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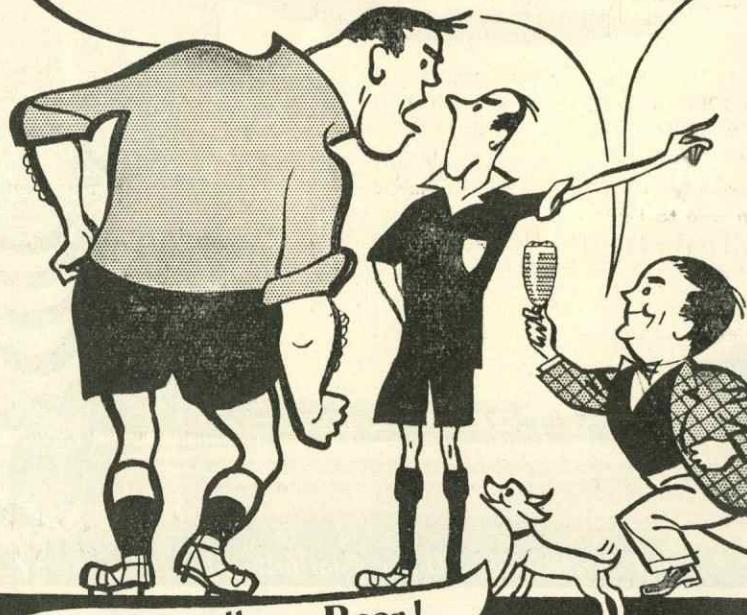
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## OUR VISITORS

Our supporters are able to watch both Cup Final sides in action in a comparatively short space of time—to-day the first of the “happy couple”—Luton Town. Luton, who go to Wembley in May to play in the first Cup Final in their history.

They have been to The Hawthorns before, this season, the dark wet dismal days of December are recalled when we remember the conditions prevailing at the first attempt—perhaps to-day we may see something of the arts and crafts of the game which have carried Luton to the Cup Final.

Three seasons ago—steered by the hands of Dally Duncan, former England winger—Luton rose to Division I for the first time—a considerable achievement on a “shoe string” budget, for the “Hatters” have never commanded the gates their ability would seem to have merited.

Now Mr. Duncan has moved on, and centre half Sid Owen has been mentioned on all sides as his successor.

If he takes over he will have a very different task to the stalwarts of 1885, who first called a meeting in the Town Hall to discuss the formation of a football club.

Agreement was soon reached and a set of rules laid down. The club colours to be navy blue and pink—a shirt and cap to be worn by each member when playing—a little different to their present businesslike white and black.

From 1897 Luton Town spent three seasons in Division II of the League, but found they had been over-ambitious and dropped out until the formation of Division III at the end of the 1914-18 war.

Their most recent side was:—

**Ron BAYNHAM**, goalkeeper. Big six-footer, whose skill won him England caps in 1955-56. Born in Birmingham, and a former Worcester City player.

**Brendan McNALLY**, right back. Born at Dublin and signed by Luton from Shelbourne. Played his first International two weeks ago against Czechoslovakia.

**Ken HAWKES**, left back. Born in the North-East, in Co. Durham. Luton took him from Shotton Colliery Welfare.

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## OUR VISITORS—continued

**John GROVES**, right half. Born at Langwith, in Derbyshire. His father was a player alongside Dally Duncan, and sent him along to Luton straight from school. Plays inside forward also.

**Sid OWEN**, centre half. Born in Birmingham, and a former Birmingham City player. Won International caps for England in 1954. Captain of the side.

**David PACEY**, left half. A local lad who joined Luton in August, 1956, from Hitchin Town.

**Billy BINGHAM**, outside right. Mercurial star of many an Irish International side. Born at Belfast. Played for Glentoran, in Ireland, but was signed by Luton from Sunderland.

