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SMITH'S COACHES

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

SOUTHEND

FARE 12/6

Depart Mill Lane 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7th

WALSALL

FARE 13/9

Depart Mill Lane 9.30 a.m.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Reading General depart 10.30 a.m.

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Bookings will cease at or before Noon, April 11th

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FROM THE

MANAGER'S OFFICE

Good Evening, Ladies & Gentlemen,

On Saturday last, we made the long journey to Exeter City in search of League points. Dick Spiers came into the side at left half back in place of Tommy Cronin, this being the only change in the team.

The ground was very hard and a strong wind was blowing from goal to goal. In the opening half we had the advantage of the elements and did most of the attacking. After some twenty five minutes play we took the lead, when a through ball from Tommy Dixon found Jimmy Wheeler, who took the ball in and as the keeper came out, lobbed it over his head into the net.

We had several chances and also "near misses" but at half time we still led by the only goal scored.

In the second half with the wind behind them, Exeter City had most of the game and it appeared from the touch lines only a matter of time before they scored. However, our defence held out for some seventy five minutes although they were never the compact force they had been in previous games, and it was no surprise at all when they equalised. Our attack was very seldom in the picture and was most disjointed but collecting a point away from home was highly satisfactory and in spite of everything, we are still in with a chance.

Our Football Combination side entertained Ipswich Town and were defeated by four goals to nil.

Conditions here were somewhat similar to those at Exeter and were not conducive to good football. Our side which included three amateur players, did not have one of their best games, and on the day's play, victory went to the better team.

The 'A' team met Newport Res. at Basingstoke, and won a hard game by two goals to one, against a very strong side.

It is very pleasing to note that our 'A' team have won their last three matches and every credit must go to them in their fight to avoid relegation.

Presenting . . .

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

whose Directors, Officials and Players we welcome to Elm Park this evening for our Southern Floodlight Cup Competition Semi-Final. It will be recalled that our two Clubs met in the Final of this Competition last year when our visitors were successful.

We append some interesting information concerning this popular Bedfordshire Club.

Founded 1885. Ground: Kenilworth Road, Luton. Capacity: 30,000. Record attendance: 28,433 v. Arsenal, March 8th, 1952. Secretary: Mr. P. Coley. Manager: Mr. D. Duncan. Principal honours: Champions Division Three South, 1936-37. Runners-up, Division Two, 1954-55. Runners-up Southern League, Division One, 1894-95, 1895-96. Record Victory: 12-0 versus Bristol Rovers, April 13th, 1936. Record defeat: 12-3 versus Southampton, March 3rd, 1943.

Football League record, 1956-57.

Played 42, won 14, drawn 9, lost 19. Goals for 58, against 76. Points 37.

Football League goalscorers, 1956-57.

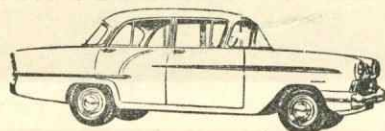
Turner 30, Brown 5, Cullen 5, Morten 5, Groves 4, Gregory 3, McLeod, Shanks, Leagate, Pearce, Adams, Pemberton each 1.

The Man on the Cover . . .

DENIS PENFORD (Full Back)

Now in his sixth season with our Club, Denis is one of our local born players, who joined the Club as an amateur player in 1950 and signed as a professional on May 13th, 1952.

During his period of National Service assisted the Royal Air Force in representative matches.



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LEAGUE III (SOUTH)

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------------------------|----|----|---|-----|
| 1958 | | | | | |
| Feb. | 1—Watford | .. | .. | A | 1—1 |
| " | 8—Crystal Palace | .. | .. | H | 2—2 |
| " | 15—Torquay United | .. | .. | A | 4—1 |
| " | 19—Millwall | .. | .. | H | 4—1 |
| " | 22—Port Vale | .. | .. | A | 2—1 |
| Mar. | 1—Newport County | .. | .. | H | 1—0 |
| " | 8—Southampton | .. | .. | A | 1—0 |
| " | 11—Brentford | .. | .. | A | 1—2 |
| " | 15—Brighton & Hove | .. | .. | H | 1—1 |
| " | 17—Queen's Park Rangers | .. | .. | A | 0—3 |
| " | 22—Exeter City | .. | .. | A | 1—1 |
| " | 29—Swindon Town | .. | .. | H | |
| April | 4—Walsall | .. | .. | H | |
| " | 5—Southend United | .. | .. | A | |
| " | 7—Walsall | .. | .. | A | |
| " | 12—Gillingham | .. | .. | H | |
| " | 19—Millwall | .. | .. | A | |
| " | 23—Brentford | .. | .. | H | |

COMBINATION LEAGUE

| | | | | | |
|-------|------------------------|----|----|---|-----|
| 1958 | | | | | |
| Feb. | 1—Charlton Athletic | .. | .. | H | 3—3 |
| " | 8—Watford | .. | .. | A | 1—3 |
| " | 22—Swindon Town | .. | .. | H | 1—0 |
| Mar. | 1—Bristol Rovers | .. | .. | A | 0—1 |
| " | 8—Arsenal | .. | .. | H | 5—1 |
| " | 15—Aldershot | .. | .. | A | 2—1 |
| " | 22—Ipswich Town | .. | .. | H | 0—4 |
| " | 29—Plymouth Argyle | .. | .. | A | |
| April | 4—Bristol City | .. | .. | A | |
| " | 5—West Ham United | .. | .. | H | |
| " | 7—Bristol City | .. | .. | H | |
| " | 12—Queen's Pk. Rangers | .. | .. | A | |
| " | 19—Leicester City | .. | .. | H | |
| " | 26—Millwall | .. | .. | A | |

