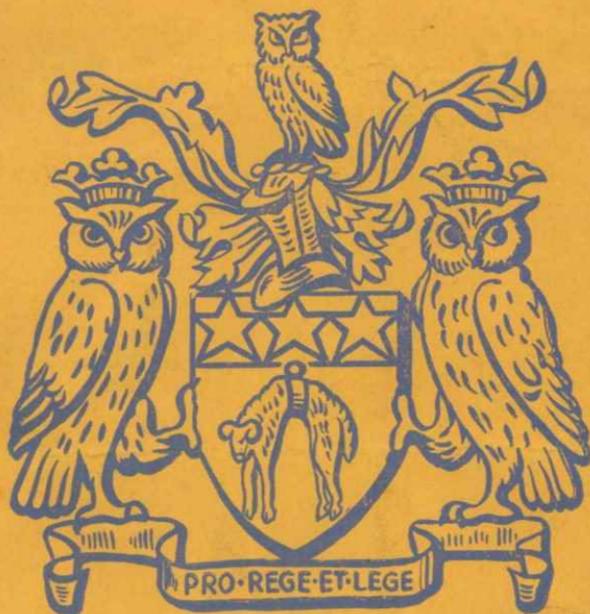


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**TUESDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1958**

### WHERE WE LEFT OFF.

As the curtain goes up to-night for another season of League Soccer at Elland Road, it is, perhaps, no time to look back on a campaign that brought its disappointments in 1957-58, but a time to look forward with optimism to the journey ahead.

There is, however, one point that some supporters may be happy to turn back to note. A storming finish to the last campaign brought our First Division side a well deserved haul of 13 points from the last 18 possible. Indeed, from March 19th onwards they lost only one of nine League games. Five of these they won and the other three they drew. In those nine games, the defence, which was the sides sheet anchor all season, let in only five goals.

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A good start—after that disappointing one last season—would have tonic properties all round at Elland Road and it is to be hoped the players can achieve in August and September this season what they pulled off towards the end of March and in April earlier in the year.

It has been pointed out that the main need at Elland Road is goals ... and lots of goals. How true that was of last season was shown in the final league table, for our tally of 51 was, unfortunately, the worst in the First Division. Fortunately, to offset that figure, the defence with sterling endeavours, managed to show the third best "goals against" figure of 63 in the table.

It was a point worthy of congratulation to our defenders that only Wolves, the champions, and Preston North End, their closest challengers, fared better defensively.

#### THE ACCENT ON BALL WORK.

In all the training and coaching sessions prior to the start of the present season, the main deficiency of last season has been very much in mind, and the emphasis has been very much on shooting and finishing. At the end of the car park you will see a new "shooting gallery" and players will be encouraged throughout the season to do everything in their power to improve on the accuracy and the strength of their shot-making.

There have been a number of innovations in the training routine—as many supporters who have visited the training grounds will have noted. Road work and "lapping" have been eliminated and ball work has been the basis for all the pre-season preparations.

Recently there was a lot of publicity for the fact that the club had taken on its "strength" no fewer than 42 footballs. The whole point in acquiring these has been to give every player a ball at his feet in all his exercises or training operations.

There has been enthusiastic co-operation all round, and we hope, from United's point of view, and particularly from the point of view of our loyal supporters, this will be an enjoyable season with plenty of happy Soccer watching.

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#### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL.

As supporters who have kept in touch with events at Elland Road will know, there have been a number of changes in staff. One of these was caused by the enforced retirement, followed so sadly by the death, of Mr. Charles Arthur Crowther, who was our secretary for over a quarter of a century. "Arthur", as he was so well-known to the many friends he had made in English football, was a loyal and conscientious servant to Leeds United from the time he joined the club shortly after they won promotion to the First Division in the 1924-25 season. He was held in great esteem by football administrators all over the country and in 1949 he received the Football League's long-service medal on completion of 21 years' full-time service with United.

Supporters who knew Mr. Crowther will no doubt join in an expression of profound sympathy to his widow and family.

#### OUR NEW SECRETARY.

Our new Secretary, Mr. Cyril Williamson, who joined us during the summer, has had a long and distinguished association with the game of football, in which he has had wide experience as player, referee and administrator. As a young man he was a capable centre-half in amateur football and played in the Birmingham and District League and the Central League. He qualified as a referee and while operating with the whistle took charge of many F.A. Cup-ties.