**Allan BROWN**, inside right, where he was capped for Scotland. Born at Fife, and played for East Fife and Blackpool. Has been very unlucky with injuries just before Internationals, and in Cup Final appearance. Keeping his fingers crossed for May 2nd.

**Bob MORTON**, centre forward. More usually at wing half, on the fringe of the England side. Has 'B' International honours and Football League selection to his credit, as well as his "England Reserve" matches. Born at Aston Clinton, and signed as an amateur.

**George CUMMINS**, inside left. Born at Dublin. Rose to prominence with Everton, who let him go to Luton. Another Eire International.

**Jim ADAM**, outside left. A Scot born at Glasgow—signed by Luton from Spennymoor United. Has had an "in and out" sort of season with injury, and shares the spot with Tony Gregory.

Luton Town's Division I record this season:						
	Goals					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	for agst	Pts
Home	19	10	4	5	46	24
Away	18	1	10	7	17	35
Position: 16th	37	11	14	12	63	59
						34

Albion's Division I record with Luton Town:						
	Goals					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	for agst	Pts
Home	3	3	0	0	11	3
Away	4	2	1	1	5	6
Totals	7	5	1	1	16	9

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## CLUB NOTES

One point from our Newcastle United home fixture—a hard won point at that, but at least it brought our home total to 18—equal with our "worst ever" home record in 1950-51.

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To-day's match with Luton gives us a chance to beat the record at home, and next week's at 'Spurs and Chelsea give us two chances to set up a "best ever" away record.—to-day we have 24 points—the previous best is 25 in 1919-20.

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Saturday's point was hard won indeed—with Newcastle two in front Joe Kennedy was carried off on the now too familiar stretcher—with a blow on the head that not only scattered his senses, but needed an awful lot of stitches to put together.

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Maurice Setters went to centre half, Ron Allen came back into the wing half position, and the match re-started on what was apparently a hopeless note.

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We have seen it before with our "ten-men teams" but it should never be taken for granted. Two Derek Kevan goals levelled the scores, and the lads came "oh, so close" to an impossible victory.

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The Reserves were not so fortunate. They had Ray Barlow skippering the side and also incidentally, drawing applause from the Sheffield supporters, but despite constant pressure could not find a hole in the United defence, so that a "snap shot" opportunist goal by the Sheffield United inside right was enough to win the match.

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Graham Williams was not the least of our defenders at The Hawthorns—Graham does not often find a niche to step into—two International backs leave him little room, but with Donald Howe absent at Wembley, Graham had another run.

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Clive Jackman has had part of his "wiring job" removed and—doing some light training—should soon be able to play again.

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Barry Hughes is looking forward to getting rid of his plaster case when his leg is next examined.

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# WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Navy Blue and White Striped Shirts, White Shorts

Right

POTTER

Left

HOWE (2) WILLIAMS, S. G. (3)

SETTERS (4) BARLOW (5) ROBSON (6)

BURNSIDE (8) KEVAN (10) HOGG (11)

CAMPBELL (7)

ALLEN (9)

Referee:

Mr. N. N. HOUGH,  
Macclesfield

Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

ADAM (11)

CUMMINS (10)

MORTON (9)

BROWN (8)

BINGHAM (7)

PACEY (6) OWEN (5) GROVES (4)

HAWKES (3) McNALLY (2)

Left

BAYNHAM

Right

# LUTON TOWN

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## SCORE BOARD

THE SCORE OF THE HOME TEAM, WHOSE NAME IS GIVEN FIRST, IS TOP ON THE BOARD

A NOTTINGHAM FOREST v. CHELSEA	...	...	...	...
B PORTSMOUTH v. EVERTON	...	...	...	...
C ROTHERHAM UNITED v. SHEFFIELD UNITED	...	...	...	...
D SWANSEA TOWN v. CARDIFF CITY	...	...	...	...
E HALIFAX TOWN v. WREXHAM	...	...	...	...
F EXETER CITY v. CRYSTAL PALACE	...	...	...	...
G YORK CITY v. PORT VALE	...	...	...	...
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## LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE:

