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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

Bolton Wanderers



Official Programme

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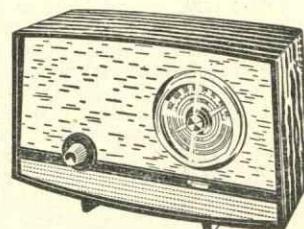
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These days we all have to be prepared for any surprise that may come along, sometimes we are pleased, but also one's hopes can be built up for great expectations and should they not materialise the more dissatisfied one becomes. In our first home game with Blackpool everyone who saw it will agree that we should have won by a good margin, but it is after 90 minutes when the referee sounds his whistle that the result counts. Again on Saturday, against Leeds United, the small crowd of just over 15,000 was very discouraging, but the worst was to come, another home game lost. On Monday we went to Blackpool and brought back a very valuable point from the "Seasiders." This should give a little more encouragement to the supporters that have, so early in the season, been discouraged. Today we have Bolton Wanderers as our guests. This should provide us with a good

game and if we can take two points from them it will be the means of helping to draw a large crowd to see Manchester City on Wednesday. So let us hope the "Boys" obtain four home points, which will make, not only the supporters, but the Directors, Manager and all concerned more satisfied. To maintain this satisfaction it is for the supporters to roll up in large numbers and set up a record crowd.

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CLUB NOTES

IT is a long, long time since we experienced such a poor start to a season as this one 1959/60. And the pity of it is that it could have been one of the best, for if the two home matches had resulted in maximum points for us, which without any argument should have been the case, we would have been nicely at the top of the Table instead of at the other end as at present. Very rarely in the past have we been beaten at home before the turn of the year, and yet already we have lost twice out of the two matches played here. Anyone who had prophesied this before the start of the season would have been looked upon with pity if they had seen the lads in their training. Everyone was keyed up to get off to a good start under our new Manager, Syd Owen, who has himself taken a strenuous and guiding part in all these pre-season activities, but however keen and enthusiastic all this has been, allowance cannot be made that the ball may run badly for us, which is just what has happened. The two matches we have played away we would not have grumbled if we had come away pointless, for although our lads played well on both occasions the home team could with that bit of luck have taken both points in each case. Yet here at home when we should have won both matches we have lost them both, and so the grumbling and recrimination have set in already. The best team in the world will have its downs as well as its ups, and when a team is down that is the very time its supporters should give it all the encouragement they can. Everybody wants to support a winning team. It is when a team has struck a bad patch that the true supporter is found, and we thank all of you here today, although very disappointed you must be, to come along and give our lads your continued support. It is the "stalwarts" who have stayed away today who will be the very first to claim regular support when the Cup Ties come along. We shall emerge from this patch, you can take our Manager's word for that, and then the sun will shine again and pleasant week-ends will be enjoyed by all.

It was a well-earned point we brought back from Blackpool last Monday evening after a match that was full of thrills and entertaining football from start to finish. Anyone seeing the match here last Saturday and the match at Blackpool two days later would find it hard to believe that practically the same team could play so vastly different in such a short time. Ron Baynham was the hero of the hour, for he never put a foot wrong through the ninety minutes and his anticipation at times was uncanny. He had ten times the work to do he has been called upon to do in both matches combined at Kenilworth Road this season, yet we earned a point. The defence as a whole played well, especially the half back line, and the inclusion of Dave Pacey at centre forward made all the difference to the effectiveness of the forward line. He gave the impression he had been playing in that position all his playing career. It was a bitter blow when only about ten minutes from the end he was brought down when moving into a good scoring position, which had he been allowed to go on would probably have won the match for us. He is suffering from badly pulled ligaments, and will be out of the side for at least three weeks. This means that instead of a fairly settled team as had been hoped during the match at Blackpool in view of its success, the idea had to be shelved almost as soon as it had been born. Gordon Turner has come through his testing time with the Metropolitan League side very satisfactorily—the Reserves had no match during that time—and

so he comes in today with, we all hope, no less than himself, a welcome return to his former shooting power.

