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FOOTBALL LEAGUE -- DIVISION TWO

**LUTON TOWN**

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**STOKE CITY**



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### **CLUB NOTES**

FOLLOWING our great disappointment of last Saturday when we failed to beat Third Division Barnsley in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup we return to a League 2 fixture this evening when we have Stoke City as our visitors, giving them a warm welcome once again to Kenilworth Road. Stoke were also beaten in the F.A. Cup last Saturday, but this was at Newcastle where victory for the home Club was confidently expected and although Stoke were by no means disgraced they had not the guns to defeat a strong Newcastle side playing in front of their own crowd. Our advance in the Cup was however expected despite being played at Barnsley, and if two good chances in the first ten minutes had been accepted when it seemed that all that was required was an accurate shot into the empty net the goalkeeper having been drawn right out of his goal no doubt we would have coasted to a fairly easy victory. As it was Noake midway through the second half did shoot the ball into the net only for the Referee to give Offside against us upon the direction of the Linesman. How this could have been Offside however we just do not know for Noake was behind the ball when it was passed across the face of the goal. It was quite a good match to watch for there was action throughout but our lads were most disappointing in that they never seemed to get a grip on the game, and once the Barnsley side got in front there never seemed any hope of our lads pulling back the deficit. So away go our hopes of any further triumphs in the F.A. Cup this season. But it should not be. There was much disappointment amongst the four thousand fans who had made the long journey, but we hope that in our remaining League commitments our lads will play as well as we know they can and so recreate the enthusiasm which the Cup had brought about.

Stoke City, our visitors this evening, have played only twice at Kenilworth Road, both since the War. At the end of Season 1952/53 they were relegated to the Second Division, so that we met them in 1953/54 and in 1954/55, the season of our promotion. In that season we took three points from them out of the four, winning 3-1 here at Luton and holding them to a goalless draw at Stoke. "The Potters" as they are called are the second oldest Club in the League having been formed in 1863 by a group of old boys of the Charterhouse School. They were one of the original members of the League when it was formed in 1888, then known as Stoke, 'City' being added in 1924. Although Stoke have had many well-known players in their time, such as Stanley Matthews, Freddy Steele, Neil Franklin, Frank Soo, to mention just a few they have never won any great honours such as the League Championships or the F.A. Cup, the highest they have gained in this Competition was right back in 1896 when they reached the Semi-Final. In Season 1936/37 Freddy Steele had the honour of being the highest scorer in Division 1 with 33 goals. Coming back to the current season the

City have won twice on opponents' grounds, at Brighton and at Leeds, both by an only goal. In addition they have drawn five matches away from home. It is remarkable that their away record of goals reads 'for 7, against 19', and yet they have obtained nine points (against our four). When we played at Stoke on 1st October last we lost by three clear goals, and it is surprising that in our team which did duty that day only two are present this evening. Our team was — O'Hara; Dunne, Hawkes; Groves, Collins, Brown; Bingham, Tracey, McBride, McCann and Imlach. It was Dennis Wilshaw (transferred from the Wolves in 1957) playing at outside left who did all the damage that day, scoring twice to round off an excellent display of football. When this Stoke City side 'clicks' their opponents are usually left on the receiving end, the best example of this being their match at home against Plymouth Argyle only two months ago when the City won by nine clear goals! We trust to see a sporting and exciting game with them here this evening.

When we are due to play at Ipswich on Saturday, March 25th the Grand National is being run on the afternoon. The Ipswich Club has suggested we play the match in the evening, kick-off 7 p.m. and this we have agreed to do. We hope by agreeing to fall in with this suggestion we have not inconvenienced too much those of you who have already made arrangements to see the match.

We were very sorry that our home match with Charlton Athletic due to be played a fortnight ago last Saturday had to be postponed, but we can assure you we did our best to have the match played. The Referee inspected the pitch on his arrival at the Ground at about one o'clock, and although we knew the going would be very heavy we did not think the match would not be played. The Referee however after long discussion decided that if the match was played it would be a matter of the survival of the fittest rather than a game of football and so reluctantly decided to call it off. By that time all preparations had been completed for the match, and it was too late to make any announcement over the wireless to try and save some of you fairly long journeys. The appointed Referee is the sole arbiter as to whether the match shall be played or not, and his decision is final. We hope there will be no further doubt concerning our remaining matches, for we have much leeway to make up, this being, First Team — Leeds United (away) arranged for March 8th, Charlton Athletic (home). Reserves — Swindon Town (away), Peterborough United and Queens Park Rangers (both at home).

