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MAINE ROAD GOSSIP

By THE EDITOR

A TEAM OF CUP SENSATIONS

THE Luton Town club who are City's Cup visitors today, came into existence with the amalgamation of the old Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior in 1885, the year that professionalism was legalised, and they can claim to have played a prominent part in that important change-over.

In those early days, Luton were well known for their picturesque colours—Navy blue and pink halves for shirts and caps! Later the club changed to wearing cochineal-coloured shirts, then sky-blue, the present black and white "ensemble" being delayed until after World War I.

Luton soon established themselves as one of the leading clubs in the South, and were leading lights in the old Southern League. For two successive seasons they were runners-up to Millwall and then, along with 'Spurs, they applied for membership of the Second Division. They polled ten votes to the Londoners' two! Fifteen votes were regarded as the necessary quota, however. They tried again, and this time were successful, becoming a Football League club in 1897-98.

Unfortunately for the "Hatters," they found League football an expensive luxury, and

although they held their own for two seasons, they were among three clubs who had to seek re-election in the third. They made no effort to retain their place, and went back to the Southern League. Here they found such a change in standard they were no longer among the leaders, and in 1911-12 were relegated. They did not regain their place until just before the First World War.

Luton came back to League football when the Second Division was formed, and this time they meant business. They also created some sensations in the Cup and reached the last eight in 1932-33 beating Barnsley, Halifax and 'Spurs en route. In 1935-36, they were runners-up in the Southern Section—Coventry pipped them by one point—but the following season they won deserved promotion. They scored 103 goals in the process, 55 of them going to Joe Payne, a one-time left half-back.

When Luton reappeared in the Second Division thirty-eight years after leaving it, they found only four clubs who had been there when they left—Manchester United (formerly Newton Heath, of course), Chesterfield, Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday. The "Hatters" fully justified their promotion, and have proved one of the most consistent sides in the country. They also have done very well in the Cup, and last season, after beating Charlton, Brentford and Swindon, they went down 3-2 to Arsenal after a terrific struggle at Kenilworth Road.

This will be the third Cup meeting between City and Luton, and City are confident they can complete the "hat-trick." But Luton, under the astute management of famed "Dally" Duncan, are playing grand football these days, and it is not surprising to find them in third position in the Second Division. We should see a thrilling game especially as City are staging such a welcome revival, and Luton have their eyes on the First Division.

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CITY v. UNITED AGAIN!

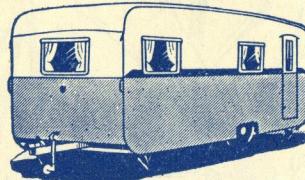
City (represented by Don Revie, Johnny Hart, Jimmy Gunning, Ken Barnes and Eric Webster) will meet United (Stan Pearson, Allenby Chilton, Johnny Aston, Harry McShane and Jack Blanchflower) in a snooker match at the Houldsworth Hall, Manchester, on February 5th, "kick-off" 7.30 p.m. All supporters will be welcomed. Admission is 2s. 6d. but there will be no charge for ladies if accompanied by husband or boy-friend.

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ROLL CALL

DIVISION I (League and Cup)

Appearances : Trautmann, Revie, 27; Branagan, 26; Paul, 24; Clarke, Meadows, Westwood, 22; Broadis, 20; Rigby, 18; Hart, 17; Williamson, Spurdle, 15; Sowden, 9; Phoenix, Davies, Cunliffe, 5; Ewing, Gunning, 4; Hannaway, Little, 3; McCourt, Smith, 2.

Scorers : Hart, 11; Williamson, 9; Meadows, 8; Revie, 5; Broadis, 4; Clarke, Spurdle, 3; Sowden, 2; Smith, Cunliffe, Branagan, Davies, Harris (Chelsea o.g.) 1—50.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Appearances : Little, 25; Hannaway, 23; Davies, 22; Cunliffe, 21; Phoenix, 19; Ewing, Williams, 18; Sowden, 15; Gunning, Riley, 13; White, Barnes, 12; McCourt, 11; Webster, 10; Williamson, 8; Spurdle, 7; Smith, Hart, 5; Burns, Shelmerdine, 4; Beecher, Edwards, McTavish, Rigby, Lansley, Broadis, Woosnam, 3; Powell (T.), Meadows, Horridge, 2; Denman, Dyson, Evans, Grant, McClelland, 1.

Scorers : Sowden, 10; Davies, Cunliffe, 7; Smith, 3; Williamson, White, 2; Meadows, Spurdle, Winton (Burnley o.g.) 1—34.

