

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

MANCHESTER CITY



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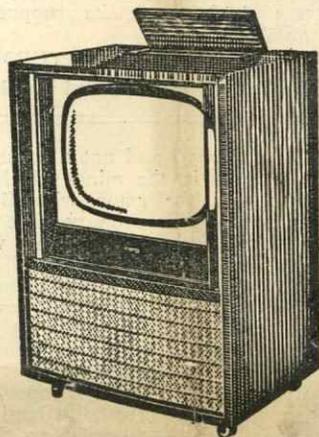
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Just "yes" and not a lot more can be said, of what was in the minds of the 19,699 supporters who saw the game with Bolton on Saturday. Surely it cannot be possible that another game could be played like it, and what a pity to have such a show, when it looked as if the gates were going to show an improvement. Yet we still hold the record to be the only team in Division One undefeated this season. But oh on such tender threads, and no team can afford to drop points at home. This we know happens to all Clubs, but it is far worse when it comes to your own team. The pitch was perfect, the Band played encouraging selections and the spectators did all they could to cheer us on to victory, but of no avail. So under floodlights tonight we do look for something much better, which we know can be done, and we must leave the past as just one of those days. that

however hard one tries nothing goes right. The defence came out with full honours, and must be one of the best in the League. So if only our attack could strike their usual form, we should be getting—what all spectators like to see—goals and goals by plenty—and that is also the answer to the turnstile prayers. And at the end we hope that the encouragement you have given the Boys has helped them to gather two points.

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CLUB NOTES

THIS evening we welcome to Kenilworth Road for the second successive match a team from Lancashire. Manchester City are our opponents and they have the privilege of being our first floodlight visitors of the season.

The game this evening is the return match of our meeting with them under the Maine Road floodlights last Wednesday when a 1-1 draw was the result. The City last season established a name for themselves as a team with free scoring forwards and they did in fact score no less than 104 goals, one more than the champions Wolverhampton Wanderers. Unfortunately their defence could not cash in on the brilliance of their attack and their goalkeeper had the unenviable task of picking the ball from the back of the net exactly 100 times—8 times more than bottom-of-the-Table Sheffield Wednesday!

Manchester City have so far this season had mixed fortunes. To date they have only won one game (and we hope it will stay that way for tonight!) drawn three and lost three, and are well down the chart. League positions are not however a very good pointer to form so early in the season when so very few points separate the teams.

Our lads this evening will have the morale booster provided by City's defeat at Maine Road last Saturday which gave Everton their first points of the season. On the other hand it seems unlikely that we shall be able to field an unchanged side for the eighth consecutive game as John Groves' sprained ankle may easily keep him out of the side for two or three matches. Should this be so the City will no doubt be pleased for it was John Groves who scored a really fine goal to equalise at Manchester last week.

The thirty thousand spectators who visited Maine Road last Wednesday had plenty to cheer about. Their local team quickly sent their voices and cheers echoing around the ground with a Fagan goal in the second minute. In the 25th minute Groves equalised following a through pass from Pacey and thereafter our lads held a full command of the game—a situation we hope they will repeat this evening. In fact, it was a miracle coupled with the brilliance of Trautmann's able deputy, Fleet, that we did not come away with both points.

A further interesting point about this game was that it was the second successive match which the Town had played where the referee had been knocked out. Our team are really a gentle, peace-loving bunch of lads and we hope that the name of Luton Town will not strike a note of fear in referees up and down the country!

Our match last Saturday against Bolton Wanderers, following as it did our thrashing of newly-promoted West Ham United, was something of a letdown. It was a game in which negative football resulting from two outstanding defences and two punchless attacks was the order of the day. The 0-0 draw was, in the circumstances, a foregone conclusion long before the interval.

Bolton, for their part, were still smarting from being shot down 6-1 by the "Gunners" at Highbury in mid-week and were doing all in their power not to suffer a similar result at Luton. This they easily achieved by a mixture of good covering, the indifference of the Luton attack disrupted by the injury to John Groves, and at least one World Cup class save from 'keeper Hopkinson. Their forwards sadly lacked the leadership of Nat Lofthouse. His deputy, Gubbins, lacked his skill and marksmanship and was easily held by Sid Owen. The remainder of their forwards were capable in their approach work but in the penalty area the strength of our half backs repelled them most effectively, although they did manage to hit our crossbar.