Bolton Wanderers are our guests today, and once again we have the pleasure of receiving them at Kenilworth Road. They are not just now the rampant Bolton of old, for of the four matches they have played to date only one, at home, has been won. They are however having to take the field without their star player, Nat Lofthouse, a big handicap which is proving too much at the moment. Nat is recovering from an injury and is expected to be able to take his place in two or three week's time, but meanwhile his generalship and experience is missing, hence their place in the lower part of the Table. Today's match gives us the opportunity of seeing the two best goalkeepers in England in action. We here at Kenilworth Road think we know who is the best, but perhaps after this match all doubts will be put at rest. Certainly after the wonderful show Ron Baynham put up at Blackpool last Monday, coming on top of his consistently good play, Ted Hopkinson will have to be at his very best today if the verdict is going to be in his favour.

We have been asked to draw your attention, especially those of you who live in the St. Albans' district, of a Charity Football Match being organised by the Royal Air Forces Association (St. Albans Branch) on Sunday, 13th September at Clarence Park Football Ground, kick-off 3 p.m. between The Showbiz XI and Pat Welton's All Star XI. All proceeds are to be given to R.A.F. Charities and the Show Biz Charity Fund, so that those of you who attend will have the satisfaction of not only seeing most of your favourite footballers and Stars in action, but that your money is going to two very worthy causes. The All Star XI will contain such names as George Swindin, Pat Malloy, Ron Greenwood, Ron Burgess, Alex Stock, Len Goulden, Jackie Goodwin, and our own Syd Owen. Among the Show Biz will be Dave King, Ronnie Carroll, Siggy Jackson, Glen Mason, Wally Barnes, Jimmy Henney, Pip Wedge, Chas. McDevitt, and quite a few others will be there who, if not playing, will be "on show." Admission is 1/6.

British Railways have made arrangements for travelling to Sheffield on Saturday, September 26th when we play The Wednesday. The times are—depart Luton 10.12 a.m., Bedford 10.37 a.m., change at Leicester and arrive Sheffield 1.23 p.m. Depart Sheffield 6.43 p.m., change at Derby and arrive Bedford 9.47 p.m., Luton 10.18 p.m. The return fares are at the reduced rate of 19/6 from Luton and 16/9 from Bedford. All of you who are interested are asked to obtain your tickets before the day if possible to give the Railway Staff some idea of the demand.

Future matches at Kenilworth Road have been arranged as follows:—

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.

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11 **Holden**
Outside Left
10 **Parry**
Inside Left
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Left Half
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Left Back

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Baynham
Goal

5 **Kelly**
Centre Half
9 **Turner**
Centre

**NEWS
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WORLD**

6 **Groves**
Left Half
10 **Cummins**
Inside Left
11 **Kilgannon**
Outside Left

Hopkinson
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3 **Hawkes, K.**
Left Back
5 **Turner**
Centre
8 **Hill**
Inside Right
10 **Cummins**
Inside Left
11 **Kilgannon**
Outside Left

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7 **Birch**
Outside Right
4 **Stanley**
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2 **Hennin**
Right Back

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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	.....	Tottenham H.	.....
B	Birmingham	.....	Manchester U.	.....
C	Blackburn R.	.....	Sheffield Wed.	.....
D	Blackpool	.....	Notts. Forest	.....
E	Chelsea	.....	Burnley	.....
F	Everton	.....	Fulham	.....
G	Manchester C.	.....	Wolverhampton	.....
H	Newcastle U.	.....	Preston N. E.	.....
K	West Brom.	.....	Leicester City	.....
L	West Ham U.	.....	Leeds United	.....
M	Brighton & H.	.....	Portsmouth	.....
N	Bristol Rov.	.....	Aston Villa	.....

SECOND LIST

A	Cardiff City	.....	Bristol City	.....
B	Huddersfield	.....	Leyton O.	.....
C	Hull City	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
D	Ipswich Town	.....	Lincoln City	.....
E	Middlesbro'	.....	Plymouth A.	.....
F	Rotherham U.	.....	Scunthorpe U.	.....
G	Sheffield Utd.	.....	Liverpool	.....
H	Stoke City	.....	Derby County	.....
K	Swansea T.	.....	Sunderland	.....
L	Barnsley	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
M	Bradford City	.....	Chesterfield	.....
N	Bury	.....	Mansfield T.	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Coventry City	.....	Swindon T.	.....
B	Grimsby T.	.....	Accrington	.....
C	Q.P.R.	.....	Newport Co.	.....
D	Reading	.....	Brentford	.....
E	Shrewsbury	.....	Norwich City	.....
F	Southampton	.....	Colchester U.	.....
G	Tranmere R.	.....	Port Vale	.....
H	Wrexham	.....	Bournemouth	.....
K	York City	Halifax Town
L	Barrow	Crewe Alex.
M	Walsall	Crystal Palace
N	Leyton O. Res.	Luton T. Res.

