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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

SUNDERLAND



Official Programme

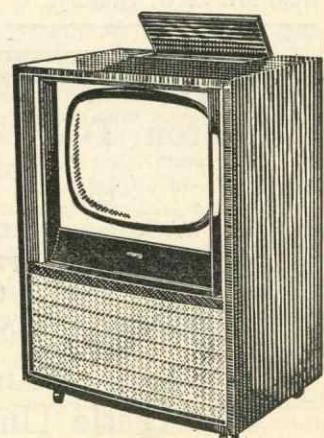
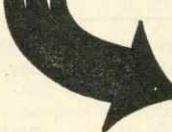
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Several supporters have asked for the teams that played in the game **LUTON v. NEWCASTLE**, on Saturday, 30th November, 1946, and we are pleased to oblige by publishing them below.

**Luton Town****COOKE****SOO****WAUGH**      **DANIEL****Referee: Mr. G. C. APPLEYARD**  
(Rotherham)**PEARSON**      **SHACKLETON****WRIGHT****GRAHAM****Newcastle United**

Luton won 4-3 after being 3-0 down at half-time. The scorers were Billy Waugh and Melville Daniel, with Hughie Billington bringing the score level, and the decider was obtained by Alan Driver and what a shot that was!

**BYWATER****GAGER****BILLINGTON****BEACH****GARDINER****DRIVER****DUNCAN****WAYMAN****SMITH****BENTLEY****MILBURN****HARVEY****CRAIG****SWINBURNE****J. C.**

TRANSCENDING everything in our minds today is the terrible disaster which has overtaken the Manchester United Club this week. It is a disaster which just leaves one dazed and bewildered it is so appalling. One minute the whole party is joking and in the best of spirits, looking forward to a welcome on arrival at home in appreciation of their splendid match at Belgrade in the European Cup, and then suddenly disaster of the first magnitude, depriving the Club of many of its outstanding players and officials, as well as pressmen and friends. It is too early at this juncture to visualise how the Manchester Club will go about trying to put their house in order, but they do have the satisfaction of knowing that they have the sympathy of every Club and indeed of us all and that great efforts will be made by people in the position to do so to alleviate their trouble as much as possible. It is the greatest disaster which has happened in

British sport, and our sympathies go out first to the families in their very sad loss, secondly (if there are degrees of sympathy) to the Club which will feel this blow for many years to come, and then to sport in general for these islands have lost International stars in being and in the making which must result in some loss of power on the International field. It is a very sad event which will have its repercussions for some time to come. We are sure you will all join us in wishing the injured a complete and speedy recovery.

We have been requested by the Football League to have a two minutes' silence as a mark of respect to those who died. Directors of both Clubs with their Players and the Officials appointed to control the match will stand at attention on the field prior to the kick-off while this silence is observed and one verse of "Abide with me" is played by the Luton Band.

**CLUB NOTES**

COMING back to everyday matters, following our visit to Goodison Park, last Saturday, when we returned with full spoils to raise us one place into fifth position in the League, we take on the lads from "Wearsiders" whom we welcome once again to Kenilworth Road. In the fourteen matches played "away" this season we have won 5 of them and drawn 2, conceding only 25 goals in the process, a very creditable performance. According to the Press we were very lucky to receive any share of the spoils and of course we have played much better away from home and yet left both points behind. The facts were however that Everton gained their territorial advantage by huge kicks up the middle of the field hoping something would come of them whereas our lads, while appearing not so effective, played the more combined game which in the end brought the full dividend. The experience of Allan Brown was undoubtedly missed in the middle, for well though Tony Gregory played and tried, he is not so effective a player yet as Brown whose holding together of the line is proving so valuable. It was this connecting link which was missing last Saturday, but Gregory did quite well, for he was playing against one of the best centre half backs in the country from whom few centre forwards receive much change. The man of the match however was Ron Baynham who played yet another tip-top game, stopping all that the eager Everton forwards could muster against him. The defence as a whole played very well indeed and for the second time this season left our opponents' ground without having conceded a goal. With two-thirds of the season's programme completed, and holding fifth place in the Table, the "Hatters" are indeed in a satisfactory position, ready to strengthen and to try and improve that position. It would indeed be a splendid achievement if we could finish in the top four, and we would indeed be very happy to pay out Talent Money to the players who had helped to achieve such success.

Sunderland come here today no doubt determined to prevent a repeat of their two last visits when they were beaten so decisively on each occasion. They went to Newcastle last week and found themselves two goals in arrear at half-time, but a fighting second half brought them two goals to equal the match and so salvage a much-needed point. Having done it then they will be thinking no doubt they can do it again, and so we can

expect quite a ding-dong struggle here this afternoon. Sunderland, once referred to "As the team of all the talents," has been having rather a rough passage these last few years, only escaping relegation last season by the barest margin as the two teams below them dropped into the Second Division. In 1953/54 they finished fifth from bottom, but the following season they finished fourth from top, and in 1955/56 finished one place above ourselves in the middle of the Table. Not much seems to have gone right for them so far this season either for despite one or two expensive captures recently, the biggest being when they signed Charley Hurley from Millwall last September, Bill Holden from Burnley (but now with Stockport County), Don Revie from Manchester City in November, '56; Colin Grainger from Sheffield United, etc., together with the talent which was already available still the "Wearsiders" have found the struggle of keeping their heads above water a worrying task. Their present position is most precarious, and their proud boast of never having played outside Division One of the Football League, the only Club in England to have this honour, looks very much at the moment an uneasy one. When Newcastle United came here earlier in the season everyone expected a decisive win for the "Hatters" but the "Geordies" played that day as if they were back in the days of their zenith beating us most decisively by three clear goals. We learnt a lesson that day, but football being the game it is it must not be taken too much for granted that the "Wearsiders" present position means two easy points in the bag for us. We shall have to fight for any reward we gather for there is no easy match these days.

