

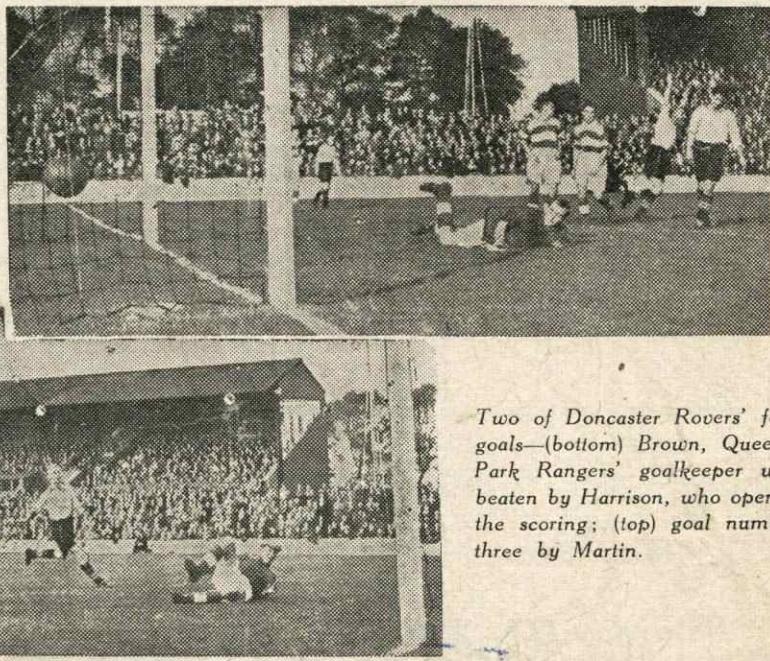
ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

Football League

Saturday, Oct. 20th, 1951

Second Division

TWO GOALS
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Two of Doncaster Rovers' four goals—(bottom) Brown, Queen's Park Rangers' goalkeeper well beaten by Harrison, who opened the scoring; (top) goal number three by Martin.

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Saturday Oct. 27th

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News and Notions by "Red and White"

OUR defeat at the hands of Notts County last Saturday was disappointing to all of us, especially in view of our excellent showing against Queen's Park Rangers at Belle Vue on the previous Saturday. The truth is that our attack did not get into gear and was generally without a plan to beat the "Magpies" defence, which is without doubt one of the best in the Second Division.

On the other hand, our own defence played well, for the County forwards were a lively lot and would have got a lot of goals if Syd. Bycroft and his colleagues had not shown a bold front and refused to give way. Syd. played exceedingly well and gave Broome few chances down the middle of the field.

At the time of writing it was not known what the team would be for today's important game against Luton Town, and there was a likelihood that the final choice would not be made until just before the kick-off. Regarding whether our player-manager, Mr. Peter Doherty, would be playing, again I cannot give any definite news, although our supporters should not be surprised if he does figure in the attack this afternoon. If he does play, I know that our supporters will give him a great welcome back to the team. I can say that he is quite fit and went through 90 minutes of football in the weekly practice game on Tuesday afternoon without any trouble at all, revealing the skill which still makes him one of the most dangerous inside forwards in the game.

The probability was that there would be more changes in the team which was beaten at Nottingham last Saturday.

I am happy to report that our invalids are making good progress. Chris. Giles is back with us after his illness. Alf. Calverley tells me he is making an excellent recovery from his recent rupture operation, and he was able to resume light training at Belle Vue this

week, while Kit Lawlor is also making good progress. There are other players who are suffering from minor knocks, but our trainer, Mr. Jack Martin, is now able to look back upon a period of really hard work with a great sense of satisfaction and something achieved.

I am also glad to report that floodlit football returns to Belle Vue next Tuesday, and Mr. Doherty has specially asked me to inform our supporters that they will be heartily welcomed to this game on Tuesday between a team drawn from our North-East nurseries and a side composed of some of our youngsters here and other trialists. Kick-off will be approximately 7 p.m.

