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## Luton Town—Pen Pictures of Players

**B. STRETON** (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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Goal

3  
HARDWICK  
Left Back

6  
BRIERLEY  
Left Half-Back

10  
McILVENNY  
Inside Left

11  
ORMOND  
Outside Left

5  
WHYTE  
Centre Half-Back

9  
CLARKE  
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8  
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Inside Right

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DAVIES  
Outside Right

6  
WATKINS  
Left Half-Back

9  
PYE  
Centre

4  
MORTON  
Right Half-Back

5  
OWEN  
Centre Half-Back

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SECOND DIVISION

FIXTURES, 1953-54

ATHLETIC SCORES FIRST

LANCASHIRE  
COMBINATION

Aug.	19—Luton Town (Wed.)	A	4—4
22—Hull City		H	0—0
27—Notts County (Thurs.)		A	0—2
29—Everton		A	1—3
Sept. 1—Notts County (Tues.)		H	1—3
5—Plymouth Argyle		H	1—1
9—Lincoln City (Wed.)		A	1—3
12—Bury		H	0—0
14—Lincoln City (Mon.)		H	1—0
19—Doncaster Rovers		A	0—1
26—Blackburn Rovers		H	1—0
Oct. 3—Derby County		A	1—3
10—Swansea Town		A	0—4
17—Rotherham United		H	2—3
24—Leicester City		A	0—1
31—Stoke City		H	1—0
Nov. 7—Fulham		A	1—3
14—West Ham United		H	3—1
21—Leeds United		A	1—2
28—Birmingham City		H	2—3
Dec. 5—Nottingham Forest		A	1—1
12—Luton Town		A	
19—Hull City		A	
25—Brentford (Xmas Day)		A	
26—Brentford		H	
Jan. 2—Everton		H	
9—3rd Round F.A. Cup		A	
16—Plymouth Argyle		A	
23—Bury		A	
30—4th Round F.A. Cup		H	
Feb. 6—Doncaster Rovers		A	
13—Blackburn Rovers		A	
20—Derby County		H	
27—Swansea Town		H	
Mar. 6—Rotherham United		A	
13—Leicester City		H	
20—Stoke City		A	
27—Leeds United		H	
April 3—Birmingham City		A	
10—Fulham		H	
16—Bristol Rovers (G. Friday)		A	
17—West Ham United		A	
19—Bristol Rovers (E. Monday)		H	
24—Nottingham Forest		H	

Aug.	19—Rochdale (Wed.)	H	1—2
22—Lancaster City		A	2—2
25—Prescot Cables (Tues.)		H	1—0
29—Rossendale United		H	2—1
31—Prescot Cables (Mon.)		A	5—2
Sept. 5—Chorley		A	2—0
8—Marine (Tues.)		H	4—1
12—Southport		A	0—2
16—Bolton "B" (Wed.)		A	1—2
19—South Liverpool		H	5—3
22—Darwen (Tues.)		H	0—0
26—Wigan Athletic		A	0—4
Oct. 3—Fleetwood		H	1—3
10—Horwich R.M.I.		H	4—1
17—Morecambe		A	0—1
24—Accrington Stanley		H	4—3
31—Bootle		A	3—0
Nov. 7—New Brighton		H	2—2
14—Ashton United		