

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

PORSCMOUTH



Official Programme

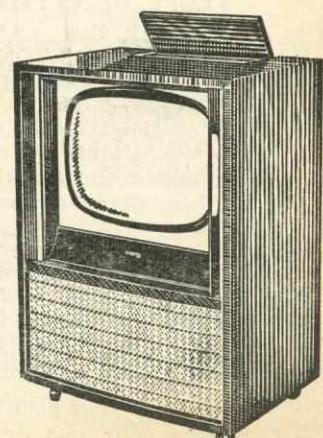
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8

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F. LORINGS1
Goal
P. ROFFIT5
Centre Half
S. PRUCE9
Centre Forward
S. ERVISS6
Left Half
D. ORES10
Inside Left
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J. COLLIER, Esq.,
Hon. Treasurer, LUTON BOBBERS STAND CLUB,
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16th APRIL 1958

Dear Mr. Collier,

I have been requested by my Board to write and thank you and your Committee for the donation of £2,000 which you presented on behalf of the Bobbers Stand Club to my Chairman at our Board Meeting held last evening.

My Directors are very appreciative indeed of this further magnificent effort on your part for they realise that a lot of hard work has been put in by the various members to make such a presentation possible. This further evidence of the Bobbers Stand Club's interest in the Luton Town Football Club is most gratifying and once again I have been asked to express on behalf of my Board our deep appreciation of this further wonderful effort.

It is also pleasing to note that the very friendly relationship that exists between our two organisations and we trust to our mutual benefit, long may it continue.

Yours sincerely,

PHILIP COLEY, Secretary.

CLUB NOTES

TODAY we play the last of our important matches here at Kenilworth Road for Season 1957-58, and so we have almost completed yet another page in our long history which began seventy - three years ago. Much has happened in that time—great changes in the Laws of the game, more security and better wages for the players, better facilities for the spectators as well as for players, and altogether a much - improved general standard. Controversy, of course, there will be as to the merits of the present - day footballer compared with those of say thirty years ago and more, and of course quite a lot of it by now is hearsay, but the giants of the past do seem to have held an "aura" which, apart from about half - a - dozen contemporaries of the calibre of Stanley Matthews, Tom Finney, Billy Wright, Syd Owen, Nat Lofthouse, John Charles, seems to be lacking these days. The answer, of course, may be that there has been a general all - round improvement and that therefore there are not now the outstanding personalities, but those of you who saw such players in action as Hughie Gallagher, Dixie Dean, Johnnie Campbell, Charles Buchan, Alex James, David Jack, Jesse Pennington, our own Bob Hawkes, to mention only a few, will treat such argument most likely with disdain.

But whatever the arguments, there is no doubt that this great game of football in general has made great strides here in Britain, and has opened fresh fields anew in many parts of the world. At one time we were the undoubted masters of the world in the game, but recently our pupils have shown us that we have been too complacent about it and have gone so far as to beat us on our own soil. Fortunately the powers that be here in Britain realised the fact and have made great efforts to regain our lost ground. International matches now are not the walk - overs they once were for us, and indeed this is all to the good as the different nations can now come together in a competitive spirit, as in the World Cup Matches which are to take place in Sweden, next June. Sixteen nations or countries are taking part, formed into four groups of four, and each team will play against each other in that group. The two best teams in each group will progress into the Quarter Finals. The nations grouped with England are Austria, Brazil and Soviet Union, so that although our lads are expected to come right through to the Final it will not be an easy path for them by any means to overcome such strong opposition. The England fixtures are: June 8th, at Goteborg, v. Soviet Union; 11th, at Goteborg, v. Brazil; and 15th, at Boras, v. Austria. Germany are the present World Cup holders. We wonder which nation will have the proud distinction of receiving the Cup for 1958 from the King of Sweden! When it is considered that in the first place forty - four countries entered this Competition, covering Europe (27 countries), South America (9), North and Central America (6) and Asia (2)—the latter comprising Chinese Peoples' Republic and Indonesia—then it gives one a much better idea of the interest this game has throughout the world. It will thus be seen that since those far off days when Luton Town Football Club was formed seventy - three years ago, and of Notts County, the oldest League Club, formed in 1862, much indeed has happened in order to bring about a Competition of the nature being fought out in Sweden this year. Much work, often behind the scenes, has been carried out by our Administrators over the years to bring about this very creditable state of affairs, and we ourselves are quite sure that a much better understanding between nations is the result of having met each other on the football field. May the

work go from strength to strength, we know that in Sir Stanley Rous and his colleagues at Lancaster Gate every effort will be made for the work so ably begun to continue without any respite.

Talking of the World Cup reminds us that Allan Brown has been invited to take part in the training sessions being arranged by the Scottish F.A. in preparation for their matches in this series, and we are quite sure that if he is fit we will see him once again donning the blue shirt of Scotland. It is a great pity indeed that he could not accept the invitation to play for Scotland today, at Hampden Park, for he has been playing well enough to thoroughly justify his selection but the further aggravation he received to his injured ankle here on Easter Saturday proved much more troublesome than at first anticipated and so he had to inform the Scottish F.A. he was not fit enough to play. We feel sure you are all as sorry as we at the Club that Allan has had to call off playing for his country today but wish him a speedy complete recovery and hope further honours will come his way.