Entering the administrative side of the game, he became secretary of the Leicestershire Nomads, secretary of the Leicestershire and Rutland County F.A. and a member of the F.A. Council. He was appointed to the F.A. Youth Committee and did valuable work for the game in this capacity. As Chairman of the F.A. Youth International team selectors, he travelled with English sides in over 20 countries, and gained many friends in overseas football circles.

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Mr. Williamson, who has settled down happily in Leeds, says he regards the Elland Road club, with its training pitch facilities, dressing rooms, gymnasium, etc., as one that is second to none in the country so far as its appointments are concerned.



C. WILLIAMSON



W. LAMBTON

#### BILL LAMBTON'S ROLE.

Although not a newcomer (he joined us as long ago as last December), the man in full charge of the playing staff at Elland Road this season is Mr. "Bill" Lambton, who has already met many of the supporters. Bill, who joined us from Grimsby Town, is a Nottingham man who was born so near to the Notts Forest ground that it was not surprising that this was his first club in football. He was with Forest as a goal-keeper until the outbreak of the last war, when he joined the Army Physical Training Corps. in which he rose to the rank of Sergeant Major P.T.I.

He specialised in the remedial and rehabilitation side of physical training work both in this country and overseas. For four years he was in the Mediterranean and he spent quite a time in Athens attached to the military hospital there.

He left the Army in 1946 and joined Exeter City for a season. Later he was transferred to Doncaster Rovers. While

comparatively young, he branched out on a career on the coaching and training side of soccer, and gained some of his early experience in the Birmingham Combination when his club, Bedworth Town, won the championship in two successive seasons. He qualified as an F.A. coach and, through the F.A., was invited to become trainer-coach to the prominent Danish club, K.B., of Copenhagen. In his two seasons in that country he had to look after the club's 16 teams, and he says it was like planning a military operation putting all those sides into the field week after week. His club won the Danish League title and the challenge cup without losing a match.

On returning to this country he continued to coach and to lecture on the game and he joined Grimsby Town shortly after they had been forced to apply for re-election to the Third Division. In his first season in the "Mariners'" camp they came back to win promotion to the Second Division.

Bill is a firm believer in lots of variety and plenty of tough work in training, but he is convinced that the footballer who gets through that hard work never regrets it when he comes face to face with the opposition in a match.

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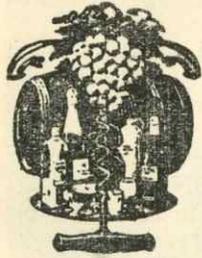
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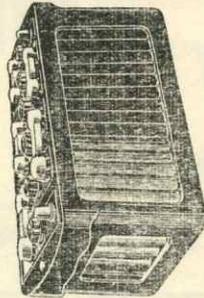
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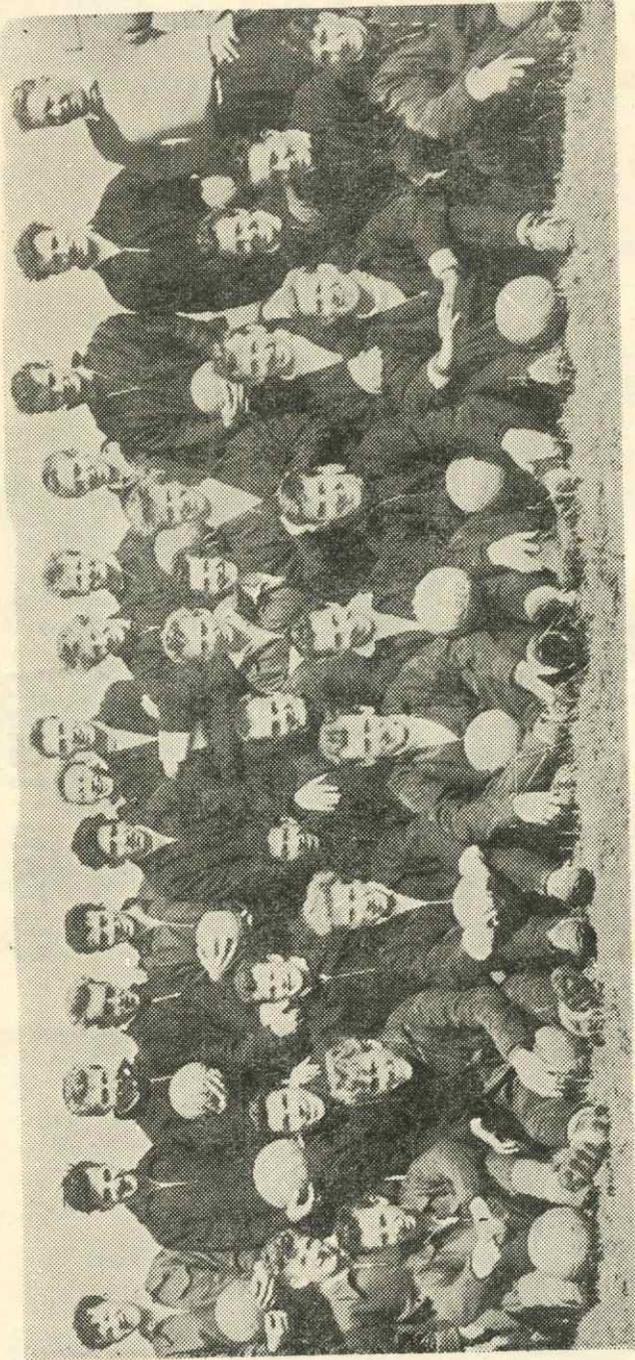
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Here, in a break in one of their training sessions for the new season, are seen, with chief coach Bill Lambton, members of our professional playing staff. One player seen on this picture, Keith Ripley, has now left on transfer for Norwich City.

