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### Club Notes — (continued)

range especially as we were reduced to ten men early in that half when Walker had to leave the field due to concussion. It was not until 13 minutes from the end that Groves scored our fourth goal to consolidate the victory and ensure our retention of the Trophy.

At this the end of our Club Notes for yet another season we would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout this difficult period. We would also like to thank on your behalf the Luton Band for their excellent musical entertainment at our home matches. This was especially

welcome when their stirring music kept our feet-a-tapping and our circulation going on one or two particularly cold Saturday afternoons! Our thanks also to Gatemens, Stewards, Programme Sellers and all who have served us so well throughout the season.

One final word of encouragement! This is **NOT** the end. We may be losing our Division One status but we must not lose heart. We are very much alive, so let's all look on the bright side. We have gained promotion before, we can do it again. May you all enjoy your summer rest and return re-vitalised and with a new enthusiasm for promotion back into the First Division.

### CLUB NOTES

THIS afternoon we see the completion of our home programme in Division One for season 1959/60. It is not without a certain amount of sadness that this day has been approached for excepting a miracle it is destined to be our last Division One league match at Kenilworth Road for at least one season.

It is a great pity that we should sample the bitter taste of relegation after so many years of up and up which reached new heights with our trip to Wembley last May. A year ago we were gay with rejoicing at the way our team had fought to gain the Club's debut at the "Mecca" of English soccer, Wembley Stadium. True, we did not bring the Cup back to Luton but reaching the Final was a fine effort and a wonderful finale for our then skipper, Syd Owen. Now, however, our present plight is a sad anti-climax for Syd in his first season as Manager.

The visitors we welcome for our last home fixture are our friends West Ham United from Upton Park. This is their second season in the senior league after gaining promotion and they are comfortably placed half-way up the chart. Their recent form has not matched the promise of their exceptionally fine start to the season. In their early matches victory followed victory with their quick-moving attack playing skilful, entertaining soccer. All went well until the weather deteriorated and then their brand of fast on-the-ground football became bogged down in the winter mud. Up to this point they were rightly referred to as the team of the season and were highly fancied for the Cup and League honours. But it was not to be. The period of mud, which tends to sap the strength of even the fittest players, defeated their skill and now that the grounds have dried out they have not been able to regain their early form. It is probable that the fortunes of West Ham United this season will be quoted many times over as an example by all who advocate a break during mid-season when the weather is often appalling.

Last season on their return to Division One the "Hammers" visited us early in September, undefeated with three wins and a draw to their credit. At that time we were also undefeated and we hammered the "Hammers" to the tune of 4-1. You may recall that we continued that successful period to record the best start to a season we have had in the top division by being unbeaten for ten successive games.

Our Easter programme brought a mixed bag of fortune.

No one forecast us as likely victors over Cup Finalists, Blackburn Rovers but as it happened we ran out easy winners by two goals to nil. In this match our lads found a touch of their true form and goals by Joe McBride and Billy Bingham gave us a comfortable half-time lead and the result was then never in doubt. One cannot help feeling that Blackburn may be holding back a little in readiness for their visit to Wembley next month, but on this occasion they were well and truly beaten.

Championship chasing Burnley were a different proposition at Turf Moor the following day. We lost to a far better team and must have no complaints about the result. Although Burnley are undoubtedly a good workman like side the loss of form of our lads against them does however take some understanding. The difference in our lads' performance in the 24 hours was as chalk to cheese, and we were deservedly beaten, although the penalty against us to register the third goal was a very harsh decision, the player falling into the penalty box after being tackled.

The Easter programme took its toll amongst the players with several having to receive treatment for knocks and bruises. This presented the opportunity for us to make one or two experiments

and blend some new blood into our league side last Monday for the return match with Blackburn Rovers. During the first quarter hour the new blood kindled a new enthusiasm in the team and, had all the chances been taken against a very shaky Rover's defence, our first 'double' of the season would have been in the bag. It seemed however that when the Blackburn defence adopted "offside tactics" following the goal scored by Billy Bingham our lads just could not find the answer to it, (although several of the linesmen's decisions left much room for doubt.) As the game advanced our team seemed gradually to lose their confidence and the match finished on a very low note.

