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LUTON TOWN
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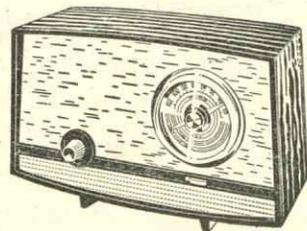


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We have now started another season, and we all hope that it will be a successful one, and that our new Manager, Syd Owen, will be able to pilot us, if not to be League Champions, to a position we hope to maintain. He will have, we are sure, everyone's good wishes and to show it more sincerely come along to each game and so make sure that the attendance is well over the 20,000 mark.

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CLUB NOTES

WELCOME, all you fans here today for the opening home match in Division 1 for season 1959/60, also to those supporters who cannot get here this evening, and to those unfortunate enough to be in Hospital but who will be watching our fortunes very closely and be with us in spirit listening to the excellent commentaries. We begin another eight months or so of endeavour, hoping to emulate our wonderful achievement of last season when we reached the Final of the F.A. Challenge Cup for the first time in our long history. We did not do so well in the League, finishing in 16th place, but considering all the circumstances, especially having to fit in no less than 13 League 1 fixtures between March 27th and April 25th, coming almost immediately on top of those two strenuous matches with Norwich City in the Cup Semi-Final we feel our lads did very well indeed. Many of the matches we drew or lost by the odd goal would undoubtedly have finished in our favour if Gordon Turner had been the Gordon Turner of Season 53/54 when he scored those 37 goals, for there were 20 such results during last season when another goal in each match would have meant a point where none was gained or a win where a draw was the result. The loss of form of Turner was a grievous blow to us, and here again already this season he has suffered an injury during training which has prevented him from appearing in these two opening matches. We trust that when he does re-appear in the team that he has found all his old shooting power.

We congratulate most heartily the eleven players who carried us right through to Wembley. Who will ever forget the thrill when the final whistle was sounded at St. Andrew's to see Syd Owen and Ron Baynham pat each other like two excited schoolboys for they knew we had won our way to Wembley. That lovely back-heeler that day by Bob Morton to Billy Bingham who promptly smashed the ball into the net to put us into the Final; that lovely through pass by George Cummins here at Kenilworth Road against Blackpool for Allan Brown to run onto and steer the ball into the net to get us into the Semi-Final for the first time; the look of relief on Ken Hawkes' face when the final whistle went that day to know that his mistake in the last few seconds of the match at Bloomfield Road the previous Saturday had not been a disaster after all; that lovely header by Allan Brown five minutes from time at Wembley which sent the ball just the wrong side of the upright which, had it registered would undoubtedly have meant extra time being played, when we feel sure we would have won; these and many more incidents stand out in our memory of a brave attempt to win that coveted of all prizes, the English F.A. Challenge Cup. To lose it by one goal in the end was a bitter blow after all the endeavour, but at least we have been to Wembley, and we shall do our very best to get there again.

We begin this new season under the leadership of Syd Owen, and we are sure we are voicing the wish of you all when we say we hope his occupation of the managerial chair will be as successful and glamorous as his prowess and sportsmanship on the field of play. He has quite a task facing him in that he has a small staff, many of whom are youngsters, as well as four being in the Services. We are very pleased that he has decided to continue with the Club he has served so faithfully since June 1947, and we sincerely hope he will himself get as much satisfaction from his new job as he did when on the field.

We give a great welcome to our friends from Blackpool here at Kenilworth Road this evening. We remember very vividly their last two visits

here, one in that memorable 6th Round Cup Re-play, and the other our last match of the season when we drew one goal each. Blackpool have begun the present season with a home win over Bolton Wanderers which in itself is very satisfactory, but there must be even more satisfaction felt in the Club for Bolton were leading by two clear goals at half time, and for any Club to not only wipe out such arrears but to go on and win, especially against such a tough proposition as Bolton, shows a spirit in the team which should get them far this season. We are very sorry we shall not have the opportunity of watching maestro Stan Matthews in action this evening, a great disappointment, but it is no good playing a man unless he is quite fit, especially a player of Matthew's age. However we are sure we shall be witnessing a most entertaining match, to bring you fans back on Saturday next to watch our next encounter, with Leeds United, who will be out to put right the reverse they received at home last Saturday against Burnley who won by the odd goal in five. Here again the visitors were up by two clear goals at half time, and although Leeds scored two in the second half to draw level, Burnley scored again to win the match.

We have received numerous requests from foreign teams to play here at Kenilworth Road, also from teams up and down the country to play on their ground for the inauguration of their floodlighting system or to help boost enthusiasm, etc. We are sorry we just cannot accept all the kind invitations received, but we have agreed to a few of them and hope to be able to fulfil the following friendly fixtures here at Kenilworth Road:—

Wed. Sept. 30th v. OSTRAVA. A 1st Division Czechoslovakian team. Ostrava is the second largest city in Czechoslovakia. We are told they are a very good side.