There is particular interest in the visit of the young players from the North-East, for I am informed that more than one League club has shown an interest in some of them, although they are all our signed players. These are the lads who will be the first team players of the future, and their ability is being carefully noted every week. At least three of the lads who will be on view next Tuesday are from South Bank, one of the best junior clubs in the Middlesbrough district. Their merit can be judged from the fact that they are undefeated in the Middlesbrough Minor League this season, having scored 44 goals against two in five matches. South Bank is mainly composed of ex-Middlesbrough schoolboys.

And now to news from the Supporters Club, which is quietly active. Make a note of these dates. October 29, the Supporters' Club ball at St. James' Street Baths, Doncaster. Tickets are 2/6 each and may be obtained from the Supporters' Club office at Belle Vue and club officials. Len. Boote's band will play. Thorne branch are running a road show at the White Hart Hotel on Friday, November 2.

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OUR VISITORS

LUTON TOWN Football Club was founded in 1885 and were amateur for five years before deciding to offer each of three players five shillings a week! In 1891 the whole team became professionals. Original members of the old Southern League, they had three seasons in the Second Division of the Football League between 1897-1900, but opposition proved too strong. Eventually they became original members of the Southern Section of the Third Division. In 1936-37 a total of 58 points won them promotion to Division II where they finished in 12th place in their first season. They have managed to retain their place in Division II since, although only finishing fourth from bottom last season.

This season Luton have shown much better form, particularly away from home, and have a very impressive record. They are lying seventh in the table with 14 points.

Here are pen pictures of the probable team:—

Bernard Streten, goalkeeper—Capped for England's Amateur team and R.A.F. team in all their matches during 1946-7 season. Gained first full professional cap for England v.

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reserve team except goalkeeper. Chosen to fill left-half position vacated by Shanks when he was injured.

Bill Cooke, Right Back—Born Chesterfield and was secured from Bournemouth in 1945 after playing for Luton as a war-time guest player. Is nearing his 200th league appearance.

Tommy Aherne, Left Back—Signed from Belfast Celtic in March, 1949. Has been automatic choice for Eire during the past two seasons and was selected to play for his country versus Germany on October 17th in Dublin.

Charlie Watkins, Right Half—Had seven seasons with Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Luton in September, 1948. Played for the Rangers against the Russian Dynamos at the end of 1945. Can take a turn at inside forward but is happiest at half-back.

Syd Owen, Centre Half—Converted into a centre-half after coming from Birmingham City in 1947 as a wing-half. Captain of the side today. Made the trip to Australia with the F.A. team last summer and captained the team in several matches.

Jim Pemberton, Left Half—Went to Luton from Stourbridge in November, 1947. Is a useful utility man. Has already appeared in every position in

the team except goalkeeper. Chosen to fill left-half position vacated by Shanks when he was injured.

Roy Davies, Outside Right—Twelve months ago an ex-player recommended Davies—his fellow South African—but it was only last May that he was finally secured for a substantial fee from Clyde.

Jack Taylor, Inside Right—Signed from Stockton-on-Tees, 1949. Is leading goal scorer for the club this season with eight goals to his credit including a hat-trick at Leicester.

George Stobart, Centre Forward—Former Newcastle United star and partner to Charlie Wayman. Joined the Hatters from Tyneside in October, 1949. Played for Middlesbrough before going to Newcastle.

Willie Davie, Inside Left—Signed from St. Mirren last December for a big fee and Kiernan in part exchange. A brilliant ball player and schemer.

Albert Mitchell, Outside Left—Most recent signing by Luton. Came from Northampton Town who received Jimmy Wilson and a substantial fee in exchange. Mitchell is an experienced player and knows the shortest way to goal. Has scored five goals already this season from the extreme wing position.