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### OUR VISITORS TO-NIGHT.

To-night's visitors, Luton Town, who started the season with a 1—1 home draw against West Bromwich Albion on Saturday, took three League points from us last season. After a 2—0 win at Elland Road in September, they had to share the points with us in a 1—1 draw at Kenilworth Road the following week, in which an injury to Jimmy Dunn put him out of action for a long spell.

Luton, who had the lowest average home attendance in the First Division last season, despite the fact that they were good enough to finish eighth in the table, have given many fine displays at Elland Road, both in First and Second Division Soccer.

Their biggest win of last season was a 7—1 affair against Sunderland, but their record also shows that they gave West Bromwich a 5—1 hammering at a time when Albion were lying second in the table.

### LUTON PERSONALITIES

Here are some potted biographies of the "Hatters" expected at Elland Road to-night:—

**RON BAYNHAM** (Goal-keeper). Luton's flair for turning out capable keepers is demonstrated by the fact that Birmingham born Ron is one of three internationals who have filled that position at Kenilworth Road in recent seasons. He was signed from Worcester City and first played in the League side in 1952-53. Won a place in England's side against Denmark, Spain and Ireland in 1955-56.

**SEAMUS DUNNE** (Right back). Born in Wicklow, Eire, he was signed by Luton from Shelbourne F.C. in May, 1950, and he has been a very consistent performer for the "Hatters". Has represented his country on many occasions and has also had the honour of the international captaincy. A dangerous player when he decides to move up into attack with the ball.

**KEN HAWKES** (Left back). A native of county Durham, Ken was signed from the Shotton club. Although not tall for a back, he is strong and fast, and last season he put in 22 League appearances as a sound partner to Dunne.

**BOB MORTON** (Right half). Against Leeds United, as against so many other clubs, Bob has demonstrated how versatile he can be, for even Luton supporters still find it difficult to decide which berth suits him best—that of half-back or centre forward. A local product, he has won England 'B' and inter-League honours and he has been reserve for England for full internationals.

**SID OWEN** (Captain). Signed from Birmingham City for a modest fee, this one-time wing-half became one of the strongest centre-halves in the First Division and he has been a great servant to Luton Town, as player, captain and as a coach. Sid, who talked of retiring at one time last season and then, much to

Luton's relief, allowed himself to be prevailed upon to carry on, has won a number of international caps. Countries against which he has played include Hungary, Yugoslavia and Belgium.

**DAVID PACEY** (Left half). It was mainly the great form of this young player last season that enabled Luton to part with Reg. Pearce on a big-money transfer to Sunderland. When Luton-born David, who used to play with Hitchin Town, returned from National Service he made it quite clear that he was ready for League service and he played in a dozen senior games last season. Can play just as well at centre-half and he may eventually settle down in the middle berth.

**BILLY BINGHAM** (Outside right). Transferred only recently from Sunderland, this clever Irish international is no stranger to Elland Road. A Belfast-born player, he came to England after being signed by Sunderland from Glentoran in October, 1950, when playing for the Irish League side at Blackpool when only 19. He won the first of many Irish caps against France in 1951. In the recent World Cup series he was Wilbur Cush's right wing partner, so there's a re-union in store for these two Irishmen tonight.