We hope to get dates fixed for these outstanding matches during the next few days. The difficulty of course is that the other Clubs are also behind with their fixtures but we are all working on suggested new dates which we hope to be able to announce before our next home match.

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Centre Forward  
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Centre Half

6 O'Neill  
Goal

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**Football League — Division 2**

Baynham  
Goal

3 Bramwell  
Left Back  
4 Kelly  
Centre Half  
5 Turner  
Centre Forward  
6 Groves  
Left Half  
7 Cummins  
Inside Left  
8 Fleming  
Outside Left

Linesmen :  
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Mr. S. F. Lover (London)  
Orange Flag :  
Mr. K. H. Lander (Headington)

8 Ratcliff  
Inside Right  
9 King  
Centre Forward  
10 Andrew  
Centre Half  
11 Ward  
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**Division 2 and Football Combination Fixtures :: 1960 - 1961**

1960 FIRST XI — Division 2	Attendance	F	A	1960 Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	F	A
Aug. 20 Sat. Huddersfield Town	18156	A	1 1	Aug. 20 Sat. Coventry City	2415	H	3 2
" 24 Wed. <b>Portsmouth</b>	17514	H	3 3	Sept. 1 Thurs. Notts. County	773	A	4 3
" 27 Sat. <b>Sunderland</b>	17632	H	2 3	" 3 Sat. <b>Colchester Utd.</b>	1736	A	4 1
" 31 Wed. Portsmouth	15176	A	1 4	" 10 " <b>Crystal Palace</b>	1793	A	1 3
Sept. 3 Sat. Plymouth Argyle	21408	A	1 1	" 13 Tues. <b>Swansea Town</b>	404	A	1 3
" 7 Wed. Liverpool	27339	A	2 2	" 17 Sat. <b>Plymouth Arg.</b>	1797	H	3 4
" 10 Sat. <b>Norwich City</b>	22252	H	0 2	Oct. 1 " <b>Reading</b>	1643	H	3 0
" 14 Wed. Liverpool	10055	H	2 1	" 8 " <b>Bristol Rovers</b>	1357	A	3 4
" 17 Sat. Charlton Ath.	11788	A	1 4	" 15 " <b>Northampton</b>	1882	H	1 3
" 24 " <b>Sheffield United</b>	13726	H	1 4	" 22 " <b>Shrewsbury</b>	917	A	2 2
Oct. 1 " <b>Stoke City</b>	9395	A	0 3	" 29 " <b>Millwall Athletic</b>	922	H	2 2
" 8 " <b>Bristol Rovers</b>	9373	H	4 2	Nov. 5 " <b>Southend United</b>	1980	A	2 2
" 15 " <b>Derby County</b>	13447	A	1 4	" 12 " <b>Fulham</b>	1781	H	2 0
" 22 " <b>Leyton Orient</b>	11037	H	0 1	" 19 " <b>Brentford</b>	515	A	0 2
" 29 " <b>Scunthorpe United</b>	8733	A	0 1	" 26 " <b>Aldershot</b>	2165	H	3 1
Nov. 5 " <b>Ipswich Town (I)</b>	11221	H	3 2	Dec. 10 " <b>Bristol Rovers</b>	1573	H	3 0
" 12 " <b>Brighton &amp; Hove</b>	14011	A	0 1	" 17 " <b>26 Mon. Peterborough Utd.</b>	2151	A	2 1
" 19 " <b>Middlesbrough</b>	12579	H	6 1	" 31 Sat. <b>Notts. County</b>	2163	H	5 2
Dec. 3 " <b>Southampton</b>	12927	H	4 1	1961			
" 10 " <b>Rotherham United</b>	6187	A	2 5	Jan. 7 Sat. <b>Q.P.R.</b>	778	A	1 2
" 17 " <b>Huddersfield T.</b>	11219	H	1 0	" 14 " <b>Colchester United</b>	974	A	1 4
" 26 Mon. <b>Lincoln City</b>	15283	A	3 0	" 21 " <b>Crystal Palace</b>	1889	H	2 1
" 27 Tues. <b>Lincoln City</b>	10240	A	1 1	Feb. 4 " <b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	1803	A	2 4
" 31 Sat. <b>Sunderland</b>	28695	A	1 7	" 11 " <b>Swansea Town</b>	1937	H	2 4
Feb. 1 Wed. <b>F.A. Cup-3 Northampton</b>	26220	H	4 0	" 18 " <b>Reading</b>	...	A	
" 4 Sat. <b>Plymouth Arg.</b>	13873	H	3 2	" 25 " <b>Shrewsbury</b>	...	H	
" 11 " <b>Norwich City</b>	21290	A	1 2	Mar. 4 " <b>Millwall Ath.</b>	...	A	
" 18 " <b>F.A. Cup-5 Barnsley</b>	23727	H	Abd.	" 11 " <b>Southend Utd.</b>	...	H	
" 23 Thurs. <b>Stoke City</b>	...	H		" 18 " <b>Fulham</b>	...	A	
" 25 Sat. <b>Bristol Rovers</b>	...	A		" 25 " <b>Brentford</b>	...	H	
March 4 " <b>Derby County (6)</b>	...	H		" 31 Fri. <b>Mansfield Town</b>	...	A	
" 8 Wed. <b>Leeds United</b>	...	A		April 1 Sat. <b>Aldershot</b>	...	A	
" 11 Sat. <b>Leyton Orient</b>	...	A		" 3 Mon. <b>Mansfield Town</b>	...	A	
" 18 " <b>Rotherham (S.F.)</b>	...	H		" 8 Sat. <b>Swindon Town</b>	...	A	
" 25 " <b>Ipswich Town</b>	...	A		" 15 " <b>Northampton T.</b>	...	A	
" 31 Fri. <b>Swansea Town</b>	...	H		" 22 " <b>Coventry City</b>	...	A	
April 1 Sat. <b>Leeds United</b>	...	H		" 29 " <b>To be arranged</b>	...	A	
" 3 Mon. <b>Swansea Town</b>	...	A		<b>Swindon Town</b>	...	A	
" 8 Sat. <b>Middlesbrough</b>	...	A		<b>Peterborough U.</b>	...	H	
" 15 " <b>Brighton &amp; Hove</b>	...	H		<b>Q.P.R.</b>	...	H	
" 22 " <b>Southampton</b>	...	A					
" 29 " <b>Scunthorpe Utd.</b>	...	H					
May 6 " <b>F.A. Cup-Final</b>	...	...					

