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**SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, 1958**

## **THE HARD ROAD AHEAD**

**G**OOD AFTERNOON — It takes a lot of hard graft to make up for two very lean months, but Blues are quite capable of a fight to the finish. There are several clubs who have had matters harder than we have this season, but we are not relying on them for our safety. The future of Birmingham City is in our own hands, and we're determined to keep it so even though there are times when fate scorns super-human efforts.

Luton Town, our visitors this afternoon, have enjoyed a highly successful run as their League position indicates. But since their 2-1 victory at Burnley on February 15th, they have been beaten 3-1 at home by Preston North End, and then beaten 2-1 by Sheffield Wednesday, and last week were again on the losing end when Manchester City won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road.

At Luton earlier this season Blues came unstuck to the tune of three goals all scored in the first 50 minutes. This afternoon we are hoping for revenge and a repeat of the corresponding game last season when the three-goal margin was in favour of Birmingham (Brown (2) and Orritt).

Last week's display at Bolton left a lot to be desired as they say, but the Bolton effort was not exactly inspiring for the Cup semi-finalists. Their notorious offside trap was freely exploited and in one session goalkeeper Hopkinson must have set up a record for the number of back passes he collected. However, Nat Lofthouse got the goal that mattered in the 66th minute.

# TALKING

by the Editor

HELLO—It doesn't seem a year since we were sweating on our Cup semi-final game against Manchester United at Sheffield this? Yet here we are with the new United in Birmingham for another semi-final at Villa Park next week.

Which reminds me that Blues weren't the only team to have it short and sweet in this season's Cup competition. Luton were also knocked out in the third round — 3-0 at Stockport.

The Hatters have not had a great deal of satisfaction from their last seven games at St. Andrew's. Five matches have gone in favour of Birmingham with two drawn.

Gordon Turner has kept Luton well in the goal scoring picture this term. His goal against Wednesday brought his tally to 28 to draw level with Preston's Tommy Thompson.

Turner, remember, got two goals against Blues at Kenilworth Road last November. Left-winger McLeod scored the other.

## POINTS

Last week-end was a gloomy day for Blues and Luton. While we were leaving the points at Bolton as a result of Nat Lofthouse's second-half goal, Luton were being beaten at home by Manchester City.

Our Reserves were in opposition at St. Andrew's and after 80 minutes, with Birmingham leading 2-1, a snowstorm obliterated the ground and the match was abandoned.

Trevor Smith's thigh injury forced him to cry off at the last minute at Bolton, and Graham Sissons made his debut at centre-half with the seniors. Naturally Nat Lofthouse isn't the easiest of characters to deal with, but Graham put up a stout show.

Blues are all set for a busy flying session. For the fixture with Valencia in Spain on March 19th, the team will leave London airport on March 17th, returning on the 20th. On Easter Friday the team will take to the air again for the clash with Portsmouth at Fratton Park.

After that match Blues will fly to Sunderland ready for Saturday's game, and return by air the same night.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE MATCH  
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## WILLIE HUME

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## LAST WEEK'S LINE-UP

### BOLTON WANDERERS 1, BIRMINGHAM CITY 0

Bolton Wanderers : Hopkinson ; Hartle, Banks ; Stanley, Higgins, Edwards ; Birch, Stevens, Lofthouse, Parry, Holden.

Birmingham City : Merrick ; Hall, Green ; Larkin, Sissons, Neal ; Astall, Orritt, Brown, Murphy, Hooper.

Referee : E. R. Hill (Chester).

Scorer : Lofthouse.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE BIRMINGHAM CITY RESERVES 2, LUTON TOWN RESERVES 1

(Abandoned after 84 minutes)

Birmingham City Reserves : Schofield ; Farmer, Devine ; Mullett, Watts, Penzer ; Hellawell, Hume, Houghton, Jones, Govan.

Luton Town Reserves : Marsh ; Price, A'herne ; McGuffie, Kelly, Hetherington ; Whitby, Cullen, Gregory, Cummings, Legate.

Referee : A. Walters (Warwick).

Scorers : Govan and Houghton for Birmingham. Devine for Luton.

### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE, DIVISION II SUTTON TOWN 1, BIRMINGHAM CITY "A" 1

(Abandoned after 78 minutes)

Sutton Town : Taylor ; Lines, Bench ; Horlick, Toussaint, Haycock ; Watson, Roberts, Keogh, Sharples, Johnson.