Wed., Oct. 7th v. AUSTRIA (Vienna). A first class side with many International players.

Wed., Oct. 14th v. ABERDEEN. The Scottish F.A. Cup losing Finalists. We play a return match with them at Aberdeen the following Wednesday.

And on Wednesday, November 4th, we play at Cambridge against Cambridge City in a match being arranged by Cambridge University, the whole of the proceeds of the match to go to the Earl Haig Fund.

In addition we have a Metropolitan League match with Bedford Town here at Kenilworth Road on Monday evening next, August 31st, kick-off 6.45 p.m.

There should be enough good football here to satisfy the most discerning of football fans. We hope the three friendly matches are well supported, for poor attendances give us very little encouragement to receive these foreign Clubs and they themselves feel very disappointed if they play before a poor crowd. Their football seems to correspond with the encouragement they receive, and all the Clubs from abroad who have played here so far have voiced their appreciation of the very fair way the crowd here applaud good play on either side. We will give more details of these matches in future programmes, but meanwhile note the dates in your diaries.

In closing we are sure you will join us in expressing our appreciation to Groundsman Tom King and his staff for the hard work they put in in getting the pitch to look so well despite this very trying summer for grass. Lack of rain means extra work for the Groundsmen, but they have stuck to the task very well otherwise there would not be the lovely sward we see before us this evening.

And now we hope to see some excellent football on it. We feel sure we will not be disappointed.

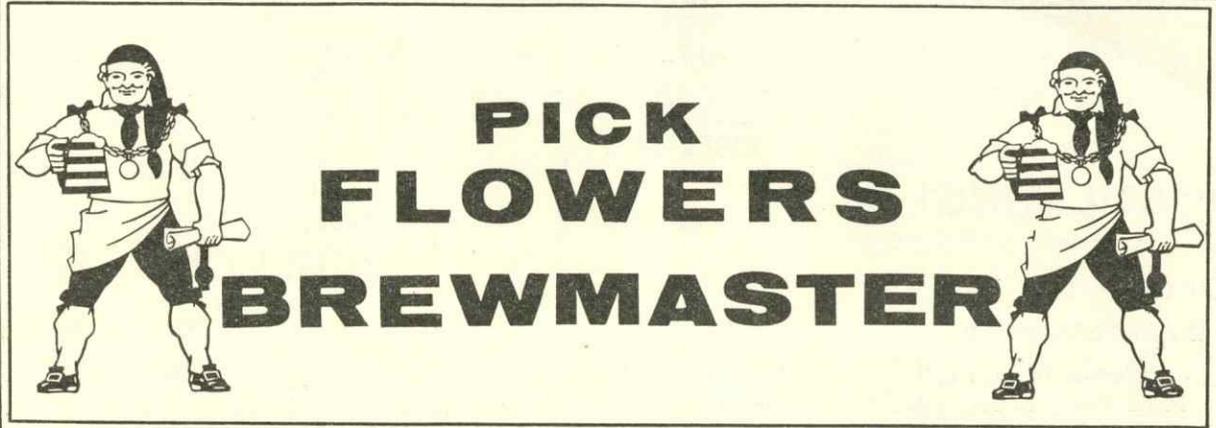
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Right Back
4
Morton
Right Half
7
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Outside Right
8
Kilgannon
Inside Right

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11
Perry
Outside Left
10
Peterson
Inside Left
6
Kelly, H.
Left Half
3
Martin
Left Back

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Baynham
Goal

KELLY
5
Pacey
Centre Half

Brown
Centre



9
Charnley
Centre

5
Gratrix
Centre Half

Farm
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3
Hawkes, K.
Left Back

6
Groves
Left Half

10
Cummins
Inside Left
11
Gregory
Outside Left

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Orange Flag: **Mr. C. Coppack** (Wembley)

8
Mudie
Inside Right
7
Kaye
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4
Kelly, J.
Right Half

2
Armfield
Right Back

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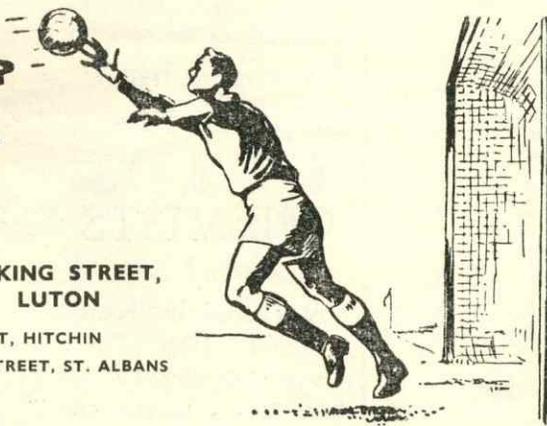
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

