

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

ASTON VILLA



Official Programme

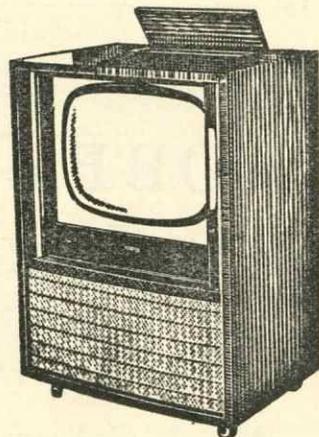
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CLUB NOTES

ONE-THIRD OF THE SEASON 1958-59 programme has already been played, and so far no team has asserted itself as being the outstanding one of the season. As the teams appeared before today's match only one point separates the top seven, only two the next eight teams and in fact only eight points separates top from bottom, so that any team now right at the bottom enjoying an unbroken spell of success could rise rapidly in the Table and soon be among the leaders. There is still a long way to go before next April of course, particularly with the winter conditions still to be faced, so that present positions could mean little, but at the same time points already gained cannot be taken away and may stand the present top teams in good stead when conditions are not so favourable for those now setting the pace.

Aston Villa, our visitors today, have so far this season found the going not at all to their liking and must be facing their match with us with some misgiving for on the face of it we can be fully expected to win, whereas if the Villa lose they could find themselves tonight occupying bottom position in the Table as both teams below them, Leicester City and Manchester City, have home matches. But there being no certainty in football the Villa could be the first team to inflict a home defeat on us this season in which case they could advance a quarter of the way up the Table. In our last three encounters at home we have gained maximum points against Preston North End, Chelsea and Manchester City, scoring eleven goals against three in the process. Altogether we have scored seventeen goals against six in the seven matches played at Kenilworth Road, a state of affairs which should encourage our lads to continue the good work.

The point we picked up at Portsmouth last Saturday was very welcome, especially when at one time we were two goals in arrear. The goal scored by Ken Hawkes, with his right foot incidentally from fully thirty yards out, was just the incentive our lads required, for all their superiority in the middle of the field had brought them no reward. It was a shot out of the blue which changed the pattern of the match, although we had had the chances earlier to clinch the game but somehow or other we just could not get the ball into the "Pompey" net. When Allan Brown notched a second goal—his sixth of the season—visions of another "away" victory were in sight, but the Portsmouth lads retaliated and twice the ball was cleared off our goal-line for the match to end with a thrilling climax. A good point, our fourth away draw this season.

Jimmy Dickinson is now playing at centre half for Portsmouth, which reminded us that at least four former wing halves, unfortunately for the game now getting just too old for this very busy position, have been converted to the middle and are doing the job as well as ever. Besides Dickinson there are Billy Wright, Ray Barlow (of West Bromwich), and of course our own Syd Owen who we consider with every justification is the best centre half back in the game today and has been for a number of years. Others consider Billy Wright is the best and of course they are entitled to their opinion, but it is a great pity

that the selection of one for his country should prevent the other from receiving national and international honours.

It was a most unfortunate accident which resulted in Eddie Marsh having to leave the field mid-way through the first half against Bristol City Reserves here last Saturday, which prevented him from taking any further part in the match and indeed will keep him out for at least five weeks. The absence of Eddie gave Brendan McNally a chance to show his skill between the sticks, which he took with both hands. He was quite a personality in the green jersey, and somehow or other appeared to be always in the game. The enforced absence of Eddie Marsh set us a problem after the match, or so we thought, but later in the day we heard that Alan Collier had just arrived from Germany on demob, leave and would be available. He had arranged to be married at 3 o'clock today, but when he knew of the position he contacted the various people concerned and was able to re-arrange the ceremony for 10 o'clock this morning. He is therefore wearing the green jersey for us at Charlton this afternoon in our Football Combination fixture and he has certainly helped us out of a predicament. We sincerely trust he has a very happy married life, and that his undoubted talent as a goalkeeper will earn him many honours in the game. He was chosen several times in England Youth matches, and so his further progress will be watched with much interest by people at Lancaster Gate as well as ourselves.

