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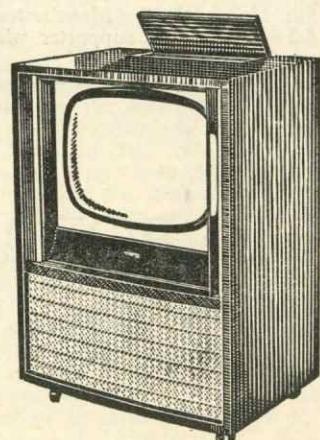
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S. PRUCE

9

Centre Forward
S. ERVISS

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CLUB NOTES

A HAPPY EASTER to you all! Easter time is with us once again and another Season is rapidly drawing to a close. The majority of clubs have three games to play in four days this Easter and this makes for really tough going, coming so near the end of the season's programme. Many of the battles to be fought this Easter will have a definite bearing on promotion or relegation and teams that will be able to produce that extra "something" and avoid injuries will be the ones to gain a higher status or avoid the drop to a lower division.

Unfortunately there is no championship stamp and luckily no relegation gloom hanging over our match today, but nevertheless we welcome Chelsea to Kenilworth Road with the expectancy of a fine display of "young" football from them.

Our visitors, Chelsea, so often nicknamed the "Pensioners" are really quite the reverse. Today they have one of the youngest sides in the First Division and we can expect a lively, energetic display from them this afternoon. Of late Chelsea's young eleven have not achieved the success they have deserved and the results of their past few games have been most disappointing. Last Saturday they met a struggling Sunderland side and although on top, failed to score and the match became as woolly as a Pensioner's beard and finally fizzled out in a 0-0 draw.

Many Town supporters will recall our visit to Chelsea last November when our team had a great success, coming home with two points from their well-earned 3-1 victory. We hope that our lads will be able to repeat that performance here this afternoon and we look to Gordon Turner to score another hat-trick of the calibre he produced against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. Those of you with longer memories will recall that on their last visit to Kenilworth Road, Chelsea rather over-powered us and ran out easy winners by 4 goals to nil. Being Easter, we hope you will "egg on" our lads to reverse the score this year.

Today, by virtue of the variation of the Easter Holiday in the Midlands whereby they work on Good Friday and have a holiday on Easter Tuesday, we have an added advantage over our opponents. Yesterday for our lads was a day of rest but for the Chelsea players it was a day with a hard fixture against Nottingham Forest at Stamford Bridge. Although these notes were written before the result of this Chelsea v. Notts. Forest clash was known, it may have a marked effect on our opponents here today. However, on behalf of all the fans here this afternoon we hope that no injuries will have been sustained by any of the skilful young Chelsea players as we are sure you are all anxious to see the artistry of players like Greaves and Brabrook which has labelled them Stars of Football at such an early age. There's definitely no title of "Pensioners" for these lads!

This stage of the season immediately prior to the heavy Easter programme is an apt and valuable time to make a comparison of our fortunes this season as against 1956/57. However, Easter is earlier this year and so we have given below the comparative figures between our position today and our position immediately after our last home fixture with Chelsea on 30th March, 1957.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	
1956/57	...	35	12	6	17	52	68	30
1957/58	...	36	17	6	13	65	50	40

It can be seen from this comparison that we have fared much better this year for whereas last season we were in the danger zone, we are now challenging hard for a place in the top five and a share of

this season's talent money. It is apparent also from the figures that we have made a marked improvement in our efforts to pack a little more punch in attack. Without Allan Brown these last few matches we have lacked the forward thrust he provides but even so our goal scoring feats are 20% up on last season.

Our visit to Newcastle last week did not prove very remunerative in the way of points, and as a result we slipped one place in the League. It was however a very tough fixture, for Newcastle are fighting desperately hard to find the form to lift them away from the danger of relegation. After the heavy and continuous rain which had fallen prior to the beginning of the match it was soon apparent that it would be impossible for any real fine display of football to come from either side on the quagmire that was St. James Park. It was a case that the team which could produce that little extra thrust and energy would win through and unluckily for us that team was Newcastle. Even so our lads fought back magnificently and twice equalized after goals by Newcastle.

Despite the defeat there is one pleasing outcome to report from this game. This was the fine debut of Brian Whitby, our local lad, who so ably took over the outside right berth. He has had no previous experience of top class football, and indeed this was his first appearance in the senior side. He certainly did not let the side down and had the very good fortune to score the first goal for Luton after 31 minutes. Our Manager, "Dally" Duncan, was so pleased with his display that he is retained in the League side today. We hope you will give him the encouragement he deserves here this afternoon.

Our dismal failure on Monday evening against Reading under the Kenilworth Road lights in the Southern Floodlight Cup Semi-Final Replay is best forgotten. The match never reached great heights and we must be honest and admit that it was not our day. It was unfortunate that the best shot of the evening should come from our half backs but our forwards were completely out of touch. It was no real surprise that Reading scored but they too failed when presented with a second half penalty; the shot going well wide. The second half was marred by over boisterous play and resulted in typical Third Division football which the slippery conditions helped to bring about.