With only two games remaining our "Stiffs" also face almost certain relegation to Division Two of the Football Combination. Naturally, it is a disappointment that this should happen, but here is a case where results have not been the primary objective of the Club. The young Reserves of today are the first-eleven men of tomorrow and it has been our policy to give as many youngsters as possible the chance to shine. It has not been a settled team by any standards and although the results have been disappointing, several promising players have come to light, and who have gained experience on a higher plane than would be achieved in the Junior teams.

The Reserves two outstanding fixtures are both here at Kenilworth Road. On Wednesday next, kick-off 6.30 p.m. Arsenal Reserves are our visitors and one week from today we entertain Brighton Reserves.

On Monday evening next the Chiltern Youth League will be holding their Cup Final for the 14-16 Section.

The following evening, Tuesday, the Final Tie of the Luton and District Wednesday League Cup will be staged, kick-off 6.30 p.m., the two teams being Bedfordshire Constabulary (Luton and Dunstable Divisions) and R.A.F. Stanbridge, so that we have a match here each evening of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

By far our most successful side this season is our 'A' team in the Metropolitan League. After something of an indifferent start, only 5 points from the first ten games, they clicked into top gear in mid-October achieving a phenomenal 46 points from a possible 50 in the next twenty-five games.

With a five point lead over Canterbury we are all set to become champions of the Metropolitan League and gain honours for the first time.

Near neighbours Dunstable Town are our closest rivals being six points in arrears with three games in hand. Canterbury hold the key to the outcome with games against our 'A' team today and Dunstable Town next Saturday. Strangely enough Dunstable completed the 'double' over our lads in this league very early in the season.

It was a strange Luton side which took the field on Wednesday evening for the final of the Bedfordshire Professional Trophy. It was composed of a mixture of experienced and young players and to add interest several played in positions strange to them.

Players on both sides wore black armbands in memory of Mr. J. Derbyshire, secretary of the Dunstable Town Club who, we regret to say died suddenly on Easter Monday.

Luton took the lead with a fine goal by centre-forward Brendan McNally after 14 minutes play. We continued to press and five minutes later John Groves, back in the team at inside left after a long absence, headed a very good goal from a corner. McNally scored his second and Luton's third goal with a neat header after 33 minutes and the teams changed ends with us 3-0 in the lead.

Dunstable tightened their defence in the second half and we found it harder to get within shooting

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Goal

**Kelly**  
Centre Half

**McBride**  
Centre



**Dunmore**  
Centre

**Brown**  
Centre Half

**Rhodes**  
Goal

Football League — Division 1

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Left Back

**Pacey**  
Left Half

**Groves**  
Inside Left

**Cummins**  
Outside Left

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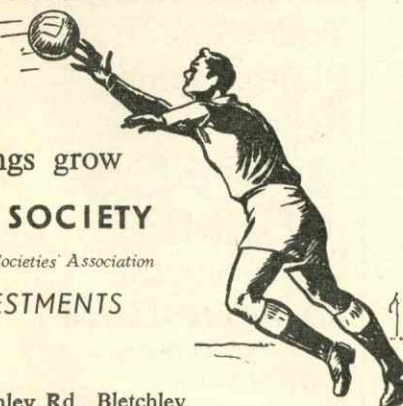
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

## FIRST LIST

A	Arsenal	.....	Manchester U.	.....
B	Blackburn R.	.....	Leicester City	.....
C	Blackpool	.....	Burnley	.....
D	Bolton Wan.	.....	Chelsea	.....
E	Everton	.....	Leeds United	.....
F	Fulham	.....	West Brom.	.....
G	Manchester C.	.....	Preston N. E.	.....
H	Notts. Forest	.....	Newcastle U.	.....
K	Sheffield Wed.	.....	Birmingham	.....
L	Wolverh'pton	.....	Tottenham H.	.....
M	Aston Villa	.....	Rotherham U.	.....
N	Brighton	.....	Middlesb'ry	.....