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	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
1951	Aug. 18—Sheffield Wed.	Away ✓	1—3
"	22—Blackburn Rovers	Home	1—0
"	25—Leeds Utd.	Home	2—0
"	27—Blackburn Rovers	Away	3—3
Sept.	1—Rotherham United	Away ✓	0—2
"	5—Brentford	Home	1—2
"	8—Cardiff City	Home	1—0
"	12—Southampton	Away	0—2
"	15—Birmingham	Away	2—2
"	22—Leicester City	Home	2—2
Oct.	6—Queens Park R.	Away ✓	1—1
"	13—Notts. County	Home	4—0
"	20—Luton Town	Away ✓	0—1
"	27—Bury	Away ✓	
Nov.	3—Swansea Town	Home	
"	10—Coventry City	Away	
"	17—West Ham United	Home	
"	24—F.A. Cup—First Round.	Sheffield United	Away ✓
Dec.	1—Barnsley	Home	
"	8—Hull City	Away ✓	
"	15—F.A. Cup—Second Round.	Sheffield Wednesday	Home
"	22—Leeds United	Away ✓	
"	25—Everton	Home	
"	26—Everton	Away	
"	29—Rotherham United	Home	
1952			
Jan.	5—Cardiff City	Away	
"	12—F.A. CUP—Third Round.		
"	19—Birmingham City	Home	
"	26—Leicester City	Away	
Feb.	2—F.A. Cup—Fourth Round.		
"	9—Notts. Forest	Home	
"	16—Queen's Park R.	Away	
"	23—F.A. Cup—Fifth Round.		
Mar.	1—Notts. County	Home	
"	8—F.A. Cup—Sixth Round.		
"	15—Bury	Away	
"	22—Swansea Town	Away	
"	29—Coventry City	Home	
April	5—West Ham United	Away	
"	12—Sheffield United	Home	
"	14—Southampton	Home	
"	19—Barnsley	Away	
"	26—Hull City	Home	
May	3—Brentford	Away	

MIDLAND LEAGUE

	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
1951	Aug. 18—Halifax Town	Home	2—1
"	20—Denaby United	Away	0—0
"	25—Goole Town	Away	2—0
"	30—Denaby United	Home	2—3
Sept.	1—Rotherham United	Home	4—2
"	8—Mansfield Town	Away	0—2
"	15—Scarborough	Away	0—4
"	19—Grimsby Town	Away	1—1
"	22—Notts. Forest	Away	0—4
"	27—Scarborough	Home	2—3
Oct.	6—Hull City	Away	0—1
"	13—Scunthorpe Utd.	Home	1—1
"	20—York City	Away	
"	27—Bradford City	Home	
Nov.	3—Boston United	Away	
"	10—Peterborough United	Home	
"	17—Worksop Town	Away	
"	24—Frickley Colliery	Home	
Dec.	1—Grantham	Away	
"	8—Notts. County	Home	
"	15—Halifax Town	Away	
"	22—Goole Town	Home	
"	26—Bradford	Home	
"	29—Rotherham Utd.	Away	
1952			
Jan.	5—Mansfield Town	Home	
"	26—Notts. Forest	Home	
Feb.	9—Lincoln City	Away	
"	16—Hull City	Home	
"	23—Grimsby Town	Home	
Mar.	1—Scunthorpe United	Away	
"	8—York City	Home	
"	15—Bradford City	Away	
"	22—Boston United	Home	
"	29—Peterborough United	Away	
April	5—Worksop Town	Home	
"	11—Gainsborough Trinity	Home	
"	12—Frickley Colliery	Away	
"	14—Gainsborough Trinity	Away	
"	19—Grantham	Home	
"	26—Notts. County	Away	
May	3—Bradford	Away	

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Brentford	12	6	3 4 15 10 15
Swansea	13	5	5 28 24 15
Luton Town	12	4	5 19 16 14
Bury	12	5	4 21 18 14
Sheffield Wednesday	13	5	4 24 27 15
Doncaster Rovers	13	4	5 4 18 18 12
Birmingham	13	2	8 5 15 17 12
Southampton	13	4	5 15 21 12
West Ham	13	4	5 18 24 12
Queen's Park R.	12	3	6 5 15 19 12
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Everton	13	4	6 18 24 11
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