Our own forwards still lack bite. The craft and skill is there but against Bolton, as against all our other opponents this season, barring West Ham, we have not been able to take the chances offered. Our record of only nine goals to date is a sad one which speaks for itself, although we must click into top gear before very long. Already there have been cries from a few supporters for drastic changes to the forwards but this would be folly in an unbeaten team. The goal-scoring form is bound to return and changes to the front line will only disrupt the understanding between the defence and the attack. In reflection this match with Bolton is one which we are sure the spectators will wish to forget, for although it was a fine display of defensive football, the lack of forward thrust did not make it very entertaining to watch. Nowadays it seems the majority of soccer fans are not satisfied unless the attacking game is exploited to the full and there is an abundance of goals.

Our Reserves had a blank day last Saturday with no fixture at home or away. This is quite a change from last season when it was difficult to fit in all their fixtures. This year the introduction of two divisions in the Football Combination League has greatly reduced the number of matches, there being only thirty four matches to play. This represents a much less strenuous programme and the awkward mid-week fixtures have been virtually eliminated.

No doubt you will be reading these notes under our improved floodlights. Although only a temporary change prior to major improvements we have already planned, it should enable both players and spectators to enjoy better floodlight conditions. As one of the Clubs which pioneered floodlight football it is only natural that our more or less "prototype" system should be superseded by much better systems. We realise that our lights did not compare favourably with the more recent installations at other grounds, but the improvements made for this evening should reduce the glare and give better playing conditions and better viewing conditions for the spectators.

While on the subject of floodlight football this seems an admirable time to remind you all that once again we have entered the competitions for both the Junior and Senior Southern Floodlight Cups. Our first team have been drawn away to Portsmouth in the senior event and the date for this fixture has still to be arranged. In the junior competition our opponents are the young Tottenham Hotspur eleven and this is a home fixture arranged for Wednesday, 1st October, kick-off 7.30 p.m. This should prove to be a really attractive fixture and worthy of your attendance, so make a note of the date in your diary.

Another date worth bearing in mind is Monday, 13th October, when we have one of the leading Brazilian teams, Bela Vista, as our opponents in a Friendly Floodlight match, kick-off 7.15 p.m. While they are in this country they have arranged matches at Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Sheffield United and Birmingham, so we are in good company, and as we are assured they play football on the same lines as the National side which won the World Cup we should witness a most entertaining match that evening. Tickets at 5/- each for reserved seats in the Centre Stand are on sale at the Office as from Wednesday, 24th September.

The expatriates of Lancashire living in Luton and district will be soon readily able to judge the standards of Lancastrian soccer this season. The match this evening represents the third of five consecutive games we have to play against teams from Lancashire and so whatever the result we are certain to satisfy some if not all our supporters this evening!