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE, Division I

Table to Monday, April 13th inclusive:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for agst	Pts	Goals		P.	W.	L.	D.	for agst	Pts	Goals	
Wolverhampton Wan.	39	25	9	5	101	49	55		Wolverhampton Wan.	38	29	4	5	122	54	63
Manchester United	40	23	10	7	101	64	53		Liverpool	40	24	10	6	91	62	54
Burnley	39	19	12	8	79	67	46		Stoke City	39	22	11	6	77	48	50
West Ham United	39	20	14	5	79	67	45		Sheffield Wednesday	38	20	9	9	83	59	49
Blackpool	39	17	12	10	62	46	44		Derby County	39	19	13	7	76	57	45
Arsenal	38	18	12	8	78	60	44		Manchester United	40	19	14	7	88	75	45
Bolton Wanderers	38	17	11	10	74	63	44		Huddersfield Town	40	19	14	7	74	72	45
<b>ALBION</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>42</b>		Preston North End	39	19	14	6	83	64	44
Blackburn Rovers	38	15	13	10	70	62	40		Blackburn Rovers	41	19	17	5	86	83	43
Birmingham City	35	17	13	5	71	60	39		Bury	40	19	17	4	74	76	42
Preston North End	40	17	18	5	67	74	39		Newcastle United	40	18	18	6	77	90	38
Nottingham Forest	37	16	15	6	67	62	38		Sheffield United	39	15	16	8	60	73	38
Newcastle United	38	16	18	4	73	75	36		Manchester City	39	14	16	9	80	85	37
Everton	39	16	19	4	67	81	36		Bolton Wanderers	38	14	17	7	71	73	35
Chelsea	38	16	18	4	70	90	36		Chesterfield	38	12	17	9	48	65	33
Luton Town	37	11	14	12	63	59	34		Leeds United	39	11	20	10	58	75	32
Tottenham Hotspur	40	12	19	9	78	93	33		Burnley	38	12	19	7	51	62	31
Manchester City	38	10	20	8	59	87	28		Everton	39	11	20	8	59	77	30
Leicester City	38	9	19	10	60	90	28		Blackpool	38	9	18	11	54	68	29
Aston Villa	38	11	22	5	57	84	27		Barnsley	37	9	20	8	42	61	26
Portsmouth	38	6	23	9	59	100	21		<b>ALBION</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>26</b>
									Aston Villa	37	6	24	7	52	99	19

## PLAYERS' APPEARANCES and GOAL SCORERS, Season 1958-59

	League		Cup		League		Cup		
	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	
Allen, R.	31	15 (5 pen.)	3	—	Jackson, A.	8	—	3	1
Barlow, R. J.	31	—	3	—	Kennedy, J. P.	9	—	—	—
Burnside, D.	23	10	—	—	Kevan, D. T.	36	26	2	2
Campbell, J.	21	8	—	—	Potter, R.	—	25	3	—
Drury, C.	13	—	3	—	Robson, R. W.	24	4	1	—
Dudley, J.	18	2	—	—	Setters, M.	37	2	3	—
Forrester, A. J.	6	3	—	—	Williams, G. E.	3	—	—	—
Griffin, F. A.	3	1	3	—	Williams, S. G.	36	—	3	—
Hogg, D.	35	4	3	1	Whitehouse, B.	1	—	—	—
Howe, D.	35	3 (2 pen.)	3	—	Opponent (own goal)	—	3	—	—
Jackman, C.	12	—	—	—					



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### FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION 1)

