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Luton Town—Pen Pictures of Players

- B. STRETEN** (goal)—Was serving in the R.A.F. when he joined Luton as an amateur in January, 1947. Was demobbed exactly a year later and signed professional forms. Six amateur and one full International cap to his credit.
- S. DUNNE** (right back)—Born Wicklow, Eire. Secured from Shelbourne in May, 1950. Has already been awarded two Eire caps this season, bringing his total to four.
- T. AHERNE** (left back)—Signed from Belfast Celtic in March, 1949. Played for his country, Eire, in every International in the past three seasons and has already played against Luxembourg this season.
- L. JONES** (full back)—A young Welshman. Played for local schoolboy and junior sides before signing amateur forms for Luton. Within one month had signed professional and very quickly made the grade. Has made seven League appearances this season.
- R. MORTON** (right half)—Local boy who signed professional in February, 1946. Was freely tipped for International honours last season through his brilliant displays at right half.
- S. OWEN** (centre half)—Captain. Sid has been very unlucky this season with injuries. Toured Australia with the F.A. two years ago and was a member of the Football League team which played Copenhagen in May this year.
- C. WATKINS** (left half)—Came to Luton from Glasgow Rangers in 1948. Played with success at inside forward for a large

part of last season, but is now back to his best position at half back. Is a qualified physiotherapist.

- R. DAVIES** (outside right)—Native of South Africa. Came to this country to try his luck with Clyde, from whom he was signed by Luton in May, 1951.
- G. TURNER** (inside right)—A Doncaster boy who was recommended to Luton while playing in Navy football. Signed forms upon demob in March, 1950. Selected to play for F.A. XI against Cambridge University last season, scoring three goals from the inside left position.
- J. PYE** (centre forward)—Came to prominence with Notts County before being transferred to Wolves, and while with them was capped twice by England. Had a lot to do with the Town's promotion bid last year, when he equalled the club's goal-scoring record.
- G. CUMMINS** (inside forward)—Another Irishman. Secured by the Town during the close season at a five figure fee from Everton. Capped by his country recently against Luxembourg.
- J. DOWNIE** (forward)—Secured from Manchester United for a large fee during the close season. A brilliant ball player who also knows the way to goal. Previously with Bradford Park Avenue.
- A. MITCHELL** (outside left)—Secured by Luton from Northampton Town two seasons ago. A strong raider with a powerful shot. Scored thirteen goals last season and already has nine to his credit this season.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 1953.

Our last two games have brought us only one point, and our position in the League has worsened as a result. The time has now come for the revival we are all hoping for if we are to retain our status. Fortunately for us we are still within reach of safety and a couple of wins could make a lot of difference.

Not for a long time have we had such a disappointing result as the one against Birmingham. To be in the lead six minutes from time and having enough of the game to suggest more goals from us, it came as one of the biggest shocks we have had for years to find Birmingham coming along with a couple of late goals and the points going with them.

The reason, to our way of thinking, was the wasting of opportunities by our forwards. Another two goals which might well have been scored would have knocked all the stuffing out of our opponents, but if you are only one goal down in a game "owt can happen" and you keep on fighting. There was no doubt about the strength of Birmingham's wingers, who proved real match winners, while ours were having another off day, and here was the real difference in the two sides.

The game at Notts was a real turn up for the book and it could easily have been an outright win, although the

Notts supporters will probably be saying they should have scored a dozen. But then, as we know from our own experiences this season, you are not to blame if the other side miss their opportunities so it just depends whose side you are on.

Given the incentive of a first-minute goal, our boys realised that they could very well win this game and played like it too for very long spells. Showing bags of fight and spirit they created enough openings to have scored plenty of goals, but it was the old story once again when it came to finishing.

With almost the last kick of the first half Billy Ormond found himself clean through with only the goalie to beat, but he hit him with his shot and the chance to turn round two up was lost.

With our first attack in the second half Bobbie McIlvenny missed the post by about the thickness of the paint, with Alf Clarke missing it by about a size in boots. Our openings were more clear cut than Notts, who probably put in ten times the number of shots but many off the target, which brought groans from the crowd, or were saved by Freddy Ogden, who played another grand game.

However, a point away from home is always a good performance, and here's to more of them.

OUR VISITORS

Today we give a welcome to Luton Town, paying their first ever visit to Boundary Park, and in so doing we are reminded of our first match of the season played at Luton and resulting in a draw of four goals each.