Birmingham City "A" : Withers ; Kennea, Allen ; Small, Louw, Wheelton ; Birch, Harper, Hinton, Cochran, Boyd.

Referee : G. Pankhurst (Warwick).

Scorers : Keogh for Sutton. Birch for Birmingham.

## FOOTBALL AT ST. ANDREW'S

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd

### SOUTHEND UNITED RESERVES

KICK-OFF 3 P.M.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

## OUR VISITORS

Ground : Kenilworth Road.

Record Attendance : 28,433 v. Arsenal (Cup), March 1st, 1952.

Colours : White shirts.

Manager : Mr. "Dally" Duncan.

Last Season's Marksmen : Turner 30  
Brown, Cullen, Morton 5, Groves 4,  
Gregory 3, McLeod, Shanks, Legate,  
Pearce, Adam, Pemberton 1 each.

F.A. Cup : Turner 1, Davies 1.

### A WORTHY CAUSE

The Club wishes to thank the Committee and the Members of the Supporters Club for their help with the wonderful collection of £258 11s. 3d. in aid of the Manchester United Memorial Fund. Very many thanks also to those supporters who gave so freely.

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## SCORERS AND APPEARANCES

(Up to 8th March)

FIRST TEAM—Brown 30, Neal and Murphy 29,  
Smith 28, Hall and Merrick 27, Astall 26,  
Green and Govan 21, Watts 19, Kinsey and  
Orritt 15, Larkin 14, Farmer 13, Hooper 12,  
Newman 6, Schofield 5, Neale and Allen (G.) 4,  
Mullett 3, Houghton 2, Hellawell, Jones and  
Sissons 1.

GOAL SCORERS—Murphy 17, Brown 13, Kinsey  
and Orritt 5, Neal (R.) 4, Hooper and Astall 3,  
Govan 2, Watts, Hellawell and Neale (K.) 1.

SECOND TEAM—Sissons 25, Mullett and Hellawell  
22, Allen (G.) and Jones 21, Schofield 20,  
Farmer, Cochrane and Cox 13, Larkin, Orritt  
and Houghton 12, Allen (R.) and Green 10,  
Kinsey, Govan and Devine 9, Withers and  
Hinton 8, Harper and Warmington 7, Newman  
and Abbott 6, Watts 5, Neale (K.) 4, Astall,  
Hall and Penzer 3, Neal (R.) and Hume 2,  
Green (D.) and Murphy 1.

GOAL SCORERS—Kinsey and Hellawell 7, Govan  
and Houghton 6, Cox, Cochrane and Jones 5,  
Astall 4, Hinton 3, Larkin, Orritt, Allen (R.)  
and Warmington 2, Harper, Murphy, Abbott,  
Penzer and Hume 1.

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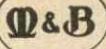
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ASTALL	ORRITT	MURPHY		
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			BROWN	
			9	
			GROVES	
			9	
			TURNER	
			8	
			ADAM	
			7	
			McGUFFIE	
			4	
			DUNNE	
			2	
			BAYNHAM	



Referee :  
Mr. R. E. SMITH  
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## Who's Who at Luton

**R**ON BAYNHAM (goalkeeper), is a Birmingham-born player, who made the big-time via Worcester City, the Southern League club. Capped for England in 1955-56 against Ireland, Denmark and Spain. He is one of the reasons why the Bedford club are having one of their better seasons.

**SEAMUS DUNNE** (right-back), has been a consistent defender for Luton ever since he was signed from Shelbourne in 1950. He is an Eire international and for a long time was a regular member of the XI.

**KEN HAWKES** (left-back), took the place of Eire international Bud Aherne a short while ago. He didn't make an appearance in the first team last season.

**BOB MORTON** (right-half), "Mr. Utility" of the Luton side. He plays anywhere with equal success. He has been selected to tour Ghana with the F.A. party this coming summer. An England "B" international.

**TERRY KELLY** (centre-half), has recently taken over from Sid Owen, who is now trainer-coach to the club. The son of Tim Kelly, the Bedford Town manager, he joined the club in 1951 from Vauxhall Motors. A versatile defender, he has played in all three half-back positions.

**JOHN GROVES** (left-half), was formerly an inside forward. He is the son of a former Derby County player. He should now make the position his own following the transfer of Reg Pearce to Sunderland.

**JIMMY ADAM** (outside-right), was formerly an outside-left. Signed from the North-East club Spennymoor United in 1953. A fast raiding winger, he combines well with Turner and Brown.