Date	Opponents	Gr'nd	Result	For	Agst
1958					
Aug. 23	Luton Town ..	..	away 1 1	1	1
" 27	Birmingham City ..	..	home 2 2	2	2
" 30	Bolton Wanderers ..	..	home 1 1	1	1
Sept. 3	Birmingham City ..	..	away 6 0	6	0
" 6	Burnley ..	..	away 3 1	3	1
" 10	Portsmouth ..	..	home 1 2	1	2
" 13	Preston North End ..	..	home 1 1	1	1
" 17	Portsmouth ..	..	away 6 2	6	2
" 20	Leicester City ..	..	away 2 2	2	2
" 24	Port Vale (friendly) ..	..	away 3 5	3	5
" 27	Everton ..	..	home 2 3	2	3
Oct. 4	Arsenal ..	..	away 3 4	3	4
" 11	Aston Villa ..	..	away 4 1	4	1
" 18	West Ham United ..	..	home 2 1	2	1
" 25	Manchester United ..	..	away 2 1	2	1
Nov. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers ..	..	home 2 1	2	1
" 5	Atletico de Bilbao (friendly) ..	..	home 1 2	1	2
" 8	Blackpool ..	..	away 1 1	1	1
" 15	Blackburn Rovers ..	..	home 2 3	2	3
" 22	Newcastle United ..	..	away 2 1	2	1
" 29	Tottenham Hotspur ..	..	home 4 3	4	3
Dec. 6	Nottingham Forest ..	..	away 1 1	1	1
" 10	Bucharest Selected XI (friendly) ..	..	home 3 0	3	0
" 13	Chelsea ..	..	home 4 0	4	0
" 20	Luton Town (abandoned) ..	..	home 1 1	1	1
" 26	Leeds United ..	..	home 1 2	1	2
" 27	Leeds United ..	..	away 1 0	1	0
1958					
Jan. 3	Bolton Wanderers ..	..	away 1 2	1	2
" 19	Sheffield Wed., F.A. Cup, 3rd Rd.	..	away 2 0	2	0
" 24	Brentford, F.A. Cup, 4th Round ..	..	home 2 0	2	0
" 31	Preston North End ..	..	away 4 2	4	2
Feb. 7	Leicester City ..	..	away 2 2	2	2
" 14	Blackpool, F.A. Cup, 5th Round ..	..	away 1 3	1	3
" 18	Everton ..	..	away 3 3	3	3
" 21	Arsenal ..	..	home 1 1	1	1
March 7	West Ham United ..	..	away 1 3	1	3
" 11	Burnley ..	..	home 2 4	2	4
" 14	Manchester United ..	..	home 1 3	1	3
" 21	Wolverhampton Wanderers ..	..	away 2 5	2	5
" 28	Blackpool ..	..	home 3 1	3	1
" 30	Manchester City ..	..	away 2 0	2	0
" 31	Manchester City ..	..	home 3 0	3	0
April 4	Blackburn Rovers ..	..	away 0 0	0	0
" 11	Newcastle United ..	..	home 2 2	2	2
" 15	Luton Town ..	..	home ..	..	..
" 18	Tottenham Hotspur ..	..	away ..	..	..
" 22	Chelsea ..	..	away ..	..	..
" 25	Nottingham Forest ..	..	home ..	..	..
" 29	Aston Villa ..	..	home ..	..	..
May 2	F.A. Cup Final ..	..	..	..	..



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## CLUB NOTES—continued

There has been considerable activity at The Hawthorns of late completing arrangements for the Canadian tour.

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Vaccination checks were made and only Stuart Williams of all our players could prove he was inside the date, so it was medical parade for all—almost back to the Services for us.

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Next came the arranging of American visas for the match in New York, so last week and this week both the probable party and those covering for possibilities have been visiting the American Consul in relays in order to cause as little disorganisation in his office as possible.

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Two games at The Hawthorns next week. On Monday, the Final of the Handsworth League Albion Shield, and on Thursday, the Smethwick League's Britannia Cup Final. Both kick-off at 6.30 p.m.

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Both our first and second teams are in action—the first team visits Chelsea and the reserves visit Sheffield Wednesday. These are on Wednesday, 22nd April, with the last of our programme of fixtures only one week away.

