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OUR VISITORS.

On this, our last Saturday League home match, we extend a welcome to our visitors from Luton, who are very interested in the promotion race. At the moment they are making a strong challenge to Huddersfield for the right to First Division status. If they gain this coveted prize no doubt a few more straw hats will be airborne but for a different reason to the well remembered occasion of their pre-war cup visit to Goodison Park. On our visit to Luton earlier in the season the game was played on a snow covered ground. Despite this handicap both teams served up attractive football and the result was in doubt right up to the last five minutes of the game when Luton scored and ran out winners by 4-2. We hope today's game will be such an entertaining one.

RESERVES.

It was a pity that, due to the early kick-off, so few were able to attend our Central League game against Wolverhampton Reserves last Monday evening. It was probably the best Central League game seen at Goodison this season. Both teams played attractive football with punch. We congratulate our youthful players on their display and victory against the more experienced Central League Champions of last season. If the Wolves team had won this match they would have been favourites to win the Championship this season and even now they are in a favourite position to do so.

Another pleasing feature of this match was the display of Eric Moore after his recent cartilage operation. He moved and kicked better than he has done for some time.

FORCES.

The latest of our young players to receive his calling-up papers is Ted Forshaw. He reports for duty next Thursday.

INJURIES.

Don Donovan does not look likely to play again this season. His ankle injury was so severe that it speaks volumes for his courage that he finished the game against Plymouth.

George Kirby and Jimmy Gregory are now out of hospital after their cartilage operations.

C.B.

PLAYERS APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1952-53 SEASON.

Up to and including April 15th, 1953.

Appearances.

		Central League			Mayers	1	—	10
		League	Cup	Central League				
O'Neill	...	35	5	—				
Clinton	...	20	5	5	T. Cronin	—	—	6
Lindsay	...	28	5	—	Saunders, G.	—	—	5
Farrell	...	35	5	—	W. Birchall	—	—	2
Jones	...	39	5	—	Lindley	—	—	2
Lello	...	23	5	10	Birch	—	—	6
McNamara	...	7	—	14	J. McKinley	—	—	2
Fielding	...	24	1	7	Cross	—	—	5
Hickson	...	24	5	6	P. Fairclough	—	—	1
Parker	...	30	4	2	Hampson	—	—	1
Eglington	...	36	5	—	Melville	—	—	23
Moore	...	13	—	9	Gibson	—	—	6
Grant	...	17	—	8	Anderton	—	—	13
Harris	...	13	—	5	Dunlop	—	—	6
Buckle	...	12	4	20	Farrall	—	—	19
Potts	...	19	1	9	Forshaw	—	—	6
Rankin	...	9	—	18	C. Fitzsimmons	—	—	2
Sagar	...	1	—	—	Rea	—	—	8
Donovan	...	7	—	11	Thomas	—	—	7
Cummins	...	18	5	15	Saunders, R.	—	—	9
Wainwright	...	7	—	13	Kirby	—	—	2
Tansey, J.	...	3	—	21	Sutherland	—	—	4
Lewis	...	2	—	20	B. Caldwell	—	—	1
Easthope	...	2	—	20	B. Capper	—	—	3
Leyland	...	3	—	31	Kearsley	—	—	1
Woods	...	1	—	31	Fletcher	—	—	4

Goalscorers—Football League.

Parker 17 (13 League, 4 Cup), Eglington 15 (13 League, 2 Cup), Hickson 14 (11 League, 3 Cup), Potts 8, Fielding 6 (5 League, 1 Cup), Harris 4, Buckle 4, Wainwright 4, Lewis 3, Farrell 2 (1 League, 1 Cup), Mayers 2, Clinton 1 (Cup). Own Goal 1 (Cup).

Goalscorers—Central League.

Lewis 13, Wainwright 7, Buckle 7, T. Cronin 6, Easthope 6, Hickson 6, Farrall 6, Potts 4, McNamara 3, Cummins 2, Clinton 2, Gibson 2, Saunders, R. 2, Kirby 2, Hampson 1, Mayers 1, Thomas 1.

