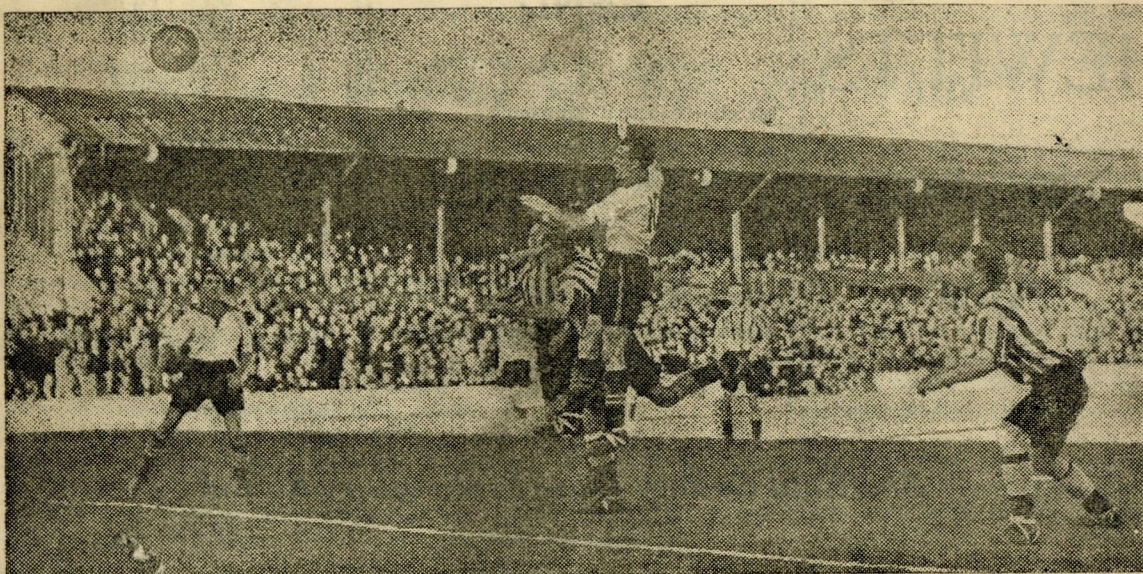


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News and Notions by "Red and White"

Here we are at the end of the 1952-53 campaign, a season of ups and downs, but one in which I think we can safely say we have consolidated our position in the Second Division. There have been, as last season, one or two anxious moments, but again our players rose to the occasion and towards the end of the season there were no relegation anxieties to worry about.

The promotion and relegation issues in the Second Division have been settled, with Huddersfield Town, when gaining a point against Rotherham United, winning promotion to the First Division after only one season in the Second Division. Sheffield United proved themselves to be worthy League champions. At the other end of the scale, Barnsley, who were doomed to return to the Third Division some time ago, will be accompanied by Southampton who, although they scored a very effective win over Blackburn Rovers at The Dell, made their fine effort just too late.

The two teams to journey up from the Third Division into the Second Division were not known until last evening when Bristol Rovers, favourites from the Southern Section, got the point they needed, and Oldham Ath. beat Port Vale in a tremendous battle in the Northern Section. Athletic drew at Bradford and so won promotion.

A great fight by Sheffield Wednesday kept their First Division status, although it was "touch and go" almost to the very end of the season.

While we were not directly affected by these various promotion and relegation issues, it does have some effect on our finances. For example, the departure of Sheffield United and Huddersfield Town into the First Division does mean the loss of what proved to be two of our best "gates" last season—these two games proving big "draws" at Belle Vue. If Sheffield Wednesday had been relegated there would have been some compensation there,

but with Oldham Athletic winning promotion we shall have two attractive matches there, for Boundary Park is a first-class enclosure.

There has been mention in the Press about the reduction of charges which are contemplated by our Board of Directors, and it is expected that further details will be released very shortly on a measure which I am sure our supporters will find to their satisfaction.

Also, this week, the retained list will be published, although the majority of the players have, by now, been informed of the club's decision.

I must refer to the match with Leeds United at Elland Road last Saturday, and congratulate goalkeeper Harry Gregg for a brilliant display, and left-back Derek Harvey on a sound debut in Second Division football. It was something of an ordeal for 19-year-old Derek, but he came through with flying colours.

Again we opened the scoring, with a clever goal by Bert Tindill, and our defence held out against a sustained onslaught, until the 80th minute, when Kerfoot equalised. The famous John Charles was back at centre-forward, but Bill Paterson held him well.