Last Saturday our Reserves met their stiffest match of the season at Kenilworth Road. Tottenham Hotspur who have had a very fine and experienced Reserve side for the past few seasons proved too strong for our youngsters and we lost by 4-0. Really this was no disgrace, for the Spurs' side was virtually another first team and contained many well-known stars at present unable to gain a place in the senior side. These included wing half Iley for whom the Spurs paid well over £20,000, which in itself is many times more than the cost of the whole of our own Reserve team. Considering the vast difference in experience between the two sides our lads put up quite a good show, particularly as two of the goals came from definite mistakes. The Spurs however have a very good side and will be just waiting for Chelsea Reserves to make a slip to take their place at the top of the Combination Table.

But whatever the results have been of these recent matches we are sure the match here today will be as entertaining as befits a holiday fixture and whet our appetites to look forward to our Easter Monday fixture with Leicester City. As a special attraction for the Bank Holiday we shall be entertained before the game and during the interval by the Bradwell Silver Band and we hope you will all be here with your friends to welcome them.

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FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

A	Bristol Rov.	.....	Bristol City	.....
B	Derby County	.....	Cardiff City	.....
C	Fulham	.....	Middlesbro'	.....
D	Ipswich Town	.....	Huddersfield	.....
E	Lincoln City	.....	Stoke City	.....
F	Notts. County	.....	Grimsby T.	.....
G	Sheffield Utd.	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
H	Swansea T.	.....	Liverpool	.....
K	West Ham U.	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
L	Aldershot	.....	Colchester U.	.....
M	Brighton & H.	.....	Northampton	.....
N	Exeter City	.....	Coventry City	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Gillingham	.....	Walsall	.....
B	Millwall	.....	Bournemouth	.....
C	Newport Co.	.....	Crystal Palace	.....
D	Plymouth A.	.....	Brentford	.....
E	Port Vale	.....	Torquay Utd.	.....
F	Q. P. R.	.....	Shrewsbury	.....
G	Southampton	.....	Watford	.....
H	Southend Utd.	.....	Reading	.....
K	Swindon T.	Norwich City
L	Scunthorpe	Hartlepools
M	Stockport Co.	Bury
N	Chelsea Res.	Luton T. Res.

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SAT., 12th APRIL, 1958

Notts. Forest

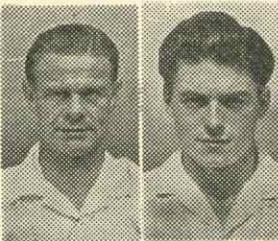
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1957 FIRST XI—Division 1							Attendance 1956/57	F	A	
Aug. 24 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	...	17591	1	0	H	1	0		
" 26 Mon.	Blackpool	...	21099	0	4	A	2	1		
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	...	50111	3	1	A	0	2		
Sept. 4 Wed.	Blackpool	...	19567	0	2	H	2	0		
" 7 Sat.	Wolves	...	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. (I)	...	19703	4	1	H	0	3		
" 23 ..	Tottenham H.	...	41242	0	5	A	1	3		
" 30 ..	Notts. Forest	...	18391	0	3	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	0	3		
" 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		
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	...	15932	6	2	H	7	1		
" 15 ..	Burnley (5)	...	16260	1	1	A	2	1		
" 22 ..	Preston N. E.	...	22549	1	1	H	1	3		
March 1 ..	Sheffield Wed. (6)	...	17747	0	3	A	1	2		
" 8 ..	Manchester City	...	16019	3	2	H	1	2		
" 15 ..	Birmingham City	...	25225	0	3	A	1	1		
" 22 ..	Tottenham H.	...	22384	1	3	H	0	0		
" 29 ..	Newcastle United	...	16570	2	2	A	2	3		
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	...	3146				A	4	4	
" 15 ..	Arsenal	...	2967	5	1	H	5	0		
" 22 ..	Norwich City	...	2307	1	3	A	0	2		
March 1 ..	Charlton Ath.	...	2041				H	5	5	
" 15 ..	Coventry City	...	1663	3	1	H	3	1		
" 22 ..	Northampton T.	...	854				A	4	3	
" 29 ..	Tottenham H.	...	2392	4	1	H	0	4		
April 4 Fri.	West Ham Utd.	...	0	2	H					
" 5 Sat.	Chelsea	...	24				A	2	0	
" 7 Mon.	West Ham United	H					
" 12 Sat.	Bournemouth	...	5	0	H					
" 19 ..	Brentford	...	21				A	2	1	
" 21 Mon.	Birmingham City	...	0	2	A					
" 26 Sat.	Portsmouth	...	5	1	H					

League Table, 1957-58

DIVISION I

Up to and including Monday, 31st March, 1958

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wolverhampton W.	35	24	7	4	91	42
Preston North End	35	22	5	8	88	49
West Bromwich	36	16	13	7	81	45
Manchester City	36	18	5	13	90	41
LUTON TOWN	36	17	6	13	62	40
Tottenham H.	36	16	8	12	81	40
Blackpool	35	16	6	13	70	38
Manchester United	33	15	7	11	76	37
Burnley	35	17	3	15	66	37
Nottingham Forest	35	15	6	14	65	36
CHELSEA	3					

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