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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

LUTON TOWN

v.

West Bromwich A.



Official Programme

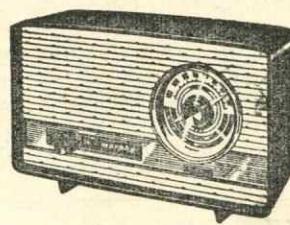
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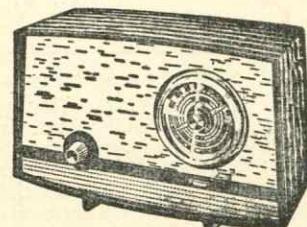
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CLUB NOTES — continued.

World Refugee Year asking us to meet a First Division Dutch Club sometime before the end of the season, proceeds of the match to go to the World Refugee Fund. We are at present in consultation with the Officials responsible for staging such a match here at Kenilworth Road, dates suggested at the moment most likely to be accepted being April 26th, 27th or 28th. The players of both sides are giving their services free in aid of this most deserving Fund, and we trust there will be a bumper attendance. Tickets will be on sale for all parts of the ground when

the final details have been agreed upon, and those of you attending the match will have the double satisfaction of seeing a good football match as well as knowing the money you have paid is going to a very good cause.

At our next home First Team match with Birmingham City on March 26th there will be a collection outside the ground in aid of the South Bedfordshire Fund for the Blind. The organisers find that receipts for their financial year which ends on March 31st are well down this year, whereas expenditure has risen. We trust the response goes a long way towards reducing the adverse balance.

CLUB NOTES

AFTER our dismal display at Stamford Bridge last Saturday when nothing seemed to go right it was most refreshing to see our lads in more dominant mood at Bolton last Wednesday evening when a most valuable point was gained. Bolton Wanderers, placed fifth in the Table, are a difficult team to obtain any reward from at any time, and now having the incentive of Talent Money in the offing no doubt were very reluctant to forfeit even one point to us. Our lads however played with a determination allied with skill that fully deserved a share of the spoils and when it is considered that Bolton's first goal scored after only three minute's play would in normal circumstances have been prevented for the greasy ball was covered by Ron Bayham but slipped out of his fingers which meant that our lads had a fight on their hands right from the start of the match. On top of this, Bolton's second goal we claim was rank offside and we were amazed that it was allowed to stand. Our lads' efforts to offset these two goals resulting in a point finds us approaching this match today with West Bromwich Albion with renewed hope. The Albion, only one point behind Bolton following their deserved victory over West Ham United at the Hawthorns last Wednesday evening, are also in the hunt for Talent Money (the top five Clubs qualify) so that if they get any reward here today their hopes in that direction will be justifiably strengthened. They are a strong all-round side, with Davie Burnside, their young inside right, providing the craft which is enabling Derek Kevan and Ronnie Allen to get among the goals again. Last Wednesday evening only a save by West Ham's right back Joe Kirkup with his fist prevented Kevan scoring a hat trick, and he is right back to the form which must revive the interest of the Selection Committee in him. Leicester City disposed of West Bromwich Albion in the F.A. Cup last Round, and we beat Leicester City here a fortnight ago, so that we should on the strength of this be able to gather two points here today, but football is not like that and so we can expect another ding-dong struggle for those precious points.

While we were still taking an active interest in the F.A. Cup last month an article appeared in the "Daily Express" to which we took great exception, and so we wrote to the Editor of the paper as follows:

Dear Sir,

The Article in "Desmond Hackett's Column" in a recent issue of the "Daily Express" and under the heading "Luton Let Down Country Fans" has been brought to the notice of my Board of Directors who are very greatly concerned by the inaccuracies therein and the inferences which may be drawn therefrom.

For example it is stated that Coach Proprietors receive weekly supplies of tickets for matches. That is not the fact and tickets for League matches are never issued to coach companies.

A further extract reads "If you want a ticket come and get it."

The Local Press, the Club Programme and the Office Staff all gave particulars of the arrangements for the issue of tickets which arrangements were that applications must be made in writing.

Reference is made to "white-collared directors who sell tickets at enhanced prices." As the Club and not the Directors sell the tickets the reasonable inference which is quite untrue but which will no doubt be drawn from this expression is that my Directors are making personal profits by selling tickets at more than the face value particularly as the prices of admission have not been increased for the match in reference.

If that is the inference which you intended please confirm and we will instruct our Solicitors

to deal with the matter otherwise kindly let us have your assurance that such inference was not intended.