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Baynham
 Goal

5 **Owen**
 Centre Half

9 **Brown**
 Centre

9 **Johnstone**
 Centre

5 **Ewing**
 Centre Half

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Football League — Div. 1

3 **Hawkes**
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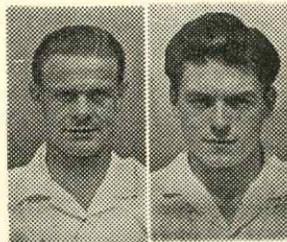
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Aug. 23 Sat.	West Brom.	24425	5 1	H	1 1	Aug. 23 Sat.	Bristol Rovers	4445	...	A	5 4
" 26 Tues.	Leeds United	25498	2 0	A	1 1	" 28 Thurs.	Leyton Orient	1295	...	A	1 5
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham City	32000	1 1	A	1 0	" 30 Sat.	Birmingham C.	2290	...	H	0 2
Sept. 3 Wed.	Leeds United	13497	1 1	H	1 1	Sept. 6 "	West Ham United	2913	...	A	3 3
" 6 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	25715	2 2	A	1 1	" 13 "	Leicester City	...	...	H	...
" 10 Wed.	Manchester City	30771	1 0	H	1 1	" 20 "	Fulham	...	...	A	...
" 13 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	19699	1 2	H	0 0	" 27 "	Arsenal	...	...	H	...
" 17 Wed.	Manchester City	...	2 1	A	...	Oct. 4 "	Cardiff City	...	...	H	...
" 20 Sat.	Burnley	...	2 1	A	...	" 11 "	Portsmouth	...	...	A	...
" 27 "	Preston N. End	...	1 3	H	...	" 18 "	Bristol City	...	...	H	...
Oct. 4 "	Leicester City	...	1 4	A	...	" 25 "	Charlton Athletic	...	...	A	...
" 11 "	Nottingham Forest	...	0 1	A	...	" 8 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	H	...
" 18 "	Chelsea	...	0 2	H	...	" 15 "	Brighton & H. A.	...	...	A	...
" 25 "	Portsmouth	...	0 5	A	...	" 22 "	Chelsea	...	...	H	...
Nov. 1 "	Aston Villa	...	3 0	H	...	" 29 "	Notts. Forest	...	...	A	...
" 8 "	Newcastle United	...	2 3	A	...	Dec. 6 "	Portsmouth	...	...	H	...
" 15 "	Tottenham H. (1)	...	0 0	H	...	" 13 "	Cardiff City	...	...	A	...
" 22 "	Manchester United	...	0 3	A	...	" 20 "	Bristol Rovers	...	...	H	...
" 29 "	Wolves	...	3 1	H	...	" 27 "	Ipswich Town	...	...	A	...
Dec. 6 "	Blackpool (2)	...	2 1	A	...	1959					
" 13 "	Blackburn Rov.	...	2 4	A	...	Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham C.	3 0	H	...	
" 20 "	West Brom. Albion	...	2 4	A	...	" 10 "	F.A. Cup—3	...	A	...	
" 26 Fri.	Arsenal	...	4 0	H	...	" 17 "	West Ham United	...	A	...	
" 27 Sat.	Arsenal	...	0 2	A	...	" 24 "	F.A. Cup—4	...	A	...	
						" 31 "	Bolton Wanderers	2 1	A	...	
						Feb. 7 "	Burnley	3 2	H	...	
						" 14 "	Preston N. End (5)	0 1	A	...	
						" 21 "	Leicester City	2 1	H	...	
						" 28 "	Notts. Forest (6)	3 1	H	...	
						March 7 "	Chelsea	3 1	A	...	
						" 14 "	Portsmouth (S.F.)	2 1	H	...	
						" 21 "	Aston Villa	0 2	A	...	
						" 27 Fri.	Everton	0 1	H	...	
						" 28 Sat.	Newcastle U.	0 3	H	...	
						" 30 Mon.	Everton	2 0	A	...	
						April 4 Sat.	Tottenham H.	1 3	A	...	
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League Table 1958/59

DIVISION I										
Up to and including Monday, 15th September, 1958										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Arsenal	7	5	0	2	25	9	10			
LUTON TOWN	7	2	5	0	9	5	9			
Bolton W.	7	3	3	1	15	11	9			
Wolverhampton W.	7	4	1	2	15	12	9			
Blackburn Rov.	8	3	3	2	19	11	9			
Blackpool	8	3	3	2	10	8	9			
West Ham United	7	4	1	2	16	14	9			
Chelsea	7	4	1	2	22	21	9			
Manchester United	7	3	2	2	19	10	8			
West Bromwich	7	2	4	1	15	8	8			
Preston North End	6	3	2	1	12	7	8			
Nottingham Forest	7	3	2	2	15	12	8			
Newcastle Utd.	7	3	1	3	13	16	7			
Leeds United	7	1	5	1	6	9	7			
Portsmouth	7	2	2	3	11	16	6			
Leicester City	6	2	2	2	8	13	6			
Burnley	7	2	1	4	12	15	5			
MANCHESTER C.	7	1	3	3	12	18	5			
Birmingham C.	7	1	3	3	5	13	5			
Tottenham H.	7	1	1	5	11	19	3			
Aston Villa	7	1	1	5	12	23	3			
Everton	7	1	0	6	7	21	2			

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 20th September, 1958

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton Town Reserves

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