

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

PORTSMOUTH

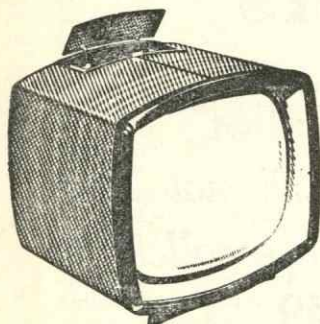


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B. ATTENS

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S. HEADS

3
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H. E. M. LOCK

6
Left Half
T. R. ELLIS

7
Outside Right
P. LYE

8
Inside Right
L. ADDERS

9
Centre Forward
P. OLES

10
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D. ORES

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Club Notes—continued

For those of you who are keen "Stiffs" fans, we would like to take this opportunity of reminding you tomorrow evening, 23rd April, our lads will be taking on Ipswich Town Reserves. This is a fixture re-arranged from earlier in the season

and the other outstanding game against West Ham Reserves will be played here on Monday next, 27th April. In each case the kick-off is at 6.30 p.m.

Let's hear you raise your voices this evening for after tonight there will be only one more chance to rehearse our Wembley roar!

CLUB NOTES

TONIGHT we welcome Portsmouth as our visitors to Kenilworth Road for the last but one match of this Season. There is a certain amount of sadness in Portsmouth's visit to us here this evening, for fate has labelled them a certainty for relegation to Division II. What is even sadder about this situation is that Pompey have never before been relegated, an honour which must unfortunately be taken from them this year. In one way this is a boost for the Town, for we are now alone in the First Division as the only team never to be relegated from the top grade of soccer.

Portsmouth's history of soccer began on 5th April, 1898, when they became members of the Southern League. In their very first season, under their able manager, Mr. Frank Brettell, they finished in second place, whilst the Reserves finished third place in the Southern District Combination—a very creditable performance in their first year. They eventually won the Championship of the Southern League in 1901/02, and again 1919/20. Portsmouth joined the Football League when the Third Division was formed in 1920/21, gaining promotion in 1923/24 when they were Champions of this section with 59 points out of a possible 84. It took them only three Seasons to gain further honour and move their status higher still. In 1926/27 they gained promotion to Division One and what a close thing it was! Second to Middlesbrough they gained promotion with 54 points out of a possible 84 and a hair-breadth goal average advantage over Manchester City. Their goal average was in fact only 0.00502 better than Manchester City! This is to-date a record for the closest promotion race between two teams.

Portsmouth have therefore been in the top division of the Football League since the 1927/28 Season and during this period have gained both League and Cup honours. In the F.A. Cup they have made four appearances in the semi-finals reaching Wembley on three occasions. In 1929 and 1934 Finals they were beaten by Bolton Wanderers and Manchester City respectively, but in 1939 starting definite second favourites they trounced Wolverhampton Wanderers by 4-1. The League competition has given them two Championship wins. These came in the successive Seasons of 1948/49 and 1949/50.

Such a consistent record does not signify that the period of ill-luck which has accompanied Pompey throughout this Season can be anything but a passing phase. Unfortunately their position at the end of last Season was equally disturbing. Here again, as in their promotion thriller of 1926/27, it was goal average which won them the day over Sunderland. Despite these setbacks Portsmouth are still a great team and misfortune has not dampened the enthusiasm of those "Pompey Chimes." With all the city behind them we are certain it will not be long before Division One Soccer returns to Fratton Park and we wish them the best of good fortune in their efforts to achieve this and may their famous Guildhall rock from their supporters' cheers of victory throughout next Season.

Earlier this Season our trip to Portsmouth enabled us to collect a valuable away point by sharing four goals. This was on October 25th, but ten days later on November 3rd we went one better by beating them two goals to nil in the 1st Round of the Southern Floodlight Challenge Cup. This was a fine win at Fratton Park with our two goals being scored by Gordon Turner. Whilst no relegation fears are with us now a similar win will help to give us extra confidence for our Wembley visit.

As with our last home game with Manchester United our stiff end-of-Season programme has once again preceded tonight's home fixture with four away games.

Our last home fixture against Manchester United was a game best forgotten. Too much robustness entered into the game during the first half to the detriment of the good football we had all anticipated so much, following the classical example of football we had seen the previous Thursday night against our Cup opponents Nottingham Forest. It was all very disappointing. However in the second half a vast improvement took place and we were definitely unlucky not to collect both points. The great shot from Allan Brown which smacked the crossbar was worthy of a goal and when make-shift centre forward Dave Pacey slammed the ball into the net only to be declared offside it was an effort fully worthy of a goal.