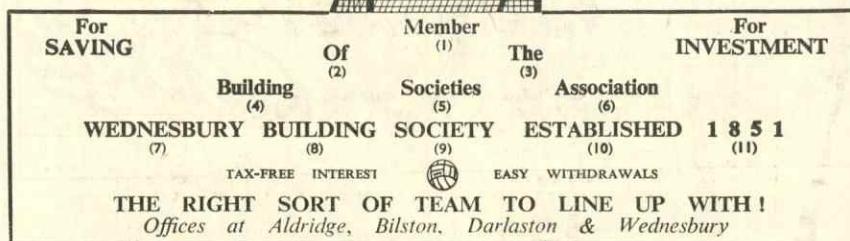
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A match—Showbiz XI v. Midland All Stars, is being played at Vono Ground, Tipton, on April 26th, at 3.0. Proceeds to *Mercury* "Give a Girl Health" Fund. Stage stars include Dave King, Ronnie Carroll, David Hughes, Des O'Connor and Stan Stennett, whilst most of the Midland Managers will play.

Admission is by Programme—price 2/6—from the *Sunday Mercury* Office or any local *Evening Despatch* Office, or the "Adelphi", West Bromwich.

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Mr. John Gordon tells us he has arranged a Dance to raise money for W. G. Richardson's family, on Wednesday, May 6th, when all the takings will be donated. There will be two bands—both Ronnie Harrison and Brian Pearsall asked to be allowed to donate their services. Tickets available from the Albion Supporters' Club branches and the "Adelphi".



## LAST WEEK'S MATCHES

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE, Division 1

ALBION 2, NEWCASTLE UNITED 2

At The Hawthorns on Saturday, 11th April, 1959.

Scorers:—Albion—Kevan (2); Newcastle United—Curry (2).

Teams:

Albion—Potter; Williams, S. G., Williams, G. E.; Setters, Kennedy, Robson; Campbell, Burnside, Allen, Kevan, Hogg.

Newcastle United—Harvey; Keith, McMichael; Franks, Scouler, Mitchell; Taylor, Eastham, Curry, Hale, Scott.

Referee: Mr. T. Jepson, Mansfield.

### CENTRAL LEAGUE

ALBION RESERVES 0, SHEFFIELD UNITED RESERVES 1

At Sheffield on Saturday, 11th April, 1959.

Albion team—Daley; Wileman, Cram; Drury, Barlow, Styles; Griffin, Jackson, Whitehouse, Smith, Forrester.

### BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

ALBION "A" 4, LOCKHEED LEAMINGTON 2

At Vono Grounds, Tipton, on Saturday, 11th April, 1959.

Albion scorers: O'Neil, Dunsmore, Cooke, Main.

Albion team—M. Swinnerton; Whale, Finch; Reeve, Wood, Curtis; Dunsmore, Lovatt, O'Neil, Cooke, Main.

### WARWICKSHIRE COMBINATION

ALBION "B" 1, BANBURY SPENCER 3

At Banbury on Saturday, 11th April, 1959.

Albion scorer—M. Williams.

Albion team—A. Hackett; J. Neville, R. Fairfax; J. Bannister, D. Gadd, A. Bass; G. Bishton, Jones, W. Hargreaves, M. Williams, L. Hillyer.

### HANDSWORTH LEAGUE

ALBION JUNIORS 1, WEST BROMWICH TRANSPORT 6

At West Bromwich on Saturday, 11th April, 1959.

Albion scorer—T. Brewer.

Albion team—D. Shipman; J. Peak, A. H. Cooke; M. Adams, A. Phipps, M. Whysell; B. Cooper, G. Owen, T. Brewer, P. Trotman, K. Read.

### BIRMINGHAM YOUTH COMMITTEE

ERDINGTON ALBION 1, OLD OSCOTT 5

At Jaffray Road on Saturday, 11th April, 1959.

Albion scorer—D. Woodburn.



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