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1959 FIRST XI—Division 1		Attendance	1958/9	F	A		1959 Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1958/9	F	A
Aug. 22 Sat.	Everton	...	38539	1	3	A	2	2			
" 26 Wed.	Blackpool	...	19095			H	0	1			
" 29 Sat.	Leeds United	...	15822	1	1	A	0	1			
" 31 Mon.	Blackpool	...	22008	0	3	A	0	0			
Sept. 5 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	...		0	0	H					
" 9 Wed.	Manchester City	...		5	1	A					
" 12 Sat.	Fulham	...				A					
" 16 Wed.	Manchester City	...		1	1	A					
" 19 Sat.	Notts. Forest	...		5	1	H					
" 26 "	Sheffield Wed.	...				A					
Oct. 3 "	Wolverhampton	...		0	1	H					
" 10 "	West Ham United	...		0	0	A					
" 17 "	Chelsea	...		2	1	H					
" 24 "	West Brom. Albion	...		0	2	A					
" 31 "	Burnley	...		6	2	H					
Nov. 7 "	Birmingham C.	...		1	0	A					
" 14 "	Tottenham H. (I)	...		1	2	H					
" 21 "	Manchester United	...		1	2	A					
" 28 "	Preston N. End	...		4	1	H					
Dec. 5 "	Leicester City (2)	...		1	3	A					
" 12 "	Newcastle U.	...		4	2	A					
" 19 "	Everton	...		0	1	A					
" 26 "	Arsenal	...		0	1	A					
" 28 Mon.	Arsenal	...		6	3	H					
1960											
Jan. 2 Sat.	Leeds United	...		1	1	A					
" 9 "	F.A. Cup - 3	...		4	2	A					
" 16 "	Bolton Wanderers	...				H					
" 23 "	Fulham	...				A					
" 30 "	F.A. Cup - 4	...				A					
Feb. 6 "	Nottingham Forest	...		1	3	A					
" 13 "	Sheffield Wed.	...				H					
" 20 "	Wolverhampton (5)	...		0	5	A					
" 27 "	Leicester City	...		4	3	H					
March 5 "	Chelsea	...		3	3	A					
" 12 "	West Brom. (6)	...		1	1	H					
" 19 "	Newcastle Utd.	...		0	1	A					
" 26 "	Birmingham (S.F)	...		0	1	H					
April 2 "	Tottenham H.	...		0	3	A					
" 9 "	Manchester Utd.	...		0	0	H					
" 15 Fri.	Blackburn Rov.	...		1	3	A					
" 16 Sat.	Burnley	...		2	2	A					
" 18 Mon.	Blackburn Rov.	...		1	1	H					
" 23 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	...		4	1	H					
" 30 "	Preston North End	...		0	0	A					
May 7 "	F.A. Cup—Final	...									

LEAGUE TABLE 1959 - 60

Up to and including Wednesday, September 2nd

DIVISION ONE

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn Rov.	4	3	1	0	10	2
West Ham United	4	3	1	0	9	3
Tottenham H.	4	2	2	0	9	4
Wolverhampton W.	4	2	2	0	9	6
Burnley	4	3	0	1	11	8
Blackpool	4	2	1	1	4	3
Leicester City	4	2	1	1	7	7
Sheffield Wednesday	4	2	1	1	5	5
Arsenal	4	1	2	1	7	5
Manchester United	4	2	0	2	11	9
West Bromwich	4	1	2	1	7	7
Manchester City	4	2	0	2	7	8
Fulham	4	2	0	2	7	9
Preston North End	4	0	3	1	7	8
Leeds United	4	1	1	2	6	7
Birmingham C.	4	1	1	2	4	5
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	9	13
Newcastle Utd.	4	1	0	3	7	12
BOLTON W.	4	1	0	3	4	8
LUTON TOWN	4	0	2	2	4	2
Nottingham Forest	4	0	2	2	4	2
Everton	4	0	1	3	6	11

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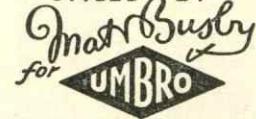
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