**GORDON TURNER** (inside-right), Luton's leading goalscorer. He is a menace to defences. He has benefited undoubtedly from the inclusion of Allan Brown in the side. Born at Doncaster, he is yet another son of a former League player. Thought by many to be unlucky not to have gained representative honours.

**ALLAN BROWN** (centre-forward), is one of the game's unluckiest players, having missed two Cup Finals through injury. He is in the running for a place in Scotland's World Cup party—fitness permitting. He joined Luton Town from Blackpool nearly two seasons ago.

**GEORGE CUMMINGS** (inside-left), along with Brown is the only big money buy the club have made in recent years. He arrived at Kenilworth Road from Everton in 1953. He has been capped several times for Eire.

**GEORGE McLEOD** (outside-left), is fast making the position his own. He is keeping Scottish international Mike Cullen in the reserves. Last term he made 15 first team appearances.

**TONY GREGORY** (inside-left), is a capable young reserve. Last season he played 13 times for the first team. A product of Vauxhall Motors.

## LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION I							DIVISION II								
	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>P.</i>		<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>P.</i>
Wolves	31	21	4	6	79	37	48	West Ham U.	33	18	6	84	46	45	
Preston N.E.	32	19	8	5	79	44	43	Charlton A.	33	19	9	5	81	57	43
W.B. Albion	31	14	5	12	74	53	40	Liverpool	34	16	10	8	65	51	40
Luton Town	33	17	12	4	59	46	38	Blackburn R.	32	14	7	11	56	41	39
Manchester C.	33	17	12	4	84	83	38	Fulham	30	14	7	9	70	43	37
Manchester U.	30	15	8	7	74	52	37	Stoke City	33	16	12	5	65	51	37
Nottingham F.	33	15	13	5	64	50	35	Sheffield U.	31	14	9	8	54	42	36
Tottenham H.	32	14	11	7	71	68	35	Huddersfield T.	33	11	8	14	53	51	36
Blackpool	32	14	12	6	61	52	34	Ipswich Town	33	13	10	10	56	56	36
Chelsea	32	13	12	7	72	66	33	Leyton Orient	31	15	12	4	68	58	34
Burnley	32	15	14	3	61	63	33	Barnsley	32	12	10	10	57	52	34
Bolton W.	32	13	12	7	56	66	33	Middlesbrough	32	13	12	7	59	54	33
Everton	32	10	11	11	50	54	31	Grimsby Town	32	14	14	4	73	64	32
Arsenal	32	13	15	4	58	66	30	Bristol Rovers	31	14	13	4	65	60	32
Aston Villa	32	11	16	5	56	69	27	Cardiff City	30	10	12	8	46	54	28
Birmingham City	32	9	14	9	55	76	27	Derby County	33	11	16	6	53	65	28
Leicester City	33	10	18	5	70	86	25	Rotherham	32	10	17	5	48	75	25
Portsmouth	31	8	16	6	54	62	24	Doncaster R.	33	7	16	10	41	61	24
Leeds United	31	9	16	6	41	54	24	Bristol City	32	8	16	8	43	65	24
Newcastle U.	31	9	17	5	50	58	23	Notts County	32	9	18	5	35	60	23
Sheffield W.	32	8	18	6	60	80	22	Swanside Town	33	7	19	7	50	83	21
Sunderland	33	6	17	10	41	84	22	Lincoln City	31	5	17	9	35	68	19

## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Birmingham City Supporters' Club have now moved into new headquarters at The New Inns, Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, Telephone: MID 4052, where they are in residence every Thursday night 8 o'clock.

On March 29th the Executive Committee will entertain the Everton Supporters' Club at concert to be held at The Crown Hotel, Hill Street, Birmingham. Tickets 2/- available at your local branch. All you supporters who made the trip to Everton remember the grand time you had, now come along and give them a welcome.