ELM PARK ATTRACTIONS

SATURDAY NEXT, MARCH 29th

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SWINDON TOWN

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 4th

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

WALSALL

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE DIVISION THREE (South)

(Up to and including 22nd March, 1958)

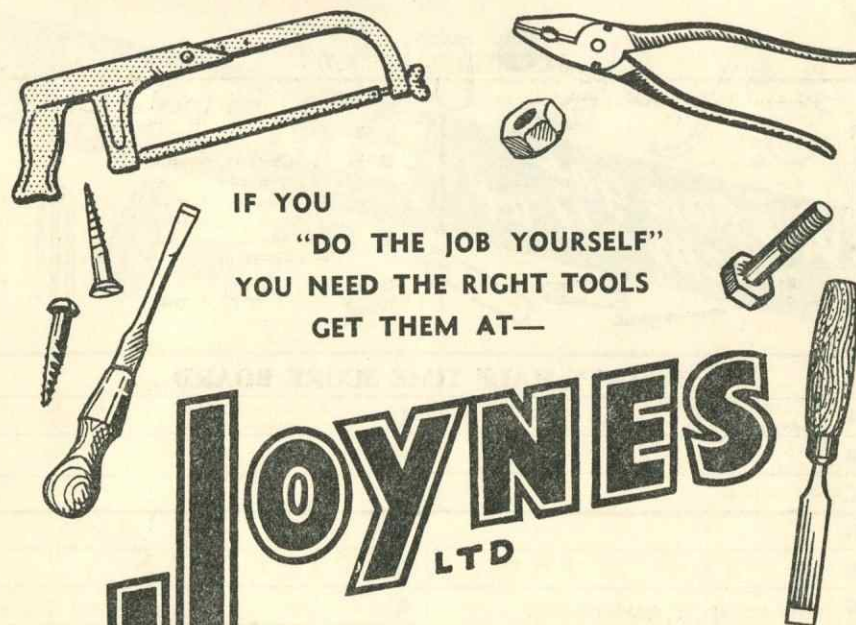
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|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| READING | 39 | 19 | 11 | 19 | 70 | 42 | 49 |
| Brighton | 36 | 20 | 9 | 7 | 69 | 49 | 49 |
| Plymouth | 37 | 22 | 4 | 11 | 58 | 40 | 48 |
| Swindon | 39 | 16 | 14 | 9 | 69 | 47 | 46 |
| Norwich | 37 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 58 | 57 | 44 |
| Southampton | 38 | 17 | 9 | 12 | 94 | 63 | 43 |
| Brentford | 36 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 68 | 50 | 43 |
| Newport | 37 | 15 | 11 | 11 | 59 | 49 | 41 |
| Southend | 35 | 15 | 10 | 10 | 68 | 40 | 40 |
| Colchester | 37 | 15 | 10 | 12 | 62 | 65 | 40 |
| Q.P.R. | 38 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 51 | 56 | 40 |
| Bournemouth | 36 | 17 | 5 | 14 | 65 | 58 | 39 |
| Port Vale | 36 | 15 | 8 | 13 | 59 | 37 | 38 |
| Shrewsbury | 37 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 41 | 52 | 36 |
| Crystal Palace | 36 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 54 | 55 | 34 |
| Watford | 36 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 48 | 54 | 34 |
| Aldershot | 38 | 9 | 13 | 16 | 47 | 76 | 31 |
| Northampton | 35 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 52 | 63 | 29 |
| Walsall | 37 | 11 | 7 | 19 | 48 | 60 | 29 |
| Coventry | 36 | 9 | 10 | 17 | 42 | 70 | 28 |
| Millwall | 38 | 10 | 7 | 21 | 54 | 71 | 27 |
| Exeter | 37 | 9 | 7 | 21 | 52 | 82 | 25 |
| Gillingham | 35 | 9 | 7 | 19 | 39 | 63 | 25 |
| Torquay | 36 | 7 | 10 | 19 | 37 | 65 | 24 |

FOOTBALL LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

| | | | |
|------------------|------|------|----|
| Tommy Dixon | .... | .... | 24 |
| Jimmy Wheeler | .... | .... | 12 |
| Dougie Webb | .... | .... | 8 |
| Jimmy Whitehouse | .... | .... | 7 |
| Ray Reeves | .... | .... | 5 |
| Peter Harrison | .... | .... | 4 |
| Maurice Evans | .... | .... | 2 |
| Johnnie Walker | .... | .... | 2 |
| Sylvan Anderton | | | 1 |
| Bobby Campbell | | | 1 |
| Tommy Cronin | | | 1 |
| Harry Gunning | | | 1 |
| Eddie McLaren | | | 1 |

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|------------------|------|------|---|
| Tommy Dixon | | | 2 |
| Jimmy Whitehouse | | | 1 |



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