Our trip to Upton Park a week ago last Monday to play West Ham United under floodlights produced the all-important point which has enabled everyone to breathe more easily and has removed those relegation worries.

It was our second goal-less draw in three days, but as against Manchester United we were most unlucky when a great shot from Cummins rebounded into play from the woodwork of the "Hammers" goal. The ball from this effort bounced up and down from the crossbar like a yo-yo until Dowger the West Ham goalkeeper was able to make contact. A half inch lower and that ball would have been in the net to have gained us our second away match of the season and our first double.

In this game it seemed a goal was badly needed to set alight the fire and sparkle of which both teams are known to be capable. West Ham had full-back Bond at centre-forward and despite his success in previous matches in this position he did not cause Sid Owen the slightest moment of trouble. Inside-left Dick returned after duty in the Scotland team at Wembley the previous Saturday, but was not able to match the scheming and clever distribution of our own George Cummins.

Last December our away fixture with West Bromwich Albion was washed out by heavy rain. Last Wednesday evening it was our Cup Eleven which were washed out by our heavy fixture programme! It was a pity for all the fans at the 'Hawthorns' that we were unable to field our full-strength team but with so many matches now crowding on top of one another, players injuries are not being given the time to heal. With so many positional changes and the young content of our team, to only lose 2-0 was a magnificent effort and we were certainly in no way disgraced!

In their successful quest for their second successful League Championship win, Wolverhampton Wanderers handed us our biggest defeat of the season, last Saturday. It was not expected by anyone that victory would be ours in the circumstances which prevailed for this match. Wolves needed two points for the Championship title. On the other hand our lads no longer had any worry of relegation to contend with and certain players were still feeling the effects of the three matches played during the previous seven days.

With these factors in mind the 5-0 defeat cannot be regarded with too much significance. We are now less than a fortnight away from Wembley and, of course, this factor is very much in all our minds.

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Right Back

4
Groves
Right Half

7
Brown
Outside Right

8
Turner
Inside Right

Referee:

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11
Cutler
Outside Left

10
Newman
Inside Left

6
Howells
Left Half

3
Wilson
Left Back

PORTSMOUTH

Shirts Royal Blue
Knickers White
Stockings Red

Spectators are asked NOT TO CROSS THE PLAYING FIELD after the match

Baynham
Goal

5
Kelly
Centre Half

9
Morton
Centre



9
Saunders
Centre

5
Gunter
Centre Half

Brown
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3
Hawkes, K.
Left Back

6
Pacey
Left Half

10
Cummins
Inside Left

11
Adam
Outside Left

Linesmen:

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Orange Flag:
Mr. H. E. Stokes (London)

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7
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Outside Right

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Right Half

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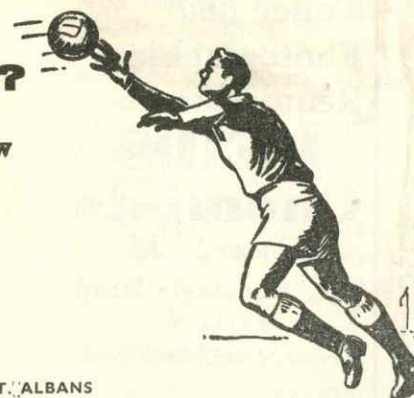
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FIRST LIST

A
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C
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SECOND LIST