## LUTON TOWN'S RECORD TO DATE

Aug. 24	Bolton Wanderers	..	(H)	1-0
" 26	Blackpool	..	(A)	2-1
" 31	Arsenal	..	(A)	0-2
Sept. 4	Blackpool	..	(H)	2-0
" 7	Wolverhampton W.	..	(H)	3-1
" 11	Leeds United	..	(A)	1-1
" 14	Aston Villa	..	(A)	0-2
" 21	Everton	..	(H)	0-1
" 28	Sunderland	..	(A)	0-3
Oct. 5	Burnley	..	(H)	3-2
" 12	Preston North End	..	(A)	0-1
" 19	Sheffield Wednesday	..	(H)	2-0
" 26	Manchester City	..	(A)	2-2
Nov. 2	Birmingham City	..	(H)	3-0
" 9	Chelsea	..	(A)	3-1
" 16	Newcastle United	..	(H)	0-3
" 23	Tottenham Hotspur	..	(A)	1-3
" 30	Nottingham Forest	..	(H)	3-1
Dec. 7	Portsmouth	..	(A)	0-5
" 14	West Bromwich Albion	..	(H)	5-1
" 21	Bolton Wanderers	..	(A)	2-1
" 25	Manchester United	..	(A)	0-3
" 26	Manchester United	..	(H)	2-2
" 28	Arsenal	..	(H)	4-0
Jan. 11	Wolverhampton W.	..	(A)	1-1
" 18	Aston Villa	..	(H)	3-0
Feb. 1	Everton	..	(A)	2-0
" 8	Sunderland	..	(H)	7-1
" 15	Burnley	..	(A)	2-1
" 22	Preston North End	..	(H)	1-3
Mar. 1	Sheffield Wednesday	..	(A)	1-2
" 8	Manchester City	..	(H)	1-2
	(F.A. Cup)			
Jan. 4	Stockport County	..	(A)	0-3

## BAND PROGRAMME

1. MARCH—"The Conqueror" arr. Moorhouse
2. INTERMEZZO—"Aisha" arr. Lindsey
3. SELECTION—"Arcadians" arr. Monkton
4. VALSE—"The Veleta" arr. H. Talbot
5. SELECTION—"Milestone of Melody" arr. G. Mackenzie
- INTERVAL  
"The Middy"  
"Thin Red Line"
- CONCLUSION  
"Viscount Nelson"  
"The Volunteer"

## AND A VERY KIND THOUGHT

A number of our supporters travelling to Manchester for our game at Maine Road on March 5th decided to make a collection *en route* for the Munich Disaster Fund. The Secretary of Manchester City, Mr. W. Griffiths, acknowledges the sum of £5 13s. 8d. which he has handed over to this deserving fund.



## KEY TO SCORE BOARD

A	PRESTON NORTH END v. LEEDS UNITED	...	...	...	...
B	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. BOLTON WANDERERS	...	...	...	...
C	NOTTINGHAM FOREST v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	...	...	...	...
D	PORTSMOUTH v. ASTON VILLA	...	...	...	...
E	NEWCASTLE UNITED v. LEICESTER CITY	...	...	...	...
F	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. SUNDERLAND	...	...	...	...
G	MANCHESTER CITY v. ARSENAL	...	...	...	...
H	WEST BROMWICH ALBION v. EVERTON	...	...	...	...
I	CHELSEA v. BLACKPOOL	...	...	...	...
J	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALB. RES. v. BIRMINGHAM CITY RES.	...	...	...	...
K	BURNLEY v. MANCHESTER UNITED	...	...	...	...
L	COVENTRY CITY v. QUEENS PARK RANGERS	...	...	...	...
M	WALSALL v. EXETER CITY	...	...	...	...
N	CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. SWANSEA TOWN	...	...	...	...
O	STOKE CITY v. BLACKBURN ROVERS	...	...	...	...
P	DONCASTER ROVERS v. FULHAM	...	...	...	...
R	LEYTON ORIENT v. DERBY COUNTY	...	...	...	...
S	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v. WEST HAM UNITED	...	...	...	...

