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WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL, 1959

THE

SOUTHERN FLOODLIGHT CHALLENGE CUP

SEMI - FINAL

CRYSTAL PALACE

v.

LUTON TOWN

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - Threepence

CLUB NOTES

Good Evening Everybody,

Much as we would like to dwell on the Easter Holiday games, which have brought the desired results, in short, kept the Club in the race for promotion, we think much more can be said in Saturday's programme for the game against Exeter City, where space will permit a review of what was achieved and also of what we have to do in the last six matches of this season, to have a reasonable chance with those teams immediately above us.

This evening we offer warm congratulations to Luton on their magnificent achievement in reaching the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

For some time we have been receiving letters from our supporters asking when they could hope to see a really good floodlight game with attractive opponents, as in the past. Well, we aim to please and here you are. This should be good enough to satisfy everybody.

Luton undoubtedly have an eye on both trophies and naturally we, too, have a great interest in tonight's result, because, having got so far we also would like to be the side to meet the Arsenal or West Ham in the Final.

This, indeed, would be a fitting climax to a good season enjoyed by the Club, and with the visit next Monday evening of Everton in a friendly floodlight game we shall not lack interest or excitement in the next few weeks.

OUR VISITORS . . .

LUTON TOWN

R. Baynham. (*Goalkeeper*). This tall, well-built player is one of the best keepers in the country. He first played for Worcester City and his great displays attracted the attention of many League Clubs. He joined Luton in 1951 and in the 1952-3 season displaced their international goalkeeper Bernard Stretton. This proved only the start, for less than two years later Baynham had been capped for England in internationals against Denmark, Spain and Ireland.

Seamus Dunne. *Right Back.* One of three Eire internationals on Luton's books, Dunne has been an almost automatic choice for Club and country for the past four seasons. He now holds eleven caps and played in the last match against Poland in October. A native of Wicklow—he arrived at Luton via the Irish League Club, Shelbourne, in 1950.

Brendan McNally. *Right Back.* Had only made the occasional appearance in Luton's senior side until Dunne's injury prior to the third round of the F.A. Cup versus Leeds on January 10th. Joined Luton from Shelbourne the Irish League Club.

Ken Hawkes. *Left Back.* A player who has made considerable strides since returning to the Club after National Service in 1953. Was spotted when he played for Shotton Colliery Welfare for Club's Northern Scout and made a big impression. Last season he made 22 first-team appearances.

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CRYSTAL PALACE

White with Claret and Blue Facings, Black Shorts

Vic Rouse

Bert Howe

Alf Noakes

Johnny McNichol

Len Choules

Terry Long

Ron
Brett

Roy
Summersby

Tom
Barnett

Johnny
Byrne

Ray
Colfar

Linesmen

A. J. Sturgeon

Red Flag

K. G. Aston

(Ilford)

A. J. Stewart

Yellow Flag

Gregory

Cummins

Brown

Turner

Whitby

Walker

Kelly

Morton

Dunne

McNally

Baynham

LUTON TOWN

John Groves. *Right Half.* Originally an inside-forward, Groves has filled both centre-forward and wing-half positions with equal success since he joined Luton upon leaving school. Tall and fast, he distributes the ball accurately.

Syd Owen. *Centre Half.* Luton's centre-half for many years now. An imposing figure on any soccer field, he has won many representative honours, including full internationals against Hungary, Yugoslavia and Belgium in 1954 since joining the Club from Birmingham City in 1947. Was originally a wing-half.

David Pacey. *Left Half.* Made his name with Hitchin Town and was still an amateur when he joined the Forces. Joined Luton Town as a professional in August, 1956. Gained a regular first team place when Pearce moved to Sunderland last season.

Billy Bingham. *Outside Right.* Luton paid a five-figure fee to Sunderland for the transfer of Irish International Billy Bingham last July. Has represented his country, Ireland, in every international game since 1952.

Allan Brown. *Inside Right.* A Scottish international with fourteen caps to his credit, Brown was transferred from Blackpool to Luton during the 1956-57 season. Began his League career with East Fife.

Bob Morton. *Centre Forward.* Has appeared in the League side at centre-forward during the last few matches, but, of course, is well known as one of the strongest and most consistent wing-halves in the First Division. Was chosen as reserve for England versus Russia at Wembley this season.

George Cummins. *Inside Left.* The third of Town's Eire internationals, Cummins joined Luton from Everton for a five-figure fee in 1953. Since then he has won ten caps, the last being against Poland in October last year.

Tony Gregory. *Outside Left.* A local boy who played for Bedfordshire's youth team, earned youth caps for England and was also a member of Bedfordshire's team in the Southern Counties Amateur Championship. Is in his fourth season with the Club. Has recently become a full-time professional player upon completing his apprenticeship at a local works. Is now serving his National Service.

Terry Kelly. *Centre Half.* A local boy who on the occasions he has been called upon to deputise for either Morton or Owen, has always given a good account of himself. Is also a fine Club cricketer.

Gordon Turner. *Inside Left.* A free-scoring forward. Turner scored thirty goals last season. Has played for the Football League and been a reserve for the England "B" team.

MONDAY, 6th APRIL

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EVERTON

KICK-OFF 7.30 P.M.