Yours faithfully,
Philip Coley, Secretary.

We have received the following reply:
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of February 17th and I am sorry if the reference to "white collared directors who sell tickets at enhanced prices" was taken by anyone to mean the Directors of Luton Town.

No such inference was meant or intended and the fact that Luton did not raise their prices for the Cup-tie should dispose of any inference that tickets were sold officially at "enhanced prices."

The information that weekly supplies of tickets were issued for coach parties was obtained from the coach proprietors and we accept your correction that this information was inaccurate.

We appreciate it would be difficult to supply batches of tickets for Cup-ties in advance.

I trust the above explanation will assure you that the article was written in good faith and that no slight or inference to the Luton Directors was intended.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) Robert Findley,
Sports Editor.

We have taken the unprecedented action of printing these two letters in view of the many people who have contacted us on the matter stating that if we did not take any action on this particular article there must be some truth in the inferences being generally drawn by all and sundry.

While on this subject of the Press we notice in a daily newspaper of last Thursday's date under the heading "Luton in big bid to get Hogg" that "Luton, stranded at the foot of Division One, made a big player-plus-cash offer last night for West Bromwich Albion outside left, Derek Hogg. And as a make-weight, Luton offered in part-exchange 21 year old Tony Gregory, their left winger who was placed on the transfer list on Tuesday. The bid was made by Luton director Tom Hodgson." Mr. Hodgson together with director Mr. Frank Tooley and Chief Scout George Martin were certainly at The Hawthorns last Wednesday evening to see the League 1 fixture with West Ham United, but they were there only because of the fact that West Bromwich Albion were our next opponents added to the fact that we would be playing West Ham United later in the season. Hogg's name was mentioned in general conversation after the match, but no offer of any kind was made by any Luton Official present at the match, so where this sports writer got his information from is beyond comprehension. If it was a shot in the dark that is all well so far as it goes for there are many such shots throughout a season, but to state definitely that an offer was made and quoting the name of the director who is supposed to have made it is quite unforgivable, and should not have been printed. To read such statements knowing them to be not true makes one wonder just how much in print one can believe.

Our Metropolitan League side continue as leaders of their League, for they won at Didcot last Saturday by four goals to two to enjoy a four point lead over Chelsea, their nearest rivals but who have a match in hand. The Hellenic League side, third in their League, surprisingly dropped a point at home to Pressed Steel (Cowley), but our youngsters under 18 in the South East Counties' League won their match with Millwall by two goals to one, a good performance.

Now that we are out of the F.A. Cup for this season we have been able to reconsider an approach made by the Luton Committee of the

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Baynham
Goal

5 Pacey
Centre Half
9 McBride
Centre

**NEWS
WORLD**

11 Allen
Centre
5 Kennedy
Centre Half

Wallace
Goal

Football League — Division 1

3 Hawkes, K.
Left Back
6 Brown
Left Half
10 Groves
Inside Left
11 Tracey
Outside Left

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8 Burnside
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FIRST LIST

F. A. CUP — 6th Round	
A Aston Villa	Preston N.E.
B Burnley	Blackburn R.
C Leicester City	Wolverh'pton
D Sheffield Utd.	Sheffield Wed.
	LEAGUE MATCHES
E Blackpool	West Ham U.
F Bolton Wan.	Newcastle U.
G Everton	Chelsea
H Fulham	Birmingham
K Notts. Forest	Tottenham H.
L Brighton	Bristol City
M Bristol Rov.	Rotherham U.
N Huddersfield	Hull City

SECOND LIST

A Ipswich Town	Cardiff City
B Lincoln City	Middlesbro'
C Portsmouth	Liverpool
D Stoke City	Charlton Ath.
E Sunderland	Plymouth A.
F Swansea T.	Scunthorpe U.
G Bournemouth	Colchester U.
H Bradford City	Barnsley
K Chesterfield	Port Vale
L Coventry City	Southampton
M Grimsby T.	Halifax Town
N Newport Co.	Norwich City