Our last home match of the season brings Portsmouth to do the honours, and we welcome them once again to Kenilworth Road although they handed out to us our biggest defeat of the season at Fratton Park, last December, when putting five past us without reply. All five goals were scored by the two wingers, a remarkable feat, Peter Harris on the right scoring a hat trick. This was very surprising in view of the fact that Alex Dougan, their new capture from Distillery, had been hitting the headlines and proving their chief scorer. It was from this position the main danger was anticipated, but Pompey's two wingers that day proved that they were a force to be reckoned with although neither has since touched the heights they reached when we played them. It is noticed that Jimmy Dickinson is still proving a great asset to the Pompey side, and has done yeoman service for them since he first signed for them in 1944.

Congratulations to the Luton Schoolboys on their victory, last Saturday, over the much fancied Hackney team.

Next Monday evening, at 6.45, they meet East Ham in the final of the London Schools' F.A. Corinthian Shield, at Kenilworth Road, when they hope to upset the odds once again.

East Ham have two Schoolboy Internationals in their side, inside right R. Boyce and left half S. Gibbens, both of whom are in the team with Luton's Robin Chandler, at Watford, this afternoon, when England meet Ireland.

The visitors reached the 6th Round of the English Schools' Shield and only then went out to a powerful Bristol side. Moreover this particular East Ham team have proved themselves Champions of London at 11, 13 and 14 years and are determined, on Monday, to sweep the board.

Can Luton Boys upset their plan? Come on Monday night to see for yourselves.

Our thanks to the Luton Band for their splendid service given so enthusiastically throughout the season and for the high standard of playing they maintain. Their playing of "Abide with me" will always remain a pleasant memory to those of us who heard them playing this wonderful tune, although the circumstance for playing this tune is always a sad one at a ground. We hope to have the pleasure of listening to the Band again next season, and trust they themselves have enjoyed playing to us.

So Au Revoir for this season. May we hope that next season our hopes of honours which have so far evaded us will materialise.

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Goal

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Left Back
5 Owen
Centre Half
9 McLeod
Centre
10 Groves
Inside Left
11 Whitby
Outside Left

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Mr. W. G. Buckley (London)

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7 Harris
Outside Right
4 Dickinson
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2 McGhee
Right Back

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FIRST LIST

INTERNATIONAL MATCH	
A	Scotland
B	Arsenal
C	Aston Villa
D	Blackpool
E	Bolton Wan.
F	Everton
G	Leeds United
H	Leicester City
K	Manchester U.
L	Sunderland
M	Wolver'pton
N	Barnsley

SECOND LIST

A	Blackburn R.
B	Bristol Rov.
C	Derby County
D	Fulham
E	Ipswich Town
F	Lincoln City
G	Notts. County
H	Sheffield Utd.
K	Swansea T.
L	West Ham U.
M	Aldershot
N	Brighton & H.

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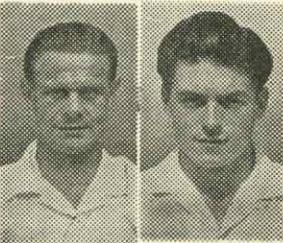
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1957 FIRST XI—Division 1		Attendance	1956/57	F	A
Aug. 24 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	17591	1 0	H 1 0	
" 26 Mon.	Blackpool	21099	0 4	A 2 1	
" 31 Sat.	Arsenal	50111	3 1	A 0 2	
Sept. 4 Wed.	Blackpool	19567	0 2	H 2 0	
" 7 Sat.	Wolves	22030	1 0	H 3 1	
" 11 Wed.	Leeds 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 0	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	
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	A 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	15285	0 4	H 0 2	
" 7 Mon.	Leicester City	14795	...	H 2 1	
" 8 Tues.	Leicester City	32480	...	A 1 4	
" 12 Sat.	Notts. Forest	22085	...	A 0 1	
" 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	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	...	H 5 0	
" 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	A 3 1	
" 22 ..	Northampton T.	854	...	A 4 3	
" 29 ..	Tottenham H.	2392	4 1	H 0 4	
April 4 Fri.	West Ham Utd.	2022	0 2	H 2 2	
" 7 Mon.	West Ham United	1943	...	A 0 3	
" 12 Sat.	Bournemouth	1222	5 0	H 3 1	
" 17 Thurs.	Chelsea	...	...	2 4	A 0 1
" 19 ..	Brentford	...	...	2 1	A 0 1
" 21 Mon.	Birmingham City	...	...	0 2	A 0 1
" 26 Sat.	Portsmouth	...	5 1	H	

League Table, 1957-58

DIVISION I

Up to and including Wednesday, 16th April, 1958

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wolverhampton W.	39	26	8	5	96	45	60
Preston North End	39	24	7	8	93	49	55
West Bromwich	40	17	14	9	88	66	48
Tottenham H.	40	19	9	12	88	75	47
Manchester City	40	21	5	14	98	96	47
Blackpool	39	18	6	15	77	64	42
LUTON TOWN	40	18	6	16	65	58	42
Burnley	39	19	4	16	74	72	42
Manchester United	38	16	10	12	83	66	42
Nottingham Forest	38	16	8	14	67	55	40
Chelsea	40	14	11	15	81	78	39
Arsenal	39	16	5	18	72	81	37
Birmingham C.	40	13	11	16	74	88	37
Bolton W.	39	14	9	16	63	79	37
Aston Villa	39	14	6	19	68	84	34
Leeds United	40	13	8	19	49	62	34
Everton	39	11	11	17	59	70	33
PORTSMOUTH	40	12	8	20	72	84	32
Leicester City	40	13	5	22	89	109	31
Newcastle Utd.	38	12	6	20	69	74	30
Sheffield Wed.	40	11	7	22	67	89	29
Sunderland	40	8	12	20	49	97	28

NEXT MATCHES

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