Gordon Turner was selected to play for the F.A. XI at Newcastle last Wednesday versus the Army and had a very good game, scoring two of the goals in his side's four goals to one victory. He has not been playing as well lately as we know he can, although it must not be forgotten that he is again our leading goalscorer with nine in the bag so far this season. We feel sure his good display last Wednesday will give him a lot more confidence to get back to his normal best.

The Luton Schoolboys earned themselves a place in the Third Round of the English Shield Competition by beating the Hertford Boys here last Saturday morning by four goals to one.

Their next opponents will be Peterborough Boys whom they hope to meet on this ground, on Saturday, November 22nd. Peterborough usually provide stiff opposition and the winners of this tie will go forward to the Divisional Final in which they are drawn away from home.

The match we had hoped to stage on November 10th with the German Club, Munster, will not take place as they have not been able to arrange any other matches while in England and to play one match only would result in a heavy loss which naturally they are not prepared to face. So it seems that there will be no more Friendly Matches this side of the New Year at Kenilworth Road, especially with fog being an ever-present threat at this time of the year.

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Baynham
Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half

9
Brown
Centre



9
Hitchens
Centre

5
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Sims
Goal

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6
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Left Half

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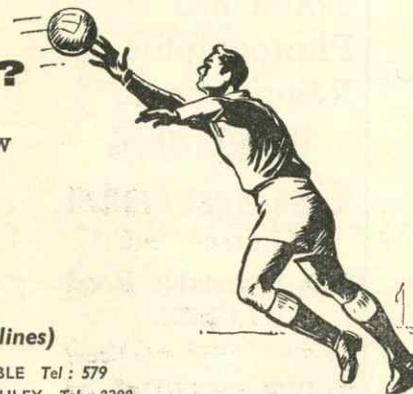
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

A	Arsenal	Newcastle U.
B	Birmingham	Portsmouth
C	Bolton Wan.	West Ham U.
D	Burnley	Notts. Forest
E	Everton	Blackburn R.
F	Leeds United	Manchester U.
G	Leicester City	Blackpool
H	Manchester C.	Tottenham H.
K	Preston N.E.	Chelsea
L	West Brom.	Wolverh'pton
M	Bristol Rov.	Bristol City
N	Derby County	Cardiff City

SECOND LIST

A	Fulham	Sheffield Utd.
B	Ipswich Town	Charlton Ath.
C	Leyton O.	Huddersfield
D	Lincoln City	Brighton & H.
E	Scunthorpe U.	Barnsley
F	Sheffield Wed.	Rotherham U.
G	Stoke City	Liverpool
H	Sunderland	Grimsby T.
K	Swansea T.	Middlesbro'
L	Accrington	Q. P. R.
M	Bradford City	Norwich City
N	Brentford	Colchester U.

THIRD LIST

A	Chesterfield	Plymouth A.
B	Halifax Town	Rochdale
C	Hull City	Bournemouth
D	Mansfield T.	Stockport Co.
E	Newport Co.	Doncaster R.
F	Notts. County	Tranmere R.
G	Southampton	Bury
H	Swindon T.	Reading
K	Wrexham	Southend Utd.
L	Coventry City	York City
M	Exeter City	Bradford
N	Charlton Res.	Luton T. Res.

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1958	FIRST XI—Division 1	Attendance	1957/8	F	A
Aug. 23 Sat.	West Brom.	24425	5 1	H	1 1
" 26 Tues.	Leeds United	25498	2 0	A	1 1
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham City	32000	1 1	A	1 0
Sept. 3 Wed.	Leeds United	13497	1 1	H	1 1
" 6 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	25715	...	H	4 1
" 10 Wed.	Manchester City	30771	2 2	A	1 1
" 13 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	19699	1 0	H	0 0
" 17 Wed.	Manchester City	18160	1 2	H	5 1
" 20 Sat.	Burnley	23760	2 1	A	2 2
" 27 "	Preston N. End	23056	1 3	H	4 1
Oct. 4 "	Leicester City	32017	1 4	A	1 3
" 11 "	Nottingham Forest	30187	0 1	A	1 3
" 18 "	Chelsea	24864	0 2	H	2 1
" 25 "	Portsmouth	24831	0 5	A	2 2
Nov. 1 "	Aston Villa	...	3 0	H	...
" 8 "	Newcastle United	...	2 3	A	...
" 15 "	Tottenham H. (1)	...	0 0	H	...
" 22 "	Manchester United	...	0 3	A	...
" 29 "	Wolves	...	3 1	H	...
Dec. 6 "	Blackpool (2)	...	2 1	A	...
" 13 "	Blackburn Rov.	...	...	H	...
" 20 "	West Brom. Albion	...	2 4	A	...
" 26 Fri.	Arsenal	...	4 0	H	...
" 27 Sat.	Arsenal	...	0 2	A	...
1959					
Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham C.	...	3 0	H	...
" 10 "	F.A. Cup—3	...	...	A	...
" 17 "	West Ham United	...	...	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	...
" 11 "	Manchester Utd.	...	2 2	H	...
" 18 "	Wolves	...	1 1	A	...
" 20 Mon.	Blackburn Rov.	...	...	A	...
" 25 Sat.	Blackpool	...	2 0	H	...