FLASHBACK

SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1950. With Luton struggling near the foot of the table, this match looked like being a "good thing" for City who at that time were occupying number one position, but City's form was anything but that of leaders and Luton were the more impressive side. They nearly took the lead when Taylor fired in the best shot of the game, but Trautmann made a great save. Taylor was not to be denied however and three minutes from the interval he put his side ahead with a fine header. City's forwards were not shaping at all well and apart from a praiseworthy effort by Paul, the home team rarely looked like scoring. Fourteen minutes from the end Cooke was adjudged to have handled in a goalmouth melee, and although Luton protested to a man against what appeared to be a very harsh decision, the referee awarded a penalty which Paul converted to give City a point they scarcely deserved.

Manchester City : Trautmann; Phillips, Westwood; Spurdle, Rigby, Paul; Oakes, Williamson, Westcott, Smith, Clarke.

Luton Town : Hughes; Cooke, Aherne (T.); Watkins, Hall (L.), Shanks; Stobart, Kiernan, Jinks, Taylor (J.), Glover.
Attendance 42,333.

MANCHESTER LEAGUE

(League and Cup)

Appearances : Horridge, Bourne, 18; Faulkner, Beecher, 15; Lansley, 14; McTavish, 13; Davidson, 12; Dyson, 10; Burns, Riley, White, 9; Edwards, 8; Webster, Volpe, 7; Liddiard, Murden, 5; Evans, Croysdale, Denman, Mayo, McClelland, 4; Middleton, Grant, 3; Jones, Hill, Barnes, Gunning, Sowden, 2; Kerr, Orwin, Ellis, Shelmerdine, Brown, Dawson, Palmer, Walker, Johnson, Lyons, 1.

Scorers : Faulkner, 13; Edwards, 10; White, 9; Lansley, Bourne, 8; Sowden, 6; Riley, 3; McTavish, 2; Dyson, Murden, Gunning, Wakefield (Ward St. O.B. o.g.), Foulkes (Manchester Utd. o.g.) 1—64.

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Our Visitors

TODAY we bid a cordial welcome to Luton Town, details of whose team are as follow :

RON BAYNHAM (goalkeeper).—Signed from Worcester City in 1951 after being recommended by Sid Owen, Luton centre half and captain. Has played so well since gaining a place in the League side that England goalkeeper Bernard Streten cannot get back.

LESLIE JONES (right back).—Played his junior football with Craig Athletic in the Luton League, and signed professional for Luton in the 1950-51 season. A sound positional player.

BUD AHERNE (left back).—Has been "capped" for Eire and Ireland. Represented the Irish League while with Belfast Celtic, from whom Luton signed him in March, 1949, for £8,000.

BOB MORTON (right half).—Joined Luton six seasons ago. Was once played at centre forward, but has finally settled down at wing half.

SID OWEN (centre half).—Joined Luton from Birmingham six seasons ago as a wing-half, but it was found his best place was at centre. Was honoured by the F.A. during the England tour of Australia in the close season of 1950.

WALLY SHANKS (left half).—A Scot, who joined Luton as an outside right after a trial with Chelsea. Played in several positions before settling down at left half.

MICHAEL CULLEN (outside right).—Recommended by a scout, but the best was not seen from him for two seasons owing to National Service. Has now developed into a fine winger.

BERNARD MOORE (inside right).—Cost Luton a record fee for a Southern League player when signed from Hastings in February, 1951. Did much to help Luton retain their Second Division status two seasons ago.

JESSE PYE (centre forward).—Joined Luton from Wolverhampton Wanderers in July, 1952. Originally with Notts County, was signed for Wolves by Major Frank Buckley for an estimated fee of £8,000. First played for England against Belgium in 1946, and was at centre forward in the England team beaten 2-0 by Eire at Liverpool nearly three years ago.

CHARLIE WATKINS (inside left).—Signed from Glasgow Rangers. Equally at home at wing half or inside forward, but is happiest at half back.

BERT MITCHELL (outside left).—Signed from Northampton Town on a player-exchange plus fee basis. Had previously played for Kettering, Blackburn Rovers and Stoke City. Until injured was holding down the inside left position.

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Goal

2 BRANAGAN
Right Back

4 REVIE
Right Half-Back

MEADOWS
GUNNING
Outside Right

8 SPURDLE
Inside Right

5 EWING
Centre Half-Back

9 WILLIAMSON
Centre

3 LITTLE
Left Back

6 PAUL
Left Half-Back

10 BROADIS
Inside Left

CUNLIFFE
CLARKE
Outside Left

Referee:
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Weston-super-Mare
Kick-off 2-45 p.m.



