

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

Preston North End



Official Programme

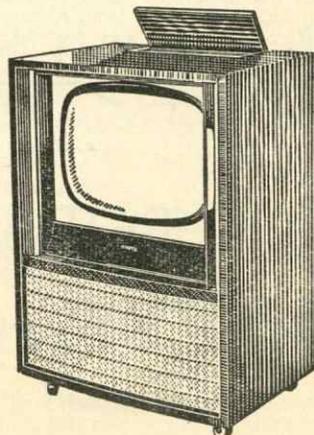
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M. ATCHINS

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S. PRUCE

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D. ORES

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N. U. STOCKS

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F. LORINGS

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S. ERVISS

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B. ATTENS

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CLUB NOTES

Undoubtedly the main topic of conversation these last few days in and around Luton has been the transfer of Reg Pearce to Sunderland. Reg has mentioned several times that he would like to return North as he felt the atmosphere here in Luton was not suiting him, having come from just outside Liverpool where the air is very bracing. As however a direct request for a transfer had not been received the matter had never been discussed at Board Room level. When therefore Manchester United and Sunderland both enquired if we were prepared to transfer him, and making a very good offer, a Board Meeting was called to consider the position. After weighing the pros and cons for some time, it was decided that we would be prepared to transfer Pearce to either of these two Clubs, providing the player wished to move, choice of Club being left to him. We quite imagined when Pearce said he was prepared to consider a move that Manchester United would be the team of his choice and indeed it would have suited us better, for the United had offered us more money for his transfer than Sunderland. We were very surprised therefore when Pearce told us he had decided to sign for Sunderland, the reason being that he felt a return to a seaside town would clear up the sinus trouble he had experienced down here. Choice as to whether he stayed at Luton or joined either of the two Clubs mentioned was left entirely to the player and as he decided to join Sunderland we wish him well with his new Club, trusting Sunderland find in him the material they are looking for to help them get away from the bottom of the Table and so escape relegation which looks most ominous for them at present. We have lost a good player and are very sorry to see him go, but having considered the situation from all angles, including of course the enormous promise of Dave Pacey, we finally agreed to release him if that was his wish.

Immediately preceding this situation was the one created when Jack Crompton informed us last Friday that he had been offered the post of Trainer - Coach with his old Club Manchester United. In view of the predicament in which they now find themselves, due to circumstances entirely beyond their control, they had asked him to return to Old Trafford, as he had such an intimate knowledge of the Club and would be most useful to them at this juncture. Jack felt that under the circumstances he felt his place was at Old Trafford, and so with much reluctance we decided to release him straightaway after the match at Burnley, to enable him to have as much time as possible preparing for the F.A. Cup match the United had with Sheffield Wednesday, last Wednesday. United's gain is our loss, for Jack had settled down here very well, and was liked and respected by all. We trust he will be as happy back at Manchester as he was down here, and that he will always feel he did the right thing.

We of course now had a vacancy on our hands which required early attention, and so Syd Owen was asked if he would take over immediately the position of senior Coach to the Club. Syd had intended to hang up his boots at the end of this season and was seriously thinking of his future. He had many irons in the fire but we are pleased to say he has accepted the post offered to him as player/coach for this season, and then he will take over as senior coach immediately his present contract ends. We are sure we have made a wise move for Syd has given splendid service since he joined us from Birmingham City, in June, 1947 and his knowledge of the game both on and off the

field is much respected. We wish him Good Luck in his new appointment. Both Syd and Jack Crompton coached the part-time players and amateurs each Tuesday and Thursday evenings, but with Jack leaving us another vacancy thus existed. After some thought it was decided to offer Allan Brown the position of Coach to these youngsters, which he was pleased to accept and is quite looking forward to the extra responsibility for this is a step in the direction Allan wishes to take when his time arrives for hanging up his boots. The last few days therefore as will be realized have been busy ones at Kenilworth Road, but taking it right through feel we are not so badly off as at first appeared to be the case, for we feel sure that the training and coaching right through the Club is still in very good hands.

Preston North End are our visitors today, a Club which has a great tradition behind it and has been one of the stalwarts in bringing the game to its present high standard. The Club was formed in 1880, and is one of the twelve original Founder Clubs of the Football League. Their proud record of those early years of the Football League shows what a magnificent team they had, for in the first season, 1888/89, Preston finished top not having suffered a defeat during the season, first again the following season, and at the end of the next three seasons finished in second place, as well as during this time being defeated in the Final of the F.A. Cup in 1887/88 by West Bromwich Albion, but going one better the following April when they beat Wolverhampton by three goals to nil. It was during this period that they received the title "Proud Preston," and many are the tales told of how this title came about. One is that in the F.A. Cup Final of 1887/88, they felt so sure of winning the Cup that they asked to be photographed with the Cup before the match commenced, but how the title actually came about we shall probably never know. We do know however that the Preston team of today is playing very well, at present they hold second position in the First Division and with Tom Finney have on their books one of the foremost gentlemen of the game and who has graced the International field consistently since he was first chosen to play for England against Wales in 1946/47, receiving 23 Caps in all in Home Internationals besides those he has received against foreign countries. We remember very vividly the great duals he and Syd Owen had when Preston last played here in November, 1956—great players both. If we beat Preston today, we go into second place in the Table, a position we shall be very proud to occupy and do our best to retain.

