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Like ourselves Luton Town were for a long period last season concerned in the struggle to avoid relegation, but in the close season they have strengthened their staff and look ahead with confidence. They have this in common with us that they have to rely on an attendance below the average support given to League clubs, but they have an enterprising management, and every club in the Second Division wishes them well.

Goalkeeper: BERNARD STREten, the former amateur international, is among the best 'keepers in the country, if at times a little spectacular.

Right Back: BILL COOKE, a dour and effective defender who has given excellent service to the Hatters. Can always be relied on to give a sound display.

Left Back: TOM AHERNE, an Irish international, and a former teammate of George Hazlett when with Belfast Celtic.

Right Half: C. WATKINS, is a wing half in the best tradition. Had a spell with Glasgow Rangers before coming south.

Centre Half: S. W. OWEN, who began as a wing half-back with Birmingham, but who has made the pivotal position his own. Strong in the tackle, he does not content himself with "stopper" activities.

Left Half: WALLY SHANKS, another Scots member of the side. Assisted Chelsea before moving to Luton.

Outside Right: RONALD DAVIES, close season signing from Clyde. A South African, he came to this country with Ackerman, now with Hull City.

Inside Right: J. E. TAYLOR who made 25 appearances with the Town last season. A clever schemer.

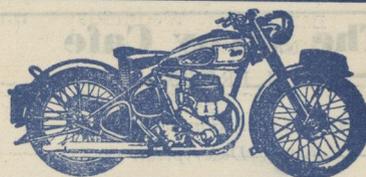
Centre Forward: GEORGE STOBART, the former Newcastle United and Middlesbrough forward, and one of the most experienced leaders in the Second Division.

Inside Left: WILLIAM DAVIE, joined Luton from St. Mirren last season, and made a quick impression in English football.

Outside Left: ALBERT MITCHELL, signed at a big fee from Northampton Town with whom he was one of the outstanding wingers in the Third Division last season.

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Bury v. Luton Town

CLUB GOSSIP

Welcome to you all to Gigg Lane. What the coming in season will have in store for the club we cannot, of course, predict, but you can be assured that everyone officially associated with the club—directors, management and players—are determined to make it an enjoyable, and we hope, a successful period in the post-war history of the Shakers. Since the end of the last campaign there have been a number of changes in playing staff. To those players who have left Gigg Lane we wish the best of luck; to those who have joined us we trust they will have a successful time.

The directors and the management have no illusions about the big task facing the club, but they are confident that given their share of good fortune the efforts that have been and are being made to strengthen the playing staff will be reflected in a more consistent standard of achievement compared with last season. There is an optimistic spirit abroad at Gigg Lane, and if we refuse to make any predictions we are confident the re-building that has been done will eventually bring its measure of success.

We write before Thursday night's match at West Ham where last season we won and where we hope the boys managed to avoid defeat. The opening game at Birmingham saw the senior side ahead at half-time, but in the end beaten by the odd goal of three. It was generally agreed that we deserved a point. Our Reserves got away to an encouraging start by defeating Derby County in the opening game, and despite enforced changes for Wednesday's mid-week match with Aston Villa collected another point.

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FIXTURES

Second Division

1951		F	A
Aug. 18	Birmingham City	A	
" 23	West Ham United	A	
" 25	Luton Town	H	
" 29	West Ham United	H	
Sept. 1	Notts County	A	
" 8	Queen's Park Rangers	A	
" 10	Sheffield United	A	
" 15	Blackburn Rovers	A	
" 22	Hull City	H	
" 29	Barnsley	A	
Oct. 6	Leicester City	A	
" 13	Nottingham Forest	A	
" 20	Brentford	A	
" 27	Doncaster Rovers	A	
Nov. 3	Everton	A	
" 10	Southampton	H	
" 17	Sheffield Wednesday	A	
" 24	(1) Leeds United	A	
Dec. 1	Rotherham United	A	
" 8	Cardiff City	H	
" 15	(2) Birmingham City	H	
" 22	Luton Town	A	
" 25	Coventry City	H	
" 26	Coventry City	A	
" 29	Notts County	H	

Central League

1951		F	A
Aug. 18	Derby County	H	
" 22	Aston Villa	H	
" 25	Manchester City	A	
Sept. 1	Liverpool	A	
" 3	Aston Villa	A	
" 8	Blackburn Rovers	A	
" 15	Blackpool	H	
" 19	Wolverhampton W.	A	
" 22	Barnsley	A	
" 29	Sheffield United	H	
Oct. 6	Bolton Wanderers	H	
" 13	Leeds United	A	
" 20	Sheffield Wednesday	H	
" 27	Chesterfield	A	
Nov. 3	Burnley	H	
" 10	Preston North End	A	
" 17	Everton	H	
" 24	Manchester United	A	
Dec. 1	Stoke City	H	
" 8	West Bromwich Albion	A	
" 15	Derby County	H	
" 22	Manchester City	A	
" 25	Newcastle United	A	
" 26	Newcastle United	H	
" 29	Liverpool	A	

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