I am asked to remind our supporters that although the playing season is just ending, the new season of the Supporters' Club commences tomorrow, May 1st. From that date old and new members can be enrolled. A new office on the ground is expected to be erected this summer, adjacent to the existing building, and YOU are asked to call in there and you will be warmly welcomed. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the ground office, or headquarters, or from any member of the committee.

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OUR VISITORS

LUTON TOWN have been one of the outstanding sides in the Second Division this season, and it came as no surprise when, a few weeks ago, they issued a strong challenge for promotion honours. There ensued a keen battle between them and Huddersfield Town as to who should accompany Sheffield United into the First Division, but the challenge of the "Hatters" just failed, despite a big effort.

Luton have some splendid players on their books, and their good showing during the present campaign can be traced in a large degree to the splendid displays given by Jessie Pye.

Here are pen-pictures of some of Luton's players who are expected to take part in this evening's game:—

RON BAYNHAM (goalkeeper)—He is only 22 years of age but he has certainly "hit" the headlines this season. Formerly with Worcester City, this agile player has performed so well that English international Bernard Stretten has only had one League outing since mid-December.

LESLIE JONES (right-back)—This young Welsh-born player has risen to the front ranks this season after being developed in local league football. Has missed the last two matches with groin trouble, but may be fit for to-night's game. Strong tackler.

SEAMUS DUNNE (right back)—Of international rank, this player went to Kenilworth Road from Eire League club Shelbourne, and made his debut in the Second Division in the 1951-52 season. Born at Wicklow. May deputise for Jones.

JIM PEMBERTON (left-back)—Has been with Luton Town since 1947, joining them from Stourbridge. One of the club's utility men, he appeared at right-half against the Rovers last season. Played in every position except goal for the Reserves.

BOB MORTON (right-half)—A local "discovery" who, before he went to Kenilworth Road, played for Eaton Bray and Waterlows. Born in Buckinghamshire. Strong-tackling wing-half who also serves as connecting link with his forwards.

SYD OWEN (centre-half)—One of Luton's successful conversions, Syd joined them from Birmingham City as a wing-half. A fine player who has deserved representative honours, having accompanied the F.A. touring side to Australia. Great defender who bars the way to goal.

WALLY SHANKS (left-half)—Wally can play effectively at wing-half, wing-forward or at inside-forward. Born in Malta, he was with Chelsea for a spell, but went to Kenilworth Road on a month's trial and they kept him there.

ROY DAVIES (outside-right)—May be a doubtful starter because of a mid-week injury. Was recommended to Luton by an ex-player and he has served Town well since he joined them two years ago from Clyde. Speedy, and with splendid ball control, he can prove a dangerous winger.

GORDON TURNER (inside-right)—A Doncaster lad who is a former member of Doncaster and District School-boys' team. A native of Hull, Gordon was recommended to Luton in 1948 after playing well in Naval

football. This son of Albert Turner, the old Rovers' player, scored a hat-trick against Manchester City in the F.A. Cup fourth round replay last February.

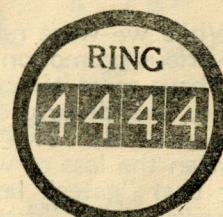
JESSIE PYE (centre-forward)—Has proved his weight in gold to Luton this season. This ex-Wolves player, who at one time was given a free transfer by Sheffield United, is a great leader, with a tremendous shot and grand ball distribution. Born at Rotherham he went to Luton last year.

CHARLES WATKINS (inside-left)—Was with Glasgow Rangers for seven seasons before travelling south. Played against the Rovers as a wing-half last season. Appeared for Rangers against Russian Dynamos at the end of 1945.

ALBERT MITCHELL (Outside-left)—A highly dangerous winger who knows the shortest way to goal, Albert is always ready to try a shot. Joined Luton from Northampton Town who received another player and a substantial fee. Former experience with Blackburn Rovers and Kettering.

BERNARD MOORE (Inside or centre-forward)—A big well-built player with plenty of speed. Developed into a thrustful player with Brighton Boys and Brighton and Hove Albion Juniors. Has been with Luton for three seasons.