## SECOND LIST

A	Bristol Rov.	.....	Plymouth A.	.....
B	Huddersfield	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
C	Ipswich Town	.....	Liverpool	.....
D	Leyton O.	.....	Bristol City	.....
E	Lincoln City	.....	Scunthorpe U.	.....
F	Portsmouth	.....	Hull City	.....
G	Stoke City	.....	Sheffield Utd.	.....
H	Sunderland	.....	Cardiff City	.....
K	Swansea T.	.....	Derby County	.....
L	Barnsley	.....	Accrington	.....
M	Bournemouth	.....	Southampton	.....
N	Bradford City	.....	Brentford	.....

## THIRD LIST

A	Chesterfield	.....	Halifax Town	.....
B	Coventry City	.....	Colchester U.	.....
C	Grimsby T.	.....	Port Vale	.....
D	Newport Co.	.....	Bury	.....
E	Q.P.R.	.....	Norwich City	.....
F	Swindon T.	.....	Mansfield T.	.....
G	Tranmere R.	.....	Reading	.....
H	Wrexham	.....	Shrewsbury	.....
K	York City	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
L	Aldershot	.....	Notts. County	.....
M	Barrow	.....	Walsall	.....
N	Darlington	.....	Carlisle Utd.	.....

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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	1 1 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 H	1 2	
" 12 Sat.	Fulham	30100	1 1 A	2 4	
" 16 Wed.	Manchester City	29309	1 1 A	2 1	
" 19 Sat.	Notts. Forest	16634	5 1 H	1 0	
" 26 "	Sheffield Wed.	25138	...	A 0 2	
Oct. 3 "	Wolverhampton	22908	0 1 H	1 5	
" 10 "	West Ham United	23500	0 0 A	1 3	
" 17 "	Chelsea	18831	2 1 H	1 2	
" 24 "	West Brom. Albion	22400	0 2 A	0 4	
" 31 "	Burnley	15638	6 2 H	1 1	
Nov. 7 "	Birmingham C.	19007	1 0 A	1 1	
" 14 "	Tottenham H. (1)	22528	1 2 H	1 0	
" 21 "	Manchester United	40572	1 2 A	1 4	
" 28 "	Preston N. End	17174	4 1 H	1 3	
Dec. 5 "	Leicester City (2)	16700	1 3 A	3 3	
" 12 "	Newcastle U.	14524	4 2 H	3 4	
" 19 "	Everton	9799	0 1 H	2 1	
" 26 "	Arsenal	31466	0 1 A	3 0	
" 28 Mon.	Arsenal	27055	6 3 H	0 1	
1960					
Jan. 2 Sat.	Leeds United	19921	1 1 A	1 1	
" 9 "	Exe'cr C.—F.A. Cup-3	20000	...	A 2 1	
" 23 "	Fulham	17876	...	H 4 1	
" 30 "	Huddersfield—F.A. Cup-4	22500	...	A 1 0	
Feb. 6 "	Nottingham Forest	22886	1 3 A	0 2	
" 13 "	Sheffield Wed.	14392	...	H 0 1	
" 20 "	Wolves F.A. Cup-5	25619	...	H 1 4	
" 23 Tues.	Wolverhampton	30056	0 5 A	2 3	
" 27 Sat.	Leicester City	18691	4 3 H	2 0	
March 5 "	Chelsea	33679	3 3 A	0 3	
" 9 Wed.	Bolton Wanderers	14791	4 2 A	2 2	
" 12 Sat.	West Brom. (6)	18285	1 1 H	0 0	
" 19 "	Newcastle Utd.	29050	0 1 A	2 3	
" 26 "	Birmingham (S.F)	13620	0 1 H	1 1	
April 2 "	Tottenham H.	39462	0 3 A	1 1	
" 9 "	Manchester Utd.	21242	0 0 H	2 3	
" 15 Fri.	Blackburn Rov.	...	1 3 A	2 0	
" 16 Sat.	Burnley	20893	2 2 A	0 3	
" 18 Mon.	Blackburn Rov.	14167	1 1 H	1 1	
" 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 Tuesday, 19th April, 1960

