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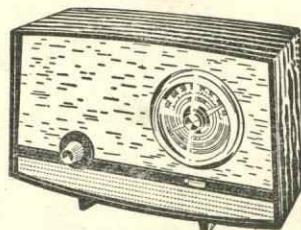
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Our first eight games have brought few points and nothing for the supporters to get excited about, and to be at the bottom of any League Table, whether at the beginning or the end of the football season, is the main reason for losing a lot of support, which often takes a long time to get back. The only and sure way is goals, good football and to obtain a fair margin of points that will keep a team in a good position in the League Table. To do this means a strong team, which also requires good reserves for fear of injuries, and to maintain these the Club must have larger gates than there have been at Kenilworth Road this season. Just fancy four months ago the "Hatters" were on top of the football world, and only after four weeks they have lost all that, not only by their own supporters, but from various reports in the Press, which does not help to

encourage supporters to make the journey to Kenilworth Road. Those loyal supporters that have been to the matches are sure to get their reward, as this downward trend cannot last much longer.

Today's visitors bring back to our memories thoughts of the Cup Final, which was a great disappointment to the Luton supporters, so we hope at the end of today's game we have gathered our first two Home points of the season from the Forest. This will not be easy, but a little encouragement from the crowd will go a long way towards victory and with those two valuable points picked up at Manchester on Wednesday night, surely will not only bring a lot of our own supporters, but also a good following from Nottingham, as they also won at Sheffield on Wednesday.

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CLUB NOTES

WE have at last broken the ice by gaining a win, over Manchester City, at Maine Road last Wednesday evening, an exact reversal of the score between the two Clubs a week earlier here at Kenilworth Road. It was a most deserved win, for our lads played the better football throughout and with a little more luck would have obtained two or three more goals. Having now won our first match in the eight played there should not be the over-anxiousness so prevalent in earlier matches, which has spoiled so many of our forwards' attempts to get the ball into the net. If all the opportunities which our forwards have had of scoring had materialized we would be standing well at the top of the Table instead of our present unenviable position of holding up every other team, but without a doubt the luck has been dead against us and when that is the case, the players as well as the Club, require all the support that can be mustered in an attempt to surmount the difficult patch. Letters to the local press making disparaging remarks gets no-one anywhere. It is so very easy to criticize, and in times like these last few weeks through which the Club has been passing there are such a lot of wise 'I told you so' people knocking around who seem to take a great delight in expressing themselves rather forcibly. Let us all rather pull together realizing that in unity lies strength. If relegation is to be our lot—and two of the Clubs at present in the First Division must go down at the end of the season come what may—it will not be for the want of fighting by this Club on the field, or every effort being made behind the scenes to prevent us from being relegated for the first time in our history as far as the Football League is concerned. It is too early to talk such talk, however, for there is plenty of time to fight our way out of such a position, but whatever happens it would be nice to know that we have a loyal bunch of supporters doing their best to support us in our efforts to rise in the Table.

Today we have our Cup Final opponents as our guests in a League I encounter and they come no doubt, not only with the full intention of showing everyone that their victory over us at Wembley last May was justified, but also in the hope that with victories already at Blackpool and last Wednesday evening at Sheffield Wednesday they will today take a third scalp of away victories. Our success at Maine Road last Wednesday gives us hope of our first home win this season, so the stage is all set for a ding-dong struggle. The B.B.C. (Television Dept.) think so too, for their cameras are here today filming the match, excerpts of which will be shown in "Sports Special" tonight at 10 o'clock. We are sorry that Roy Dwight has not recovered sufficiently from the injury he received at Wembley to take his place on the field today, but we are pleased to be told that he is progressing well and will soon be able to turn out again. During the close season the Forest obtained the services of Jim Iley from Tottenham, but instead of playing him in the half back line he has been played in the inside left position with some success. His liking for going up the field with the ball no doubt persuaded Manager Billy Walker that the inside forward position is Iley's best, and so far the idea has proved very successful. The team which did duty for the Forest at Wembley (Thomson, Whare, McDonald, Whitefoot, McKinlay, Burkitt, Dwight, Quigley, Wilson, Gray, Imlach) is very similar to the one selected for today's match. We give the team for we are often asked for it.

In our Metropolitan League match here with Dunstable Town, last Wednesday evening, the same

trouble of forwards not being able to round off good approach work and indeed to score from well placed positions was the cause of this young side's defeat by three goals to one. In almost every department, despite the disparity in ages, we were superior except in the vital task of scoring goals, and the three goals scored by our near neighbours was a lesson in how to win matches.

What a problem faces us, and Billy Bingham. We have been asked if we will release him, if selected, to play for Ireland against Scotland, at Windsor Park, on October 3rd next, the day we are at home to the Wolves. We have never yet stood in the way of any of our players receiving International honours, for we believe it is the wish of every player worth his salt that he will be selected to play for his country of birth, but when we are in our present position, when every experienced player, particularly of Billy Bingham's calibre, is wanted, does the situation warrant us refusing permission or do we say 'Go ahead Billy, your country's needs are greater than ours.' And what of the player? Will he feel he is letting the side down if he prefers to play for his country, especially when we have such an important match on our hands? It reads like a serial story, to be continued next issue. But time is pressing for an answer is required by Monday next to enable the Irish Selection Committee to choose their team. It certainly is a problem as to what is the proper thing to do.