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T. CLAPPERTON (Yellow Flag)

11 MITCHELL
Outside Left

10 WATKINS
Inside Left

6 SHANKS
Left Half-Back

9 PYE
Centre

8 MOORE
Inside Right

7 CULLEN
Outside Right

HALF
OWEN
Centre Half-Back

MORTON
Right Half-Back

3 AHERNE
Left Back

4 JONES
Right Back

1 BAYNHAM
Goal

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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1. The year's all right, but Jack went from Bolton to Arsenal.
2. S. F. Rous (Herts) refereed the 1934 final when City beat Portsmouth 2-1.
3. Barrow and Gillingham were contestants in the 1924-25 marathon Cup-tie. Barrow eventually winning 2-1 at the fifth attempt.
4. In the case of a foul throw, the throw reverts to the opposing side.

NEXT MATCH

AT MAINE ROAD

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Central League

MANCHESTER CITY Reserves

v.

WEST BROM. A. Reserves

Saturday, February 7th

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

While You Wait

(Spot the mistakes)

1. First five-figure transfer was in 1928 when Bolton paid Arsenal £10,890 for David Jack.
2. Mr. Stanley Rous—now Sir Stanley—never refereed a Cup Final.
3. Barrow and Stockport County met four times before a decision was reached in their F.A. Cup qualifying round tie in 1923.
4. "Clarke was adjudged guilty of a foul throw-in, and when it was re-taken, Paul threw the ball to Broadis . . ."

Answers on page 6

LEAGUE TABLE POSITIONS

| DIVISION 1 (Including January 24th) | | | | | | | CENTRAL LEAGUE (Including January 24th) | | | | | | | MANCHESTER LEAGUE (Including January 24th) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|-----|--|--------------|----|----|----|----|-----|---|-----------|----------------|----------|-------------|---|-----|----|----|----|----|
| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | | | | |
| West Brom. | 27 | 15 | 3 | 17 | 44 | 40 | 33 | Preston N.E. | 27 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 62 | 28 | 38 | Man. U. 'A.' | 21 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 80 | 45 | 32 | |
| Sunderland | 27 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 47 | 43 | 33 | Blackpool | 26 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 53 | 28 | 37 | New Mills | 17 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 56 | 36 | 28 | |
| Burnley | 26 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 39 | 21 | 32 | Wolves | 27 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 51 | 35 | 32 | Taylor Bros. | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 43 | 26 | 28 | |
| Wolves | 27 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 53 | 34 | 32 | Stoke City | 27 | 13 | 6 | 8 | 50 | 34 | 32 | Macclesfield | 23 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 55 | 41 | 24 | |
| Arsenal | 24 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 50 | 33 | 31 | Barnsley | 26 | 13 | 6 | 45 | 31 | 32 | Leek Town | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 46 | 37 | 23 | | |
| Preston N.E. | 25 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 41 | 30 | 31 | Everton | 27 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 56 | 45 | 35 | Stk'p't C. 'A' | 24 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 36 | 54 | 22 | |
| Man. United | 21 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 40 | 29 | 30 | Aston Villa | 27 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 45 | 30 | 31 | Man. C. 'A.' | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 63 | 47 | 21 | |
| Portsmouth | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 49 | 34 | 29 | Burnley | 27 | 14 | 3 | 10 | 52 | 50 | 29 | Bury | | 22 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 64 | 57 | 21 |
| Chelton A. | 25 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 52 | 44 | 29 | Blackburn R. | 27 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 46 | 45 | 29 | Hazle Gve | 21 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 46 | 37 | 20 | |
| Blackpool | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 52 | 49 | 29 | Bolton W. | 28 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 39 | 30 | 28 | Miles Plat'g | 18 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 56 | 46 | 20 | |
| Sheffield W. | 27 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 42 | 43 | 26 | Huddersfield | 26 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 49 | 50 | 28 | Droylsden | 20 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 32 | 40 | 18 | |
| Newcastle U. | 27 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 42 | 47 | 24 | Leeds Utd. | 26 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 31 | 34 | 26 | Ashton Utd. | 24 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 46 | 66 | 18 | |
| Bolton W. | 25 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 39 | 44 | 24 | Bury | 27 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 43 | 48 | 25 | Ball Haye G. | 18 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 44 | 42 | 16 | |
| Aston Villa | 25 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 32 | 36 | 23 | Sheffield W. | 26 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 40 | 43 | 23 | Mirrlees | 17 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 35 | 51 | 16 | |
| Portsmouth | 27 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 44 | 48 | 23 | Newcastle U. | 27 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 43 | 52 | 22 | Ward St. O. | 21 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 34 | 55 | 15 | |
| Middlesbro. | 27 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 40 | 54 | 23 | Liverpool | 27 | 9 | 4 | 14 | 30 | 38 | 21 | Buxton | | 19 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 37 | 56 | 13 |
| Liverpool | 26 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 40 | 50 | 22 | Derby Co. | 26 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 36 | 47 | 21 | Lancs. Steel | 18 | 3 | 3 | 28 | 43 | 9 | 9 | |
| Cardiff City | 24 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 27 | 28 | 21 | Man. United | 25 | 7 | 11 | 26 | 36 | 36 | 21 | Glossop | .... | 4 | 1 | 12 | 24 | 48 | 9 | |
| Derby Co. | 27 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 36 | 43 | 21 | Man. City. | 27 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 34 | 53 | 20 | Atherton C. | Resigned | Record Expd | | | | | | |
| Stoke City | 27 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 36 | 49 | 20 | Sheffield U. | 28 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 35 | 64 | 17 | | | | | | | | | |
| Man. City. | 26 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 43 | 54 | 19 | Chesterfield | 25 | 6 | 14 | 29 | 54 | 57 | 17 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 26 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 33 | 43 | 19 | West Brom. | 26 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 30 | 50 | 15 | | | | | | | | | |