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STRETON (Goalkeeper).—One of the outstanding goalkeepers in present day football, Bernard has kept goal for Luton regularly since he joined them in 1947-48 season. Gillingham born, he won Amateur International caps while with Notts County and Shrewsbury Town. Received his first full cap for England v. Ireland in 1949. An Agile, fearless player and thoroughly dependable.

JONES (Right back).—Les is really one of this season's discoveries. Signed for Luton as a professional in October, 1950 and had to be satisfied with occasional first team appearances owing to the consistent form displayed by regulars Dunn and Ahearne. Came into the League side on November 15th last year for a solitary game and was a semi-regular until recently, when his displays have been an eye-opener. An uncompromising tackler and very clean kicker of a ball.

PEMBERTON (Left back).—Here we have the perfect example of the successful forward-to-defender conversion. Jim, who's birthplace is Brierly Hill, arrived at Luton from Stourbridge and made his League debut in 1950-51 season. His original position was outside left, was tried at left back and made a success of the move.

MORTON (Right half).—Luton's regular in the right half berth. Bob has been a most consistent performer for his club and rarely has an off-day. A solid, workmanlike player, he is a local discovery who after being signed by Town, was patiently coached until he was ready for first team duty. Originally played for local club Eaton Bray and Waterlow's from which organisation he went to Luton. Birthplace Ashton Clinton, in Buckinghamshire.

OWEN (Centre half).—An outstanding figure, Syd is very tall, very solid, red haired plays a commanding game at centre half. Captain of this Luton side, he plays a true skipper's part both on and off the field. Joined Town from Birmingham in 1947 for whom he was a left half. Was tried in the middle and never looked back. He was a member of the F.A. party which toured Australia several seasons ago, showing up well in the several games which were played.

SHANKS (Left half).—A man of many positions, Wally joined Luton after a month's trial with the club. Can play wing forward, inside forward or left half with equal facility. Certainly not a player whose form suffers through change of position! Born in Malta. Prior to joining Town, was on Chelsea's books for a spell but left to try his luck elsewhere.

DAVIS (Outside right).—Ron was down to play here in the League fixture last season but unfortunately sustained a fractured ankle against Arsenal in the Sixth round F.A. Cup tie and had some time off recovering from this injury. Has apparently suffered no ill effects at all, as his recent displays testify. Joined his present club from Clyde.

TURNER (Inside right).—Gordon has been with Luton almost four years. He signed originally for the club in June, 1949 and after a nine months' period of amateur service, during which he displayed much ability and even greater potentialities, turned professional in March, 1950. Played against us here last year, scoring twice. Came into the League side this year in the third game, played six consecutive games, scoring six goals.

PYE (Centre forward).—It is unfair to individualise too much when discussing a team of eleven men, in which all play their part, but to Jesse Pye must go a large share of the credit for Luton's very successful promotion bid this season. When transferred from Wolves this season, he took only a very short while to settle down in the Luton front line, scoring goals very frequently. A clever ball player and a thrustful leader who can scheme goals for colleagues just as adeptly as taking them himself. Hard to believe, but he was given a free transfer by Sheffield United just before the war. Was signed by Notts County and shone in Middle East war time soccer. Made his first International appearance for England v. Belgium in 1945-6 season. Moved on to Wolves in the following season.

WATKINS (Inside left).—As good at left half as inside left, Charlie is a very adaptable type of player. Glasgow born and signed naturally enough for Glasgow Rangers. Developed well with them and was persuaded to come South and join Luton in 1948. He appeared at left half for Town's first XI up till the end of the season, was drafted into the forward line and has stayed there since.

MITCHELL (Outside left).—Yet another first team regular, having missed few games for several seasons. Bert is one of soccer's wanderers, his first club being Stoke City, this incidentally being the town of his birth. Subsequently moved to Blackburn Rovers, then Kettering. Was not quite satisfied and moved on to Northampton Town in May, 1949, from where he joined Luton.