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.

The following matches have been arranged at Kenilworth Road in addition to the normal fixture lists:—

Wednesday, September 23rd. v. Fulham. Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30th. v. S.K. Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia). Friendly. Kick-off 7.15.

Wednesday, October 7th. v. Austria (Vienna) F.C., a team that has been Champions of Austria 5 times. Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14th. v. Aberdeen (Scottish F.A. Cup Finalists). Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

The return match is at Aberdeen the following Wednesday, when we shall have the honour of playing at the Official Opening of their Floodlighting Installation.

The Czechoslovakian team Banik Ostrava are a First Division side in the National Football Championships, being looked upon as one of "The Big Three." Five of their team are full Internationals, and their forward line is noted for its sharp-shooting. They have travelled quite extensively to other countries, and have some very good victories to their credit, more details of which will be given in the Official Programme being prepared for the visit. We hope you will turn up in good numbers to give these foreign teams a nice welcome and help them to feel their visit to Luton has been worthwhile. We are sure quite a lot of goodwill is made by the visit of foreign teams to these shores, for during their short stay here they do get an insight into the English way of life which can be all to the good.

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2 Dunne
Right Back
4 McNally
Right Half
7 Bingham
Outside Right
8 Morton
Inside Right

Referee:
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11 Gray
Outside Left
10 Iley
Inside Left
6 Burkett
Left Half
3 MacDonald
Left Back

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Goal

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Goal

5 Kelly
Centre Half
9 Brown
Centre

**NEWS
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9 Wilson
Centre
5 McKinley
Centre Half

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Goal

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Football League — Div. 1

3 Hawkes, K.
Left Back
6 Groves
Left Half
10 Cummins
Inside Left
11 Hawkes, B.
Outside Left

Linesmen:
Red Flag: Mr. C. O. Holliday
(Worcester Park)
Orange Flag:
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8 Quigley
Inside Right
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Outside Right
4 Whitefoot
Right Half
2 Whare
Right Back

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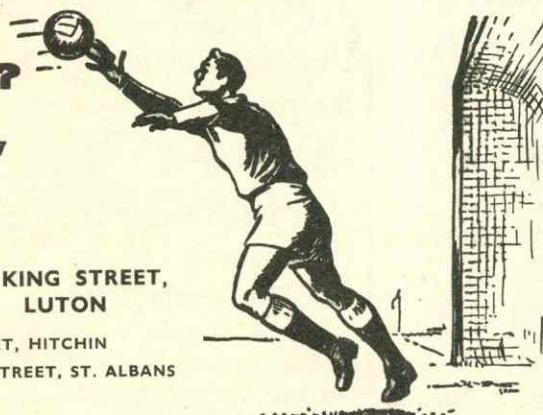
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FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

A	Cardiff City	Rotherham U.
B	Derby County	Liverpool
C	Huddersfield	Aston Villa
D	Hull City	Scunthorpe U.
E	Ipswich Town	Sunderland
F	Leyton O.	Lincoln City
G	Middlesb.	Charlton Ath.
H	Sheffield Utd.	Bristol City
K	Swansea T.	Stoke City
L	Barnsley	Halifax Town
M	Bradford City	Accrington
N	Coventry City	Newport Co.

THIRD LIST

A	Grimsby T.	Tranmere R.
B	Port Vale	Brentford
C	Q.P.R.	Bournemouth
D	Reading	Southend Utd.
E	Shrewsbury	Colchester U.
F	Southampton	Mansfield T.
G	Swindon T.	Bury
H	Wrexham	Norwich City
K	York City	Chesterfield
L	Crewe Alex.	Crystal Palace
M	Walsall	Stockport Co.
N	Notts. Forest	Luton T. Res.

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1959 FIRST XI—Division 1 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	H 0 1
" 31 Mon.	Blackpool	22008	0 3	A 0 0

Sept. 5 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	15604	0 0	H 0 0
" 9 Wed.	Manchester City	13122	5 1	A 1 2
" 12 Sat.	Fulham	30100	... A	2 4
" 16 Wed.	Manchester City	29309	1 1	A 2 1
" 19 Sat.	Notts. Forest	... 5 1	H	1 1

" 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	H
" 19 "	Everton	...	0 1	H
" 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	...	0 5	A
" 23 "	Fulham	H

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 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

May 7 " F.A. Cup—Final ...

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.	2827	1 1	A 2 2
" 29 Sat.				

Sept. 5 "	Leyton Orient	2652	1 5	A 1 1
" 12 "	Bournemouth	1255	...	H 1 1
" 19 "	Nottingham Forest	...	1 4	A
" 26 "	Portsmouth	...	4 1	H

Oct. 3 "	Arsenal	...	1 1	A
" 10 "	Leicester City	...	0 2	H
" 17 "	Bristol City	...	0 1	A
" 24 "	Charlton Ath.	...	1 1	H

" 31 "	Tottenham H.	...	0 1	A
Nov. 7 "	Birmingham C.	...	1 2	H
" 14 "	Southampton	A
" 21 "	Chelsea	...	2 1	H

" 28 "	West Ham United	...	5 2	H

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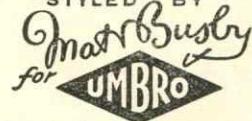
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