LEAGUE—1st Division

| 1952 | | | | | | | 1952 | | | | | | | Central League | | | | | | | Manchester League | | | | | | |
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| Aug. 23 | Stoke City | | A | 1-2 | | | Aug. 23 | Preston North End | | H | 4-6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Tottenham Hotspur | | H | 0-1 | | | .. | Stoke City | | A | 2-0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Manchester United | .... | H | 2-1 | | | .. | Manchester United | .... | A | 0-0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 1 | Tottenham Hotspur | .... | A | 3-3 | | | Sept. 3 | Stoke City | .... | H | 2-5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Liverpool | .... | H | 0-3 | | | .. | Liverpool | .... | A | 1-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Burnley | .... | A | 1-3 | | | .. | Chesterfield | .... | H | 2-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Middlesbrough | .... | A | 4-5 | | | .. | Bury | .... | H | 0-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | West Bromwich Alb. | .... | H | 0-1 | | | .. | West Bromwich Alb. | .... | A | 3-0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Newcastle United | .... | A | 0-2 | | | .. | Leeds United | .... | A | 3-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 4 | Cardiff City | .... | H | 2-2 | | | .. | Blackburn Rovers | .... | H | 1-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Portsmouth | .... | A | 1-2 | | | .. | Blackpool | .... | A | 0-3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Bolton Wanderers | .... | H | 1-2 | | | .. | Derby County | .... | H | 1-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Aston Villa | .... | A | 0-0 | | | .. | Derby County | .... | A | 1-4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 1 | Sunderland | .... | H | 2-5 | | | .. | Barnsley | .... | A | 2-0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Wolverhampton W. | .... | A | 3-7 | | | .. | Huddersfield Town | .... | H | 0-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Charlton A. | .... | H | 5-1 | | | .. | Wolverhampton W. | .... | H | 2-3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Arsenal | .... | H | 1-0 | | | .. | Preston North End | .... | A | 1-4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Derby County | .... | H | 4-0 | | | .. | Burnley | .... | H | 3-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Chelsea | .... | H | 2-1 | | | .. | Sheffield Wednesday | .... | A | 2-6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Stoke City | .... | H | 2-1 | | | .. | Sheffield Wednesday | .... | A | 2-6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Preston North End | .... | A | 2-6 | | | .. | Sheffield Wednesday | .... | A | 0-5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 3 | Manchester United | .... | A | 1-1 | | | .. | Leeds United | .... | A | 1-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Swindon T. (Cup 3rd) | .... | H | 7-0 | | | .. | Newcastle U. | .... | H | 1-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Liverpool | .... | A | 1-0 | | | .. | Leeds United | .... | H | 1-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Middlesbrough | .... | H | 5-1 | | | .. | Blackpool | .... | A | 0-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | Luton T. (Cup 4th) | | H | 5-1 | | | .. | Bury | | A | 1-4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 7 | West Bromwich Alb. | | H | 1-4 | | | .. | Sheffield Wednesday | | A | 1-4 | | | | | </ | | | | | | | | | | | |

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