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	CLINTON (2)	LINDSAY (3)		
	FARRELL (4)	JONES (5)	LELLO (6)	
	BUCKLE (7)	FIELDING (8)	HICKSON (9)	PARKER (10)
	X			EGLINGTON (11)
	Referee:			
	Mr. A. Murdoch (Sheffield)			
	MITCHELL (11)	WATKINS (10)	PYE (9)	LINESMEN:
	SHANKS (6)	OWEN (5)	MORTON (4)	Messrs. C. Holland (Yellow Flag)
	PEMBERTON (3)		JONES (2)	and A. Hughes (Red Flag)
Left		BAYNHAM (1)		TURNER (8)
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		LUTON T.		X

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SUCCESS IS PENALISED.

By DON M. KENDALL (Evening Express).

Something must be done and immediately to ensure that success in football is not penalised. The time is opportune for an overhaul of the system whereby clubs enjoying a good run in the F.A. Cup have to pay out so much in compensation for the postponement of League fixtures, while other clubs unsuccessful in the Cup sit back and skim off some of the cream in the form of cash from the Cup Pool. Most people labour under the delusion that if a club succeeds in reaching the Cup semi-final they are making thousands of pounds, but that is not so. Only when a club gets into the final can it expect to make any substantial profit. In the semi-finals, both gates are pooled and then 25 per-cent goes to the F.A., 25 per-cent to the Cup Pool, and the remaining 50 per-cent is divided among the four competing clubs. This year's semi-finals brought gross receipts of £15,924 which meant that each club received about £1,900. Very nice too you may say, but let us take the position of Everton. By playing in the semi-final they had to postpone their League game with Fulham at Goodison Park until the following Wednesday. That midweek game attracted only 10,474 people for the smallest gate of the season. Everton had to compensate Fulham, paying out the difference between that low gate and the average Goodison Park attendance for the 21 home games this season.

Everton in the case of their sixth round tie with Aston Villa had to pay compensation to Notts County for the postponement of the Saturday League game, and pay on the average home attendance of the County for the entire season. Yet only 7,529 people turned up for the re-arranged game on the Thursday so that most of the cash Everton received from the Villa Park game went in compensation. Then so far as the fifth round tie with Manchester United was concerned, Everton had to pay full compensation to Doncaster Rovers which hit them heavily for only 10,000 attended the match at Doncaster on the following Wednesday. No compensation was payable for the third and fourth rounds because no League fixtures were arranged for that day for First and Second Division clubs. That, however, does not offset the fact that Everton's Cup success has in a way penalised them financially to the extent that they have had to pay back to clubs most of the cash they have received. I heard it suggested only a few days ago that all compensation should be paid out of the F.A. Cup Pool, and I think this would be fairer for all and ensure that there is no penalty on the successful. The net receipts of matches in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th rounds are divided 33½ per-cent to each club and 33½ per-cent to the Pool which is eventually divided equally among the Football League clubs which entered the Cup. So a Third Division club knocked out in the first round will receive just as much from the Pool as the winners. I agree that it is a nice "lift" for them, but surely they would be well-satisfied with a slightly smaller share.

The Cup never will be the financial boon to the clubs until it is agreed that all compensation shall be paid not by the clubs who succeed, but out of this common pool. The winning of Cups should ensure clubs making a substantial profit, but under the present system it is well-nigh impossible unless the final is reached. No hardship would be caused were all compensation to be paid out of the Pool for there still would remain a nice sum for the annual share-out. If the clubs are compelled to pay into the Pool then the Pool should in turn help the clubs hit hard by compensation. I understand that this matter is to be raised at the annual football "Parliament" in June.

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As in previous years holders of tickets for the Members' Stand and Block F will receive renewal forms in due course. It is hoped to have them sent out by the end of the season and it is requested that ticket holders do not write in before they have received the form.

BULLENS ROAD NORTH END.

Renewal forms for these season ticket holders will be distributed from the turnstiles at today's game. These tickets will be for reserved seats at 5 guineas each and full instructions for renewal are given on the form.