1958	Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1957/8	F	A
Aug. 23 Sat.	Bristol Rovers	4445	...	A	5 4
" 28 Thurs.	Leyton Orient	1295	...	A	1 5
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham C.	2290	...	H	0 2
Sept. 6 "	West Ham United	2913	...	A	3 3
" 13 "	...	...	...	...	...
" 20 "	Leicester City	2070	...	H	0 2
" 27 "	Fulham	1188	...	A	1 1
Oct. 4 "	Arsenal	1085	...	H	3 3
" 11 "	Cardiff City	1984	...	H	2 1
" 18 "	Portsmouth	...	...	A	1 0
" 25 "	Bristol City	1945	...	H	1 3
Nov. 1 "	Charlton Athletic	...	...	A	...
" 8 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	H	...
" 15 "	Brighton & H. A.	...	...	A	...
" 22 "	Chelsea	...	...	H	...
" 29 "	Notts. Forest	...	...	A	...
Dec. 6 "	Portsmouth	...	...	H	...
" 13 "	Cardiff City	...	...	A	...
" 20 "	Bristol Rovers	...	...	H	...
" 27 "	Ipswich Town	...	...	A	...
1959					
Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham City	...	...	A	...
" 10 "	Ipswich Town	...	...	H	...
" 17 "	West Ham Utd.	...	...	H	...
" 24 "	...	...	...	A	...
" 31 "	Leyton Orient	...	...	H	...
Feb. 7 "	Leicester City	...	...	A	...
" 14 "	Fulham	...	...	H	...
" 21 "	Arsenal	...	...	A	...
" 28 "	Bristol City	...	...	A	...
March 7 "	Charlton Ath.	...	...	H	...
" 14 "	Tottenham H.	...	...	A	...
" 21 "	Brighton & H. A.	...	...	H	...
" 28 "	Chelsea	A	...
" 30 Mon.	Swansea Town	H	...
April 4 Sat.	Notts. Forest	H	...
" 18 "	Swansea Town	A	...
" 25 "	A	...

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League Table 1958/59

DIVISION ONE
Up to and including Saturday, October 25th, 1958

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Arsenal	15	8	2	5	41	24	18
Wolverhampton W.	14	8	2	4	31	19	18
Bolton Wan.	14	7	4	3	27	18	18
Preston North End	15	7	4	4	28	22	18
West Brom. Albion	14	6	5	3	36	22	17
LUTON TOWN	14	5	7	2	26	18	17
Newcastle Utd.	14	8	1	5	31	26	17
West Ham United	14	7	1	6	30	29	15
Chelsea	14	7	1	6	36	36	15
Blackburn Rov.	14	5	4	5	33	25	14
Notts. Forest	14	6	2	6	26	22	14
Burnley	14	5	4	5	23	21	14
Blackpool	14	4	6	4	15	17	14
Manchester Utd.	15	4	5	6	30	26	13
Tottenham H.	14	5	3	6	33	33	13
Portsmouth	14	4	4	6	24	31	12
Leeds United	14	3	6	5	15	23	12
Everton	14	5	1	8	25	41	11
Birmingham C.	14	4	3	7	17	29	11
ASTON VILLA	15	4	3	8	22	38	11
Leicester City	14	3	4	7	24	37	10
Manchester City	14	3	4	7	21	37	10

NEXT MATCH

Saturday, 8th November, 1958

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