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division 2**

Up to and including	Tuesday, 21st February, 1961	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.	Up to and including Saturday, 18th February, 1961	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.	
Sheffield United	30	19	3	8	57	37	41	Swansea Town	26	17	5	4	62	39	39
Ipswich Town	29	17	6	6	69	39	40	Bristol Rovers	26	14	6	6	77	34	34
Liverpool	29	16	6	7	64	40	38	Notts. County	27	15	4	8	62	53	34
Middlesbrough	29	13	10	6	61	48	36	Reading	26	13	7	6	62	35	33
Norwich City	30	14	8	8	48	41	36	Southend United	25	14	4	7	63	43	32
Southampton	29	15	5	9	65	53	35	Plymouth Argyle	28	12	6	10	59	53	30
Sunderland	29	11	11	7	59	41	33	Aldershot Town	26	11	6	9	52	52	28
Plymouth Argyle	28	14	4	10	59	56	32	LUTON TOWN	24	12	3	9	57	50	27
Scunthorpe United	29	10	10	9	54	49	30	Millwall Athletic	27	10	7	10	67	65	27
Leeds United	29	12	6	11	54	59	30	Fulham	27	9	8	10	59	45	26
Derby County	28	10	7	11	54	56	27	Brentford	26	9	6	11	38	53	24
Charlton Athletic	28	9	8	11	70	68	26	Northampton Town	25	8	7	10	41	43	23
Rotherham United	28	8	9	11	41	39	25	Queens Park Rangers	23	9	5	9	46	49	23
Brighton & Hove A	29	9	6	14	45	34	25	Colchester United	27	7	9	60	66	23	
STOKE CITY	27	7	9	11	36	37	23	Mansfield Town	25	7	6	12	53	66	
Swansea Town	28	8	7	13	46	56	22	Peterborough Utd.	27	7	5	15	45	67	19
LUTON TOWN	27	9	5	13	45	56	21	Crystal Palace	24	6	6	12	45	56	18
Huddersfield Town	29	8	7	14	44	51	21	Coventry City	23	6	3	14	38	62	15
Leyton Orient	27</														

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