**GORDON TURNER** (Inside right). Thirty-three League goals in 40 appearances last season enabled this Yorkshire-born inside-man once again to demonstrate what a consistent marksman he is. For season after season he's been Luton's leading scorer and in season 1954-55 he broke the club's post-war individual scoring record with a total of 37. He joined Luton as a wing-half on leaving the Navy in 1950, but the club have had good reason to be delighted with the fact that they switched him to the firing line.

**ALAN BROWN** (Centre forward). Signed from Blackpool two seasons ago, the Scottish international is well-known to United fans. He came into English football when he joined Blackpool from East Fife in 1950 for a £25,000 fee. One of Soccer's most unlucky players, he missed two Cup finals through injuries.

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**JOHN GROVES** (Inside left). A strong six-footer, John was spotted by Luton manager, Dally Duncan, when he was only 15. He turned out to be a son of one of Dally's former Derby County team mates. He made his League debut in 1953-54. Last season he made 31 senior appearances, but scored only four goals.

**JIMMY ADAM** (outside left). Although Scottish-born, and a player who has been watched by the Scottish international selectors, it was from the North-Eastern club, Spennymoor United, that Jimmy joined Luton in June, 1953. Speedy off the mark and dangerous on the cut-in, Jimmy made 33 senior appearances last season.

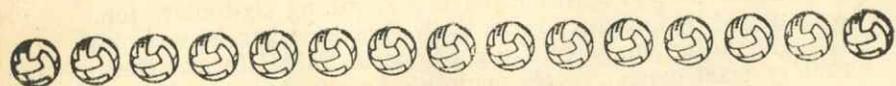
#### A KICK-OFF DAY CRASH.

A 4-0 kick-off day defeat at the hands of Bolton Wanderers was a disappointing experience for our League team on the ground where they pulled off a 2-0 win last February. Although nobody seeks to make any excuses for this set-back, our own supporters who travelled into Lancashire and even some of the Bolton fans admitted that a lot of the football which our side played was far better than this score indicated.

From the kick-off for quite a lengthy spell, our side were on the attack, but they failed to take advantage of their approach work and an early goal that might have put a different complexion on things would not come. Forrest and Gibson both shot over the bar and O'Brien was prevented from shooting by a last ditch tackle by Higgins when the inside-left had just worked his way into a good position. Lofthouse, in storming form, then became a problem man as Bolton swung into the attack. After coming close with some fine headers, he changed his methods and opened the scoring by dashing in from the right and driving the ball into the net for the first goal after 22 minutes. His second goal just after half-time was an even more spectacular effort. Then, after 50 minutes, Birch drove home Bolton's third, and things looked pretty black for United.

Yet, all credit to our men for fighting back in a rally that won them cheers even from the home supporters. There was one movement which went the length of the field that looked as if it was certain to bring a goal until the ball bounced awkwardly for for Wilbur Cush.

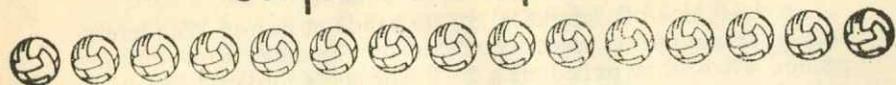
Overfield, who had come very much into the picture despite a head wound that needed two stitches in it after the game, twice went near, Forrest had a shot kicked out from under the bar by Higgins, and O'Brien saw his shot—the hardest of the game by any of our players—turned over the top by Hopkinson. But, despite this rally in which our players demonstrated both their fitness and their spirit, our shortcomings in finishing let us down. Bolton's rugged defenders busted our men off their shots and all too often were able to prevent them from getting enough power or accuracy into their finishing.



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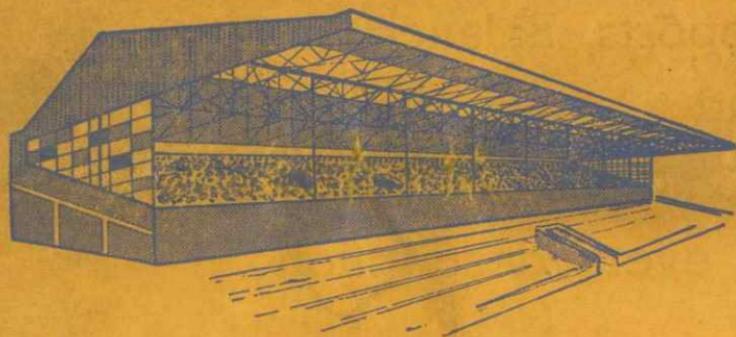
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