The "Hatters," as Luton are known, are determined to have first-class soccer played on their compact ground, and have been very progressive in recent years to attain this object. Under their manager, the very astute Mr. Dally Duncan, they have got together a very fine side indeed.

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SMITH
Right Back

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HARDWICK
Left Back

⁴
LOWRIE
Right Half-Back

⁵
WHYTE
Centre Half-Back

⁶
BRIERLEY
Left Half-Back

⁷
ADAMS
Outside Right

⁸
LEWIN
Inside Right

⁹
CLARKE
Centre

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McILVENNY
Inside Left

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Outside Left

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CUMMINS
Inside Left

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PYE
Centre

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TURNER
Inside Right

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DAVIES
Outside Right

⁶
WATKINS
Left Half-Back

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OWEN
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DIVISION

FIXTURES, 1953-54 LANCASHIRE COMBINATION

ATHLETIC SCORES FIRST

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----|---------------------------|---|-----|
| Aug. 19—Luton Town (Wed.) | A | 4-4 | Aug. 19—Rochdale (Wed.) | H | 1-2 |
| 22—Hull City | H | 0-0 | 22—Lancaster City | A | 2-2 |
| 27—Notts County (Thurs.) | A | 0-2 | 25—Prescot Cables (Tues.) | H | 1-0 |
| 29—Everton | A | 1-3 | 29—Rossendale United | H | 2-1 |
| Sept. 1—Notts County (Tues.) | H | 1-3 | 31—Prescot Cables (Mon.) | A | 5-2 |
| 5—Plymouth Argyle | H | 1-1 | Sept. 5—Chorley | A | 2-0 |
| 9—Lincoln City (Wed.) | A | 1-3 | 8—Marine (Tues.) | H | 4-1 |
| 12—Bury | H | 0-0 | 12—Southport | A | 0-2 |
| 14—Lincoln City (Mon.) | H | 1-0 | 16—Bolton "B" (Wed.) | A | 1-2 |
| 19—Doncaster Rovers | A | 0-1 | 19—South Liverpool | H | 5-3 |
| 26—Blackburn Rovers | H | 1-0 | 22—Darwen (Tues.) | H | 0-0 |
| Oct. 3—Derby County | A | 1-3 | 26—Wigan Athletic | A | 0-4 |
| 10—Swansea Town | A | 0-4 | Oct. 3—Fleetwood | H | 1-3 |
| 17—Rotherham United | H | 2-3 | 10—Horwich R.M.I. | H | 4-1 |
| 24—Leicester City | A | 0-1 | 17—Morecambe | A | 0-1 |
| 31—Stoke City | H | 1-0 | 24—Accrington Stanley | H | 4-3 |
| Nov. 7—Fulham | A | 1-3 | 31—Bootle | A | 3-0 |
| 14—West Ham United | H | 3-1 | Nov. 7—New Brighton | H | 2-2 |
| 21—Leeds United | A | 1-2 | 14—Ashton United | A | 1-2 |
| 28—Birmingham City | H | 2-3 | 21—Barrow | H | 6-3 |
| Dec. 5—Nottingham Forest | A | 1-1 | Dec. 5—Nelson | H | 7-1 |
| 12—Luton Town | H | | 12—Rochdale | A | |
| 19—Hull City | A | | 19—Lancaster City | H | |
| 25—Brentford (Xmas Day) | A | | 26—Marine | A | |
| 26—Brentford | H | | Jan. 2—Rossendale United | A | |
| Jan. 2—Everton | H | | 9—Netherfield | A | |
| 9—3rd Round F.A. Cup | | | 16—Chorley | H | |
| 16—Plymouth Argyle | A | | 23—Southport | H | |
| 23—Bury | A | | 30—Netherfield | H | |
| 30—4th Round F.A. Cup | | | Feb. 6—South Liverpool | A | |
| Feb. 6—Doncaster Rovers | H | | 13— | | |
| 13—Blackburn Rovers | A | | 20—Fleetwood | A | |
| 20—Derby County | H | | 27—Horwich R.M.I. | A | |
| 27—Swansea Town | H | | Mar. 6—Morecambe | H | |
| Mar. 6—Rotherham United | A | | 13—Accrington Stanley | A | |
| 13—Leicester City | H | | 20—Bootle | H | |
| 20—Stoke City | A | | 27—New Brighton | A | |
| 27—Leeds United | H | | April 3—Ashton United | A | |
| April 3—Birmingham City | A | | 10—Barrow | A | |
| 10—Fulham | H | | 16—Bolton "B" (G. Friday) | H | |
| 16—Bristol Rovers (G. Friday) | A | | 17—Wigan Athletic | H | |
| 17—West Ham United | A | | 24—Nelson | A | |
| 19—Bristol Rovers (E. Monday) | H | | | | |
| 24—Nottingham Forest | H | | | | |

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The dance at Chadderton Town Hall on 28th November was another good 'un; just what we wanted, for all the money derived from our efforts goes to help the parent club.