## Fixture List, 1957-58

FIRST DIVISION					
Date	Name of Club	Gr.	F. A.		
1957					
Aug. 24	Aston Villa	...	H	3-1	
28	Nottingham Forest	...	A	1-1	
31	Chelsea	...	A	1-5	
Sept. 4	Nottingham Forest	...	H	0-2	
7	Newcastle United	...	H	1-4	
11	Tottenham Hotspur	...	H	0-0	
14	Burnley	...	A	1-3	
18	Tottenham Hotspur	...	A	1-7	
21	Preston North End	...	H	3-1	
28	Sheffield Wednesday	...	A	3-5	
Oct. 1	West Bromwich Albion	...	A	0-0	
5	Manchester City	...	H	4-0	
12	Wolverhampton W.	...	H	1-5	
19	Arsenal	...	A	3-1	
26	Bolton Wanderers	...	H	5-1	
Nov. 2	Luton Town	...	A	0-3	
9	Sunderland	...	H	2-3	
16	Everton	...	(1)	2-0	
23	Blackpool	...	H	0-0	
30	Leeds United	...	A	1-1	
Dec. 7	Manchester United	(2)	H	3-3	
14	Leicester City	...	A	2-2	
21	Aston Villa	...	H	3-5	
26	West Bromwich Albion	...	H	3-3	
28	Chelsea	...	H	3-3	
1958					
Jan. 8	York City	...	A	0-3	
11	Newcastle United	...	A	2-1	
18	Burnley	...	H	2-3	
Feb. 1	Preston North End	...	A	0-8	
22	Wolverhampton W.	...	A	1-5	
Mar. 1	Arsenal	...	(6)	H	4-1
5	Manchester City	...	A	1-1	
8	Bolton Wanderers	...	A	0-1	
12	Sheffield Wednesday	...	H		
15	Luton Town	...	(S.F.)	A	
22	Blackpool	...	A		
29	Everton	...	H		
April 4	Portsmouth	...	A		
5	Sunderland	...	A		
7	Portsmouth	...	H		
12	Leeds United	...	H		
19	Manchester United	...	A		
26	Leicester City	...	H		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION					
Date	Name of Club	Gr.	F. A.		
1957					
Aug. 24	Leyton Orient	...	A	0-1	
28	Swansea Town	...	H	2-2	
31	Northampton Town	...	H	3-2	
Sept. 5	Swansea Town	...	A	0-2	
7	Brentford	...	A	2-3	
14	Charlton Athletic	...	H	2-2	
21	Watford	...	A	1-0	
28	Millwall	...	H	5-0	
Oct. 2	Leicester City	...	A	1-2	
5	Crystal Palace	...	A	3-1	
19	Southampton	...	H	1-3	
26	Luton Town	...	A	3-2	
Nov. 2	Brighton & Hove A.	...	H	1-2	
9	Southend United	...	A	4-1	
16	Arsenal	...	H	0-2	
23	Bristol Rovers	...	A	2-3	
30	Plymouth Argyle	...	H	3-3	
Dec. 7	West Ham United	...	A	2-4	
14	Fulham	...	H	1-5	
21	Leyton Orient	...	H	4-1	
26	Coventry City	...	A	0-0	
28	Northampton Town	...	A	2-3	
1958					
Jan. 4	Cardiff City	...	H	2-3	
11	Brentford	...	H	3-2	
18	Charlton Athletic	...	A	1-6	
Feb. 1	Watford	...	H	2-1	
8	Crystal Palace	...	H	5-2	
15	Ipswich Town	...	H	5-1	
22	Southampton	...	A	1-2	
29	Brighton & Hove A.	...	A		
15	Southend United	...	H		
22	Arsenal	...	A		
29	Everton	...	H		
April 4	Tottenham Hotspur	...	H		
5	Bristol Rovers	...	H		
7	Tottenham Hotspur	...	A		
12	Plymouth Argyle	...	H		
14	Coventry City	...	H		
19	West Ham United	...	H		
23	Ipswich Town	...	A		
26	Fulham	...	A		
28	Cardiff City	...	H		
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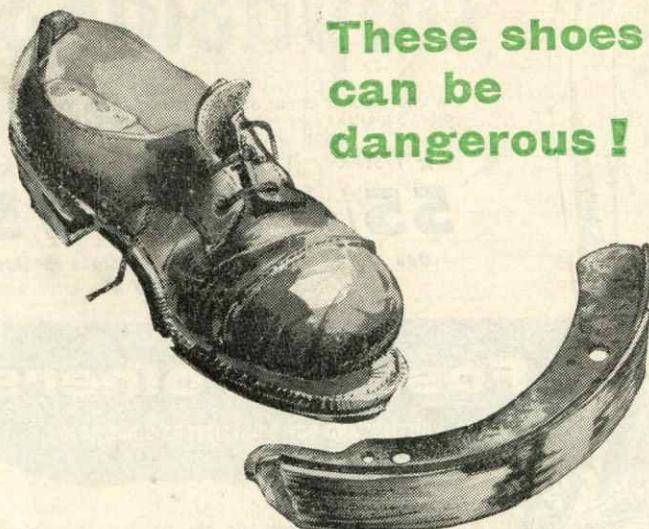
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