Again it is our great pleasure to congratulate Vauxhall Motors on their splendid achievements in the F.A. Amateur Cup this season. The way in which they accounted for Devizes in the 2nd Round must give them much hope for further advancement in their fight with Bromley this afternoon. We trust that when the final score comes through that they are still active participants in the Amateur Cup.

Many of you no doubt remember Frank Soo, who was always worth watching with his classical style of play. We have just heard that the Swedish Club Alk (Stockholm) are in danger of being relegated to the Swedish Second Division and have appointed Frank as Coach as they feel he is the man who can steer them from the danger of relegation. We wish him well in his uphill job.

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## FIRST LIST

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

## SECOND LIST

A	Grimsby T.	Lincoln City	.....
B	Ipswich Town	Derby County	.....
C	Liverpool	Charlton Ath.	.....
D	Middlesbro'	Leyton O.	.....
E	Notts. County	Bristol Rov.	.....
F	Sheffield Utd.	Fulham	.....
G	Stoke City	Huddersfield	.....
H	West Ham U.	Barnsley	.....
K	Bournemouth	Norwich City	.....
L	Brighton & H.	Southampton	.....
M	Coventry City	Brentford	.....
N	Exeter City	Plymouth A.	.....

## THIRD LIST

A	Gillingham	Aldershot	.....
B	Millwall	Swindon T.	.....
C	Northampton	Watford	.....
D	Q. P. R.	Port Vale	.....
E	Reading	Crystal Palace	.....
F	Shrewsbury	Torquay Utd.	.....
G	Southend Utd.	Newport Co.	.....
H	Walsall	Colchester U.	.....
K	Bradford City	Scunthorpe	.....
L	Bury	Oldham Ath.	.....
M	Bristol R. Res.	Luton T. Res.	.....

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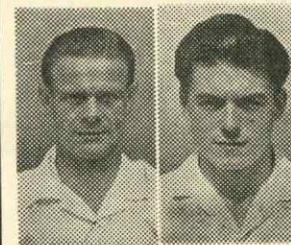
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## DIVISION I and FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES :: 1957 - 1958

1957 FIRST XI—Division 1 Attendance 1956/57							F	A
Aug. 24 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	...	17591	1	0	H	1	0
" 26 Mon.	Blackpool	...	2109	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.	...	15365	0	1	H	5	1
" 21	Bolton Wanderers	...	16754	2	2	A	2	1
" 25	Wednesday	...	39594	1	3	A	0	3
" 26 Thurs.	Manchester Utd.	...	26478	0	2	H	2	2
" 28 Sat.	Arsenal	...	27493	1	2	H	4	0
Jan. 4 Sat.	Stockport C.—F.A. Cup—3	...	18162	A	0	3		
" 11	Wolves	...	30805	4	5	A	1	1
" 18	Aston Villa	...	16619	0	0	H	3	0
" 25	F.A. Cup—4	...						
Feb. 1	Everton	...	26908	1	2	A	2	0
" 8	Sunderland	...	622	H	2			
" 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			
Jan. 4 Sat.	Fulham	...	1676			H	2	2
" 11	Southampton	...	1305			H	6	0
" 18	Swansea Town	...	485			A	2	0
" 25	Queens Park R.	...	1425			H	3	0
Feb. 1	Leicester City	...	2553	1	2	A	1	4
" 8	Bristol Rovers	...						
" 15	Arsenal	...						
" 22	Norwich City	...						
March 1	Charlton Ath.	...						
" 8	Birmingham City	...						
" 15	Coventry City	...						
" 22	Northampton T.	...						
" 29	Tottenham H.	...						
April 4 Fri.	West Ham Utd.	...	0	2	H			
" 5 Sat.	Chelsea	...	2	4	A			
" 7 Mon.	West Ham United	...	...					
" 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 Saturday, 1st February, 1958

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wolverhampton W.	28	18	6	4	68	33	42
Preston North End	28	16	5	7	69	39	37
Manchester United	28	15	6	7	73	47	36
West Bromwich	28	12	11	5	65	49	35
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>
Manchester City	28	15	3	10	72	65	33
Notts. Forest	28	14	4	10	57	40	32
Burnley	28	14	3	11	57	54	31
Chelsea	28	11	7	10	62	56	29
Blackpool	28	12	5	11	49	45	29
Tottenham H.	28	11	6	11	58	61	28
Arsenal	28	12	3	13	47	52	27
Bolton W.	28	11	5	12	49	61	27
Everton	28	8	10	10	41	48	26
Birmingham C.	28	8	8	12	49	68	24
Aston Villa	28	9	5	14	47	58	23
Portsmouth	28	9	4	15	50	56	22
Leeds United	28	8	6	14	36	49	22
Newcastle Utd.	28	8	5	15	45	50	21
<b>SUNDERLAND</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>64</b>	<b></b>

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