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1952	Opponents	Ground	P. A.
Aug. 23	Barnsley	Home	1-1
" 27	Swansea Town	Home	2-3
" 30	Lincoln City	Away	0-2
Sept. 4	Swansea Town	Away	1-2
" 6	Hull City	Home	3-1
" 9	Huddersfield Town	Home	1-1
" 13	Blackburn Rovers	Away	1-2
" 17	Huddersfield Town	Away	1-3
" 20	Nottingham Forest	Home	1-0
" 27	Everton	Away	1-7
Oct. 4	Brentford	Home	0-2
" 11	Bury	Home	1-1
" 18	Southampton	Away	3-3
Nov. 1	Leicester City	Away	2-4
" 8	West Ham United	Home	1-1
" 15	Fulham	Away	3-1
" 22	Rotherham United	Home	2-1
" 29	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-0
Dec. 6	Leeds United	Home	0-0
" 13	Luton Town	Away	2-1
" 20	Barnsley	Away	2-2
" 25	Sheffield United	Away	2-2
" 26	Sheffield United	Home	0-2
1953			
Jan. 3	Lincoln City	Home	2-0
" 10	F.A. Cup, Arsenal	Away	0-4
" 17	Hull City	Away	1-1
" 24	Blackburn Rovers	Home	3-3
" 31	Fulham	Home	0-0
Feb. 7	Nottingham Forest	Away	2-2
" 18	Everton	Home	3-0
" 21	Brentford	Away	0-1
" 28	Bury	Away	1-2
March 7	Southampton	Home	1-0
" 14	Notts County	Away	3-4
" 21	Leicester City	Home	0-0
" 28	West Ham United	Away	3-1
April 3	Birmingham City	Home	1-0
" 6	Birmingham City	Away	1-2
" 11	Rotherham United	Away	2-4
" 18	Plymouth Argyle	Home	1-1
" 22	Notts County	Home	2-0
" 25	Leeds United	Away	1-1
April 30	Luton Town	Home	1-0

MIDLAND LEAGUE

1952	Opponents	Ground	P. A.
Aug. 23	Halifax Town	Away	3-1
" 26	Worksop Town	Away	2-0
" 30	Goole Town	Home	3-2
Sept. 4	Worksop Town	Home	0-2
" 6	Gainsborough Trinity	Away	1-2
" 11	Grantham	Away	0-2
" 18	Grantham	Home	1-3
" 20	Hull City	Away	0-4
" 25	Bradford City	Home	2-3
" 27	Scunthorpe United	Home	0-1
Oct. 4	Boston United	Away	1-6
" 11	Rotherham United	Away	1-1
" 18	Scarborough	Home	2-0
" 25	York City	Away	1-2
Nov. 1	Grimsby Town	Home	1-5
" 8	Corby Town	Away	0-4
" 15	Notts County	Home	1-2
" 29	Wisbech Town	Home	1-4
Dec. 13	Mansfield Town	Home	0-3
" 20	Halifax Town	Home	2-0
" 25	Nottingham Forest	Away	1-6
" 27	Nottingham Forest	Home	4-2
1953			
Jan. 3	Goole Town	Away	1-0
" 10	Denaby United	Home	3-3
" 17	Gainsborough Trinity	Home	3-2
" 24	Lincoln City	Away	0-2
Feb. 7	Hull City	Home	3-3
" 14	Scunthorpe United	Away	4-0
" 16	Lincoln City	Home	2-2
" 21	Boston United	Home	3-1
" 28	Rotherham United	Home	2-0
March 7	Scarborough	Away	0-4
" 14	York City	Home	5-2
" 21	Grimsby Town	Away	0-3
April 4	Notts County	Away	1-1
" 7	Frickley Colliery	Home	0-0
" 6	Frickley Colliery	Away	2-3
" 11	Bradford	Home	1-0
" 15	Bradford	Away	3-2
" 18	Wisbech Town	Away	0-4
April 20	Peterborough United	Away	2-2
" 22	Bradford City	Away	2-0
" 25	Peterborough United	Home	3-0
" 27	Corby Town	Home	0-1
May 1	Denaby United	Away	
" 2	Mansfield Town	Away	

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Fulham	42	17	15	10	81	44
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Everton	42	12	16	14	71	38
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Lincoln City	41	10	14	17	61	37
Brentford	41	13	17	11	58	37
Hull City	42	14	20	8	57	36
Notts County	42	14	20	8	60	36
Bury	42	13	20	9	53	35
Southampton	42	10	19	13	68	33
Barnsley	42	5	29	8	47	18

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Grantham	46	23	11	12	82	58
Hull City	45	21	9	15	95	61
Lincoln City	44	23	14	7	109	53
Peterborough U.	45	17	14	14	74	57
Notts County	43	19	14	10	80	60
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Goole Town	44	19	13	6	99	60
Gainsborough T.	46	19	21	6	82	64
York City	44	16	18	10	86	58
Bradford City	45	17	20	8	79	109
Bradford	45	16	20	9	96	102
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Scunthorpe Utd	45	13	19	13	69	89
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