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	40	23	6	11	100	63	52
Tottenham Hotspur	40	19	11	10	79	48	49
Burnley	38	22	5	11	81	59	49
Sheffield Wed.	40	19	10	11	77	54	48
West Bromwich	40	18	11	11	81	55	47
Newcastle Utd.	40	18	8	14	82	74	44
Bolton Wand.	40	18	8	14	55	50	44
Manchester United	40	18	7	15	95	75	43
Preston North End	40	15	12	13	76	74	42
Fulham	40	16	9	15	71	79	41
Blackpool	40	15	9	16	57	66	39
WEST HAM UTD.	40	16	5	19	73	87	37
Chelsea	40	14	9	17	75	84	37
Leicester City	40	12	13	15	64	73	37
Arsenal	40	14	9	17	63	77	37
Everton	40	12	11	17	72	73	35
Blackburn Rov.	39	15	5	19	57	66	35
Manchester City	39	15	3	21	74	81	33
Nottingham Forest	40	12	9	19	47	73	33
Birmingham C.	39	11	10	18	58	77	32
Leeds United	39	11	10	18	62	88	32
LUTON TOWN	40	8	12	20	47	70	28

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	1331	1 4 A	0 2	
" 26 "	Portsmouth	1512	4 1 H	4 2	
Oct. 3 "	Arsenal	4618	1 1 A	3 5	
" 10 "	Leicester City	1.66	0 2 H	1 1	
" 17 "	Bristol City	1971	0 1 A	1 0	
" 24 "	Charlton Ath.	1419	1 1 H	2 2	
" 31 "	Tottenham H.	4333	0 1 A	1 3	
Nov. 7 "	Birmingham C.	2164	1 2 H	1 0	
" 14 "	Southampton	1192	...	A 2 5	
" 21 "	Chelsea	1991	2 1 H	1 2	
" 28 "	West Ham United	2132	3 3 A	1 3	
Dec. 5 "	Bristol City	1198	1 3 H	2 5	
" 12 "	Leicester City	815	1 4 A	1 5	
" 19 "	Ipswich Town	2303	1 5 A	2 3	
" 26 "	Southend Utd.	1099	...	H 0 0	
1960					
Jan. 2 Sat.	Southend United	1948	...	A 1 1	
" 9 "	Swansea Town	1008	5 2 H	5 3	
" 23 "	Bournemouth & B.	1688	...	A 1 5	
" 30 "	Leyton Orient	2540	3 1 H	2 1	
Feb. 6 "	Notts. Forest	3075	2 1 H	3 2	
" 13 "	Portsmouth	1277	1 0 A	1 0	
" 27 "	Charlton Athletic	1201	4 3 A	1 2	
March 5 "	Tottenham H.	2078	2 0 H	1 2	
" 12 "	Birmingham C.	2048	3 2 A	1 2	
" 19 "	Southampton	1521	...	H 1 1	
" 26 "	Chelsea	982	0 3 A	0 2	
April 2 "	West Ham Utd.	1169	...	H 5 1	
" 9 "	Swansea Town	...	2 1 A	1 2	
" 16 "	...	...	...	...	
" 23 "	...	...	...	...	
" 27 Wed.	Arsenal	...	3 3 H	...	
" 30 Sat.	Brighton & H. A.	...	4 2 H	...	

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## NEXT MATCHES

Tuesday, 26th April, 1960  
Luton and District Wednesday Cup—Final Tie  
**BEDFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY**  
Southern Area—Luton and Dunstable Divisions  
v.  
**R. A. F. STANBRIDGE**  
Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th April  
Football Combination Kick-off 6.30 p.m.  
**LUTON TOWN RESERVES**  
v.  
**ARSENAL RESERVES**  
USUAL RESERVE TEAM PRICES OF ADMISSION

Saturday, 30th April  
Football Combination Kick-off 3 p.m.  
**LUTON TOWN RESERVES**  
v.  
**BRIGHTON RESERVES**  
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