We have been informed that London Transport are arranging to provide transport from Stevenage and Hemel Hempstead for our two home matches at Easter with Chelsea and Leicester City as they did for the Christmas games. So many took advantage of this extra transport at Christmas that the same facilities are being provided, and those of you who are interested are asked to contact your local Bus Depot.

Book your copy of "Express Weekly" for the issue of March 8th, when Gordon Turner is the player chosen that week in the series "They've made their Mark."

You will notice the Television cameras are here today. Excerpts from this match will be given in Sports Special tonight in the B.B.C. Service commencing at 10.35 p.m. We hope there will be quite a few exciting incidents to watch all over again this evening, with a few goals into the bargain.

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5 Owen Centre Half

9 Brown Centre



9 Hattell Centre

Dunn Centre Half

Else Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3 Hawkes Left Back

6 Pacey Left Half

10 Groves Inside Left

11 McLeod Outside Left

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Today's Half - Time Scores

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FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

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

THIRD LIST

A	Gillingham	Brentford
B	Millwall	Torquay Utd.
C	Newport Co.	Shrewsbury
D	Plymouth A.	Northampton
E	Port Vale	Reading
F	Q. P. R.	Norwich City
G	Southampton	Coventry City
H	Southend Utd.	Bournemouth
K	Swindon T.	Crystal Palace
L	Darlington	Bury
M	Norwich Res.	Luton T. Res.
N	Ilford	Vauxhall M.

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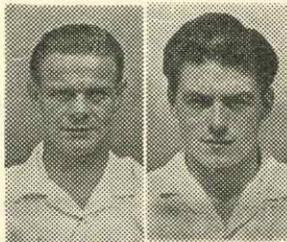
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1957 FIRST XI—Division I		Attendance 1956/57		F A	
Aug. 24 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	17591	1 0	H	1 0
.. 26 Mon.	Blackpool	21099	0 4	A	2 1
.. 31 Sat.	Arsenal	50111	3 1	A	0 2
Sept. 4 Wed.	Blackpool	19567	0 2	H	2 0
.. 7 Sat.	Wolves	22030	1 0	H	3 1
.. 11 Wed.	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.	15365	0 1	H	5 1
.. 21 ..	Bolton Wanderers	16754	2 2	A	2 1
.. 25 Wed.	Manchester United	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
1958	Stockport C.—F.A. Cup—3	18162	A	0 3	
Jan. 4 Sat.	Wolves	30805	4 5	A	1 1
.. 11 ..	Aston Villa	16619	0 0	H	3 0
.. 18 ..	F.A. Cup—4	..	..	..	..
.. 25 ..	..	..	..	..	..
Feb. 1 ..	Everton	26908	1 2	A	2 0
.. 8 ..	Sunderland	15932	6 2	H	7 1
.. 15 ..	Burnley (5)	16260	1 1	A	2 1
.. 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	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 2
.. 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	2 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	1654	3 5	A	3 7
.. 21 ..	Plymouth A.	1645	5 2	H	5 2
.. 25 Wed.	..	..	..	..	..
.. 26 Thurs.	..	..	..	..	..
.. 28 Sat.	Ipswich Town	3434	1 1	A	2 3
1958	..	..	..	..	..
Jan. 4 Sat.	Fulham	1676	..	H	2 2
.. 11 ..	Southampton	1305	..	H	6 0
.. 18 ..	Swansea Town	485	2 0	A	2 0
.. 25 ..	Queens Park R.	1425	5 0	H	3 0
Feb. 1 ..	Leicester City	2553	1 2	A	1 4
.. 8 ..	Bristol Rovers	3146	..	A	4 4
.. 15 ..	Arsenal	2967	5 1	H	5 0
.. 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	..

League Table, 1957 - 58

DIVISION I

Up to and including Saturday, 15th February, 1958

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wolverhampton W.	28	18	6	4	68	33	42
PRESTON N. E.	29	17	5	7	71	39	39
LUTON TOWN	30	17	4	9	56	39	38
West Bromwich	29	13	11	5	68	51	37
Manchester United	28	15	6	7	73	47	36
Manchester City	29	15	3	11	73	70	33
Notts. Forest	30	14	4	12	60	45	32
Tottenham H.	30	13	6	11	65	63	32
Blackpool	29	13	5	11	53	46	31
Chelsea	30	12	7	11	65	60	31
Burnley	29	14	3	12	58	56	31
Bolton Wan.	29	11	6	12	51	63	28
Arsenal	28	12	3	13	47	52	27
Everton	29	8	11	10	43	50	27
Birmingham C.	28	8	8	12	49	68	24
Portsmouth	29	9	5	15	52	58	23
Aston Villa	29	9	5	15	48	64	23
Leicester City	30	9	4	17	59	77	22
Leeds United	28	8	6	14	36	49	21
Newcastle Utd.	28	8	5	15	45	50	21
Sunderland	30	6	9	15	36	75	21
Sheffield Wed.	29	7	4	18	53	74	18

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 1st March, 1958

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton Town Reserves

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