Should any vacancies occur in the Members' Stand these will be allocated to North End Ticket Holders in rotation, as applications for renewal are received.

New applications for season tickets should be made after May 4th enclosing remittance of 5 guineas for each ticket required.

It is requested that no applications for tickets be made before May 4th.

LEAGUE TABLES.

LEAGUE — DIVISION 2.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Sheff. U.	39	23	10	6	92	52	56
Huddersfield.	39	22	9	8	75	31	53
Luton T.	38	22	6	10	82	45	50
Plymouth A.	39	19	8	12	61	53	46
Notts F.	38	18	8	12	74	57	44
Fulham	39	17	9	13	77	64	43
Leicester C.	39	16	11	12	83	72	43
Blackburn R.	40	17	8	15	63	59	42
Birmingham.	39	16	10	13	63	63	42
Leeds U.	38	13	13	13	63	55	39
Rotherham.	40	16	7	17	75	74	39
Swansea T.	39	14	11	14	73	76	39
Everton	39	12	18	14	68	67	37
W. Ham U.	39	12	18	14	53	53	37
Doncaster R.	38	10	14	14	53	62	34
Notts C.	39	13	8	18	58	83	34
Lincoln C.	38	8	17	13	53	67	33
Brentford	38	12	9	17	53	70	33
Bury	40	12	9	19	51	77	33
Hull C.	38	12	7	19	53	66	31
Southampton	39	8	13	18	59	81	29
Barnsley	39	5	7	27	45	101	17

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston N.E.	38	23	7	8	76	36	53
Wolves	38	19	10	7	64	43	48
Huddersfield.	38	19	10	9	73	57	48
Blackpool	38	20	7	11	71	50	47
Burnley	39	21	5	13	65	58	47
Everton	39	16	12	11	71	59	44
Barnsley	39	17	9	13	62	49	43
Bolton W.	40	16	10	14	59	45	42
Aston V.	38	17	7	14	61	44	41
Blackburn R.	39	16	7	16	61	63	39
Stoke C.	38	16	6	16	61	61	38
Derby C.	38	14	10	14	55	57	38
Sheff. W.	38	15	7	16	58	59	37
Liverpool	38	15	7	16	47	54	37
Bury	39	15	7	17	60	77	37
Leeds U.	39	11	14	14	51	57	36
Man. U.	37	12	9	16	51	53	33
Newcastle	38	9	11	18	59	72	29
W. Brom. A.	37	10	7	20	42	62	27
Sheff. U.	38	8	11	19	50	77	27
Man. C.	39	10	6	23	47	74	26
Chesterfield....	37	8	7	22	37	74	23

HALF-TIME SCORES.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

A ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND

LEAGUE — DIVISION 1.

B ARSENAL v. STOKE CITY

C ASTON VILLA v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

D BLACKPOOL v. LIVERPOOL

E BOLTON WANDERERS v. CARDIFF CITY

F CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. PRESTON NORTH END

G CHELSEA v. MIDDLESBROUGH

H DERBY COUNTY v. MANCHESTER CITY

J MANCHESTER UNITED v. WEST BROMWICH ALBION

K PORTSMOUTH v. NEWCASTLE UNITED

L SUNDERLAND v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

M WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS v. BURNLEY

LEAGUE — DIVISION 2.

N BARNSLEY v. LEICESTER CITY

O BLACKBURN ROVERS v. BURY

P BRENTFORD v. LEEDS UNITED

Q DONCASTER ROVERS v. PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

R HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v. FULHAM

S HULL CITY v. SOUTHAMPTON

T LINCOLN CITY v. NOTTS COUNTY

U NOTTINGHAM FOREST v. BIRMINGHAM CITY

V SHEFFIELD UNITED v. WEST HAM UNITED

W SWANSEA TOWN v. ROTHERHAM UNITED

LEAGUE — DIVISION 3 (NORTH).

X HARTLEPOOLS UNITED v. TRANMERE ROVERS

Y PORT VALE v. WREXHAM

Z SOUTHPORT v. GRIMSBY TOWN

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