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THIRD LIST

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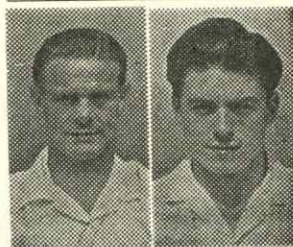
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| 1958 | FIRST XI—Division 1 | Attendance | 1957/8 | F | A |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------|--------|---|-----|
| Aug. 23 Sat. | West Brom. | 24425 | 5 1 | H | 1 1 |
| " 26 Tues. | Leeds United | 25498 | 2 0 | A | 1 1 |
| " 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 | 2 2 | 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 | 18714 | 3 0 | H | 2 1 |
| " 8 " | Newcastle United | 53420 | 2 3 | A | 0 1 |
| " 15 " | Tottenham H. (1) | 23592 | 0 0 | H | 1 2 |
| " 22 " | Manchester United | 41195 | 0 3 | A | 1 2 |
| " 29 " | Wolves | 20648 | 3 1 | H | 0 1 |
| Dec. 6 " | Blackpool (2) | 14140 | 2 1 | A | 0 3 |
| " 13 " | Blackburn Rov. | 13475 | 4 0 | H | 1 1 |
| " 26 Fri. | Arsenal | 21870 | 4 0 | H | 6 3 |
| " 27 Sat. | Arsenal | 56501 | 0 2 | A | 0 1 |
| 1959 | | | | | |
| Jan. 3 Sat. | Birmingham C. | 15538 | 3 0 | H | 0 1 |
| " 10 " | Leeds U.—Cup-3 | 18354 | | H | 5 1 |
| " 24 " | Leicester—Cup-4 | 36984 | | A | 1 1 |
| " 28 Wed. | Leicester (Replay) | 27277 | | H | 4 1 |
| " 31 Sat. | Bolton Wanderers | 27787 | 2 1 | A | 2 4 |
| Feb. 7 " | Burnley | 15753 | 3 2 | H | 6 2 |
| " 14 " | Ipswich T.—Cup-5 | 26700 | | A | 5 2 |
| " 21 " | Leicester City | 15786 | 2 1 | H | 4 3 |
| " 28 " | Blackpool Cup-6 | 30634 | | A | 1 1 |
| March 4 Wed. | Blackpool (Replay) | 30069 | | H | 1 0 |
| " 7 Sat. | Chelsea | 29175 | 3 1 | A | 3 3 |
| " 14 " | Norwich C. (S.F.) | | | | 1 1 |
| " 18 Wed. | Norwich C. (S.F.—Replay) | | | | 1 0 |
| " 21 Sat. | Aston Villa | 27401 | 0 2 | A | 1 3 |
| " 27 Fri. | Everton | 22954 | 0 1 | H | 0 1 |
| " 28 Sat. | Newcastle U. | 20880 | 0 3 | H | 4 2 |
| " 30 Mon. | Everton | 32620 | 2 0 | A | 1 3 |
| April 4 Sat. | Tottenham H. | 37193 | 1 3 | A | 0 3 |
| " 6 Mon. | Preston N. End | | 0 1 | A | 0 0 |
| " 9 Thurs. | Notts. Forest | 22352 | 3 1 | H | 5 1 |
| " 11 Sat. | Manchester Utd. | | 2 2 | H | 0 0 |
| " 13 Mon. | West Ham United | | | A | 0 0 |
| " 15 Wed. | West Brom. Albion | | 2 4 | A | 0 2 |
| " 18 Sat. | Wolves | | 1 1 | A | 0 5 |
| " 20 Mon. | Blackburn Rov. | | | A | 1 3 |
| " 22 Wed. | Portsmouth | | 2 1 | H | |
| " 25 Sat. | Blackpool | | 2 0 | H | |

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League Table 1958 - 59

DIVISION ONE

Up to and including Monday, 20th April, 1959

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Wolverhampton W. | 40 | 26 | 5 | 9 | 106 | 49 | 57 |
| Manchester United | 41 | 24 | 7 | 10 | 102 | 64 | 55 |
| West Ham United | 41 | 21 | 6 | 14 | 85 | 69 | 48 |
| Bolton Wand. | 40 | 19 | 10 | 11 | 76 | 63 | 48 |
| Burnley | 41 | 19 | 9 | 13 | 79 | 68 | 47 |
| Blackpool | 41 | 18 | 10 | 13 | 65 | 48 | 46 |
| Arsenal | 40 | 19 | 8 | 13 | 81 | 65 | 46 |
| West Bromwich A. | 39 | 16 | 12 | 11 | 83 | 67 | 44 |
| Blackburn Rovers | 40 | 17 | 10 | 13 | 75 | 64 | 44 |
| Birmingham C. | 38 | 18 | 5 | 15 | 75 | 64 | 41 |
| Nottingham Forest | 40 | 17 | 6 | 17 | 71 | 69 | 40 |
| Preston North End | 41 | 17 | 6 | 18 | 68 | 75 | 40 |
| Chelsea | 40 | 18 | 4 | 18 | 76 | 92 | 40 |
| Everton | 41 | 17 | 4 | 20 | 71 | 86 | 38 |
| Newcastle Utd. | 39 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 75 | 77 | 37 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 41 | 13 | 9 | 19 | 83 | 93 | 35 |
| Leeds United | 40 | 13 | 9 | 18 | 53 | 74 | 35 |
| LUTON TOWN | 40 | 11 | 12 | 17 | 64 | 69 | 34 |
| Leicester City | 39 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 64 | 91 | 30 |
| Aston Villa | 40 | 11 | 6 | 23 | 57 | 86 | 28 |
| Manchester City | 40 | 10 | 8 | 22 | 61 | 94 | 28 |
| PORTSMOUTH | 40 | 6 | 9 | 25 | 61 | 104 | 21 |

NEXT MATCHES

Thursday, 23rd April, 1959

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Luton Town Reserves

v.

Ipswich Town Res.

Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

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