THIRD LIST

A Q.P.R.	Bury
B Swindon T.	Shrewsbury
C Tranmere R.	Southend Utd.
D Wrexham	Mansfield T.
E York City	Reading
F Aldershot	Bradford
G Barrow	Stockport Co.
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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	Aug. 22 Sat. Ipswich Town	2143	1 5	H	3 4	
" 26 Wed. Blackpool	19095	1 1	H	0 1	" 26 Wed. Brighton & H. A.	2827	1 1	A	2 2	
" 29 Sat. Leeds United	15822	1 1	H	0 1	" 29 Sat.					
" 31 Mon. Blackpool	22008	0 3	A	0 0	Sept. 5 ..					
Sept. 5 Sat. Bolton Wand.	15604	0 0	H	0 0	" 12 ..					
" 9 Wed. Manchester City	13122	5 1	H	1 2	" 19 ..					
" 12 Sat. Fulham	30100	... A	2 4		" 26 ..					
" 16 Wed. Manchester City	29309	1 1	H	2 1	Oct. 3 ..					
" 19 Sat. Notts. Forest	16634	5 1	H	1 0	" 10 ..					
" 26 ..	25138	... A	0 2		" 17 ..					
Oct. 3 ..	22908	0 1	H	1 5	" 24 ..					
" 10 ..	23500	0 0	A	1 3	" 31 ..					
" 17 ..	18831	2 1	H	1 2	Nov. 7 ..					
" 24 ..	22400	0 2	A	0 4	" 14 ..					
" 31 ..	15638	6 2	H	1 1	" 21 ..					
Nov. 7 ..	19007	1 0	A	1 1	" 28 ..					
" 14 ..	22528	1 2	H	1 0	Dec. 5 ..					
" 21 ..	40572	1 2	A	1 4	" 12 ..					
" 28 ..	17174	4 1	H	1 3	" 19 ..					
Dec. 5 ..	16700	1 3	A	3 3	" 26 ..					
" 12 ..	14524	4 2	H	3 4	1960					
" 19 ..	9799	0 1	H	2 1	Jan. 2 Sat.					
" 26 ..	31466	0 1	A	3 0	" 9 ..					
" 28 Mon.	27055	6 3	H	0 1	" 23 ..					
1960					" 30 ..					
Jan. 2 Sat.	Leeds United	19921	1 1	A	1 1	Feb. 6 ..				
" 9 ..	Exeter C.—F.A. Cup-3	20000	A	2 1	" 13 ..					
" 23 ..	Fulham	17876	H	4 1	" 27 ..					
" 30 ..	Huddersfield — F.A. Cup-4	22500	A	1 0	March 5 ..					
Feb. 6 ..	Nottingham Forest	22886	1 3	A	0 2	" 12 ..				
" 13 ..	Sheffield Wed.	14392	H	0 1	" 19 ..					
" 20 ..	Wolves — F.A. Cup-5	25619	H	1 4	" 26 ..					
" 23 Tues.	Wolverhampton	30056	0 5	A	2 3	April 2 ..				
" 27 Sat.	Leicester City	18691	4 3	H	2 0	" 9 ..				
March 5 ..	Chelsea	33679	3 3	A	0 3	" 16 ..				
" 9 Wed.	Bolton Wanderers	14791	4 2	A	2 2	" 23 ..				
" 12 Sat.	West Brom. (6)	...	1 1	H		" 30 ..				
" 19 ..	Newcastle Utd.	...	0 1	A		May 7 ..				
" 26 ..	Birming'h'm (S.F.)	...	0 1	H		F.A. Cup—Final			
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, 9th March, 1960

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	32	17	9	6	69	38 43
Wolverhampton W.	32	19	4	9	79	55 42
Burnley	31	18	4	9	68	46 40
Sheffield Wed.	32	15	7	10	57	38 37
Bolton Wand.	32	14	8	10	42	37 36
WEST BROM.	32	13	9	10	61	48 35
Preston North End	32	13	9	10	58	59 35
Fulham	32	14	6	12	61	63 34
Newcastle Utd.	32	14	5	13	67	63 33
West Ham United	32	14	4	14	62	67 32
Arsenal	32	13	6	13	56	62 32
Manchester United	32	12	7	13	73	63 31
Blackburn Rov.	32	14	3	15	53	57 31
Blackpool	32	12	7	13	47	52 31
Chelsea	32	11	8	13	62	69 30
Leicester City	32	10	9	13	53	62 29
Nottingham Forest	32	11	6	15	41	61 28
Manchester City	32	12	3	17	65	69 27
Everton	32	9	8	15	52	58 26
Birmingham C.	31	9	6	16	45	59 24
Leeds United	32	8	8	16	53	78 24
LUTON TOWN	32	7	8	17	38	58 22

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