A
B
C
D
E
F
G
H
K
L
M
N

SECOND LIST

A
B
C
D
E
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G
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THIRD LIST

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Aug. 22	Sat. Everton	38539	1 3	A	2 2
" 26	Wed. Blackpool	H	0 /
" 29	Sat. Leeds United	...	1 1	H	0 /
" 31	Mon. Blackpool	...	0 3	A	...
Sept. 5	Sat. Bolton Wand.	...	0 0	H	...
" 9	Wed. Manchester City	...	5 1	H	...
" 12	Sat. Fulham	...	...	A	...
" 16	Wed. Manchester City	...	1 1	A	...
" 19	Sat. Notts. Forest	...	5 1	H	...
" 26	...	...	...	A	...
Oct. 3	...	...	0 1	H	...
" 10	...	...	0 0	A	...
" 17	...	...	2 1	H	...
" 24	...	...	0 2	A	...
" 31	...	...	6 2	H	...
Nov. 7	...	...	1 0	A	...
" 14	...	...	1 2	H	...
" 21	...	...	1 2	A	...
" 28	...	...	4 1	H	...
Dec. 5	...	...	1 3	A	...
" 12	...	...	4 2	H	...
" 19	...	...	0 1	H	...
" 26	...	...	0 1	A	...
" 28	Mon. Arsenal	...	6 3	H	...
1960					
Jan. 2	Sat. Leeds United	...	1 1	A	...
" 9	...	...	...	...	...
" 16	...	...	4 2	A	...
" 23	...	...	...	H	...
" 30	...	...	...	...	...
Feb. 6	...	...	1 3	A	...
" 13	...	...	...	H	...
" 20	...	...	0 5	A	...
" 27	...	...	4 3	H	...
March 5	...	...	3 3	A	...
" 12	...	...	1 1	H	...
" 19	...	...	0 1	A	...
" 26	...	...	0 1	H	...
April 2	...	...	0 3	A	...
" 9	...	...	0 0	H	...
" 15	...	...	1 3	A	...
" 16	...	...	2 2	A	...
" 18	...	...	1 1	H	...
" 23	...	...	4 1	H	...
" 30	...	...	0 0	A	...
May 7	...	...	...	...	...

1959	Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1958/9	F	A
Aug. 22	Sat. Ipswich Town	2143	1 5	H	3 4
" 26	Wed. Brighton & H. A.	...	1 1	A	...
" 29	Sat. ...	...	...	...	...
Sept. 5	1 5	A	...
" 12	H	...
" 19	1 4	A	...
" 26	4 1	H	...
Oct. 3	1 1	A	...
" 10	0 2	H	...
" 17	0 1	A	...
" 24	1 1	H	...
" 31	0 1	A	...
Nov. 7	1 2	H	...
" 14	A	...
" 21	2 1	H	...
" 28	3 3	A	...
Dec. 5	1 3	H	...
" 12	1 4	A	...
" 19	1 5	A	...
" 26	H	...
1960					
Jan. 2	Sat. Southend United	...	...	A	...
" 9
" 16	3 1	H	...
" 23	A	...
" 30	5 2	H	...
Feb. 6	2 1	H	...
" 13	1 0	A	...
" 20	3 3	H	...
" 27	4 3	A	...
March 5	2 0	H	...
" 12	3 2	A	...
" 19	H	...
" 26	0 3	A	...
April 2	H	...
" 9
" 16	2 1	A	...
" 23
" 30	4 2	H	...

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DIVISION ONE						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	1	1	0	0	5	1 2
Blackburn Rov. ...	1	1	0	0	4	0 2
West Ham United	1	1	0	0	3	0 2
BLACKPOOL	1	1	0	0	3	2 2
Burnley ...	1	1	0	0	3	2 2
West Bromwich ...	1	1	0	0	3	2 2
Manchester City ...	1	1	0	0	2	1 2
Sheffield Wednesday	1	1	0	0	1	0 2
Wolverhampton W.	1	1	0	0	1	0 2
Chelsea ...	1	0	1	0	4	4 1
Preston North End	1	0	1	0	4	4 1
Everton ...	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
LUTON TOWN	1	0	1	0	2	2 1
Bolton Wand. ...	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Leeds United ...	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Manchester United	1	0	0	1	2	3 0
Nottingham Forest	1	0	0	1	1	2 0
Newcastle Utd. ...	1	0	0	1	1	5 0
Arsenal ...	1	0	0	1	0	1 0
Birmingham C. ...	1	0	0	1	0	1 0
Leicester City ...	1	0	0	1	0	3 0
Fulham ...	1	0	0	1	0	4 0

NEXT MATCHES

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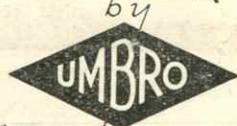
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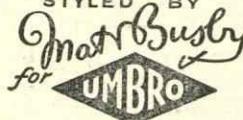
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