Another date for you to bear in mind is 16th January, 1954. Chadderton Town Hall, dancing to another class band, although a new one for us—Ray Perks and his Dance Band. M.C., Mr. M. McSweeney. Spot prizes, etc.

For further dance dates watch this column.
D. BEAUMONT.

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C—Chelsea v Manchester United
D—Sheffield Utd. v Bolton Wan.
E—Blackburn Rov. v Rotherham U.
F—Brentford v Stoke City
G—Bristol Rovers v Fulham
H—Bury v Plymouth Argyle
J—Derby County v Leicester City
K—Doncaster Rov. v Swansea Town
L—Everton v Nottingham Forest
M—Hull City v Birmingham City
N—Lincoln City v West Ham Utd.
O—Notts County v Leeds United
P—Chester v Rochdale
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Luton were promoted to the Second Division in season 1936-7 and have been there ever since, and their record of last season, when they finished third in the League, leaves no doubt as to their determination to sooner or later gain their objective, promotion to the First Division.

Many will remember Joe Payne, their centre forward of a few seasons ago who scored ten goals in his first match in the centre forward position on 13th April, 1936, a feat which stands as the record in League football.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Did Howard Matthews, the old Athletic goalie, ever play for England?

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|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Leicester City | 21 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 53 | 28 | 29 |
| Doncaster Rov. | 21 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 24 | 27 |
| Everton | 21 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 41 | 34 | 27 |
| Birmingham C. | 21 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 48 | 27 | 26 |
| Rotherham Utd. | 22 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 42 | 37 | 26 |
| Nottingham F. | 21 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 45 | 31 | 25 |
| Luton Town | 21 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 38 | 33 | 25 |
| Leeds United | 21 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 45 | 40 | 22 |
| Stoke City | 22 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 35 | 34 | 22 |
| Lincoln City | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 35 | 37 | 21 |
| Swansea Town | 21 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 30 | 37 | 21 |
| Bristol Rov. | 21 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 42 | 34 | 20 |
| West Ham Utd. | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 38 | 33 | 20 |
| Fulham | 21 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 45 | 42 | 20 |
| Blackburn Rov. | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 35 | 33 | 20 |
| Derby County | 20 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 39 | 44 | 18 |
| Plymouth Argyle .. | 21 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 28 | 36 | 18 |
| Notts County | 21 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 24 | 43 | 17 |
| Hull City | 21 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 23 | 34 | 16 |
| Brentford | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 42 | 15 |
| Bury | 21 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 26 | 46 | 14 |
| Oldham Athletic ... | 21 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 22 | 38 | 13 |

LANCASHIRE COMBINATION

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Wigan Athletic | 16 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 12 | 30 |
| Oldham Athletic ... | 20 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 48 | 35 | 23 |
| Darwen | 17 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 19 | 22 |
| Horwich R.M.I. | 20 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 48 | 36 | 22 |
| Netherfield | 16 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 44 | 31 | 20 |
| Nelson | 17 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 39 | 32 | 20 |
| Bolton Wan. 'B' | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 31 | 31 | 20 |
| Ashton United | 17 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 35 | 31 | 19 |
| Fleetwood | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 41 | 32 | 19 |
| Rochdale | 20 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 36 | 45 | 19 |
| Lancaster City | 17 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 36 | 38 | 18 |
| South Liverpool | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 41 | 40 | 17 |
| Southport | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 23 | 29 | 17 |
| Accrington S. | 19 | 7 | 1 | 11 | 46 | 53 | 15 |
| Rossendale Utd. | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 30 | 39 | 15 |
| Prescot Cables | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 25 | 40 | 15 |
| Marine | 20 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 29 | 49 | 15 |
| New Brighton | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 32 | 41 | 13 |
| Barrow | 17 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 33 | 12 |
| Chorley | 17 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 19 | 30 | 11 |
| Morecambe | 15 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 30 | 10 |

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