhaps Bolton had the advantage. To find oneself a goal down so early in the game on your opponent's ground was enough to knock the fight out of anyone, but our lads did not allow this to deter them and although Ron Bayham was the busier goalkeeper of the two, showing without a doubt that he has no superior in England today, we were the more methodical side and the goal scored by John Groves as a result of some very good play by Jimmy Adam and Gordon Turner which left Groves with a splendid opportunity to score, of which he took full advantage in a most cool but business-like manner, wrested the moral advantage from the Lancashire boys. Groves had very bad luck soon after that goal for he hit a ball from just outside the penalty box with his right foot from a cross from the right wing which had Hopkinson beaten all ends up, but which unfortunately hit the underside of the crossbar, dropping just in front of the goal line from where it was scrambled clear. Gordon Turner's goal however, the twentieth this season, put our lads in a very strong position which all the effort and strength of the Bolton team could not nullify. Syd Owen played a magnificent game, beating Nat Lofthouse to the ball time and time again and always appearing to be one move ahead of the Bolton forward line. Ken Hawkes also played a most valuable part in this great victory, a most pleasing point, for Ken has waited a long time for his chance of senior service and has taken full advantage of his opportunity in the two games played against West Bromwich and Bolton Wanderers. The old saying that 'Opportunity maketh the man' has certainly proved a sound one in this instance, and he just cannot be dropped on this form, a most pleasing remark to make. The whole team however deserve the highest praise for this excellent win, for it was teamwork as much as skill which brought it about, the same teamwork which humbled West Bromwich Albion so decisively the week previously. All the skill in the world will not bring the results if the teamwork is not there, but as Luton has both the skill as well as teamwork the prospect for this season's honours looks most promising.

Our visitors today are always very welcome at Kenilworth Road for whatever position they

occupy in the Table the Arsenal has that 'something' about them which draws the best out of their opponents as well as providing the spectators with something out of the ordinary. Just now they seem to have come through a bad patch, at least bad for them, and are now gradually rising in the Table. As usual when the Cup Ties come round again they seem to find that form which carries them so far along the road to Wembley, although they have not had the honour of appearing in that august place since April 1952, when Newcastle United beat them by an only goal. The last time they won the Cup was in season 1949/50 when they beat Liverpool by two goals to nil. We remember most vividly the last time we met the Arsenal in the Cup, in March 1952 here at Kenilworth Road in the 6th Round when we lost by three goals to two. Bernard Moore had scored a brilliant goal in the first half which was the only goal up to half time, and our lads were playing very well and were much the better team. Early in the second half Roy Davies broke an ankle, and on top of this Syd Owen was injured early in the game but continued to play, although not nearly his usual self. On resumption Tom Whitaker had switched his wingers, George Cox (now manager of Bournemouth) going to outside left, and from this position he scored twice to put a completely different complexion on the game. Milton then scored to make it three to one, and Bert Mitchell completed the scoring from the penalty spot. Our team that day was Stretton; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Taylor J., Moore, Stobart and Mitchell. We give this team as apparently there is still much talk of this match and we are frequently asked for the teams. Our Ground record was broken that day, 28,433 people paying admission and that record still stands, subject to Boxing Day attendance last Thursday which had every prospect of being somewhere near that figure.

The match at Charlton last Saturday was certainly something for the fans and the Press to talk over. This fantastic scoring reminds us of our match at Northampton on Boxing Day 1957 when we were leading by five clear goals at half time. But then we had to face the elements for the second half, and Northampton popped in six goals to win the match. That other match too in which we were involved, against Leicester City in February 1949 in the 5th Round of the Cup, when the score after ninety minutes was three goals each, necessitating extra time to be played, during which half hour two more goals were scored by each side, the last one by Leicester being scored in the last second of the match, is still very well remembered by those who saw it. Although slightly different in comparison with the two matches previously mentioned, it was a match which could not be bettered for thrills and excitement, and so is also worthy of mention.

Tickets are still available at the Office for our match at Stockport next Saturday, Seats 7/6, Paddock 4/-, Ground 2/6. Any tickets unsold by Tuesday noon will be returned, as Stockport cannot cope from their allocation with the number of applications they have received, and it is only fair that applicants should know early whether or not they are to have a ticket.

Next time we meet will be in the New Year, so here's wishing you all the very best you can wish yourselves for 1958.

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11 **Nutt**
Outside Left
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Inside Left
GORING
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Left Half
3 **Evans**
Left Back

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Goal

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3 **Hawkes**
Left Back
5 **Owen**
Centre Half
9 **Brown**
Centre
6 **Pearce**
Left Half
10 **Groves**
Inside Left
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Outside Left



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FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

A	Bristol City	.....	Middlesbro'	.....
B	Cardiff City	.....	Liverpool	.....
C	Fulham	.....	Swansea T.	.....
D	Grimsby T.	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
E	Huddersfield	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
F	Rotherham U.	.....	Ipswich Town	.....
G	Sheffield Utd.	.....	Lincoln City	.....
H	Stoke City	.....	Leyton O.	.....
K	West Ham U.	.....	Bristol Rov.	.....
L	Aldershot	.....	Plymouth A.	.....
M	Bournemouth	.....	Crystal Palace	.....
N	Colchester U.	.....	Brentford	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Coventry City	.....	Northampton	.....
B	Exeter City	.....	Brighton & H.	.....
C	Gillingham	.....	Southampton	.....
D	Millwall	.....	Newport Co.	.....
E	Norwich City	.....	Torquay Utd.	.....
F	Q. P. R.	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
G	Shrewsbury	.....	Reading	.....
H	Swindon T.	.....	Port Vale	.....
K	Walsall	Watford
L	Bury	Carlisle Utd.
M	Darlington	Scunthorpe
N	Ipswich Res.	Luton T. Res.

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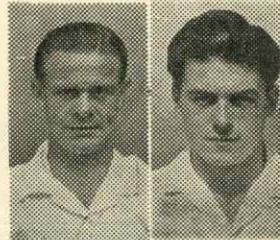
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1957 FIRST XI—Division 1 Attendance 1956/57 F A							1957 Reserve XI Fixtures Attendance 1956/57 F A									
Aug. 24 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	...	17591	1	0	H	1	0	Aug. 24 Sat.	Plymouth Argyle	4346	0	2	A	1	0
" 26 Mon.	Blackpool	...	21099	0	4	A	2	1	" 26 Wed.	Crystal Palace	1411	8	1	H	3	3
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	...	50111	3	1	A	0	2	" 31 Sat.	Ipswich Town	1869	3	3	H	2	3
Sept. 4 Wed.	Blackpool	...	19567	0	2	H	2	0	Sept. 4 Wed.	Crystal Palace	747	2	0	A	1	7
" 7 Sat.	Wolves	...	22030	1	0	A	3	1	" 7 Sat.	Southampton	2894	...	...	A	3	3
" 11 Wed.	Leeds United	...	21972	2	1	A	2	0	" 11 Wed.	Southend Utd.	964	2	2	H	0	2
" 14 Sat.	Aston Villa	...	28962	3	1	A	0	2	" 14 Sat.	Swansea Town	1799	...	...	H	1	2
" 18 Wed.	Leeds United	...	16887	2	2	H	1	1	" 18 Wed.	Southend United	1856	0	2	A	1	3
" 21 Sat.	Everton	...	19797	2	0	H	0	1	" 21 Sat.	Aldershot	853	...	...	A	2	0
" 28 "	Sunderland	...	36734	0	1	A	0	3	" 28 Sat.	Bristol Rovers	1537	...	...	H	4	0
Oct. 5 "	Burnley	...	15179	0	2	H	3	2	Oct. 5 Sat.	Arsenal	4532	2	3	A	2	1
" 12 "	Preston North End	...	25403	0	2	A	0	1	" 12 "	Norwich City	1841	1	3	A	5	0
" 19 "	Sheffield Wed.	...	14473	2	0	H	2	0	" 19 "	Charlton Athletic	1642	...	...	A	4	1
" 26 "	Manchester City	...	36333	2	3	A	2	2	" 26 "	Birmingham C.	2191	4	2	H	2	3
Nov. 2 "	Birmingham C.	...	17316	0	0	H	3	0	Nov. 2 "	Coventry City	1667	0	4	A	2	1
" 9 "	Chelsea	...	34102	1	4	A	3	1	" 9 "	Northampton T.	1371	...	...	H	3	2
" 16 "	Newcastle U. (I)	...	19703	4	1	H	0	3	" 16 "	Tottenham H.	4129	2	3	A	2	2
" 23 "	Tottenham H.	...	41242	0	5	A	1	3	" 23 "	Chelsea	1694	1	0	A	0	2
" 30 "	Notts. Forest	...	18391	...	...	H	3	1	" 30 "	Bournemouth & B.	2883	3	4	A	0	3
Dec. 7 "	Portsmouth (2)	...	17782	2	2	A	0	5	Dec. 7 "	Brentford	1235	3	0	H	6	2
" 14 "	West Brom.	...	15365	0	1	A	5	1	" 14 "	Portsmouth	1654	3	5	A	3	7
" 21 "	Bolton Wanderers	...	16754	2	2	A	2	1	" 21 Wed.	Charlton Ath.	...	...	...	H	5	2
" 25 Wed.	Manchester United	...	...	1	3	A	0	2	" 25 Thurs.	Portsmouth	...	...	...	H	5	2
" 28 Sat.	Arsenal	...	...	1	2	H	0	1	" 28 Sat.	Ipswich Town	...	1	1	A	1	A
Jan. 4 Sat.	F.A. Cup—3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jan. 4 Sat.	Fulham	...	...	...	H	0	H
" 11 "	Wolves	...	...	4	5	A	0	0	" 11 "	Southampton	...	...	2	0	A	0
" 18 "	Aston Villa	...	...	0	0	H	0	0	" 18 "	Queens Park R.	...	5	0	H	0	H
" 25 "	F.A. Cup—4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Feb. 1 "	Leicester City	...	1	2	A	0	A
Feb. 1 "	Everton	...	...	1	2	A	0	1	" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	...	...	5	1	H	0
" 8 "	Sunderland	...	...	6	2	H	3	2	" 15 "	Arsenal	...	...	5	1	H	0
" 15 "	Burnley (5)	...	...	1	1	A	0	1	" 22 "	Norwich City	...	1	3	A	1	A
" 22 "	Preston N. E.	...	...	1	1	H	0	1	March 1 "	Charlton Ath.	...	...	...	H	0	H
March 1 "	Sheffield Wed. (6)	...	...	0	3	A	3	2	" 8 "	Birmingham City	...	0	2	A	0	A
" 8 "	Manchester City	...	...	3	2	H	2	0	" 15 "	Coventry City	...	3	1	A	0	H
" 15 "	Birmingham City	0	3	A	0	3	" 22 "	Northampton T.	4	1	H	0
" 22 "	Tottenham H.	1	3	H	0	2	" 29 "	Tottenham H.	...	4	1	H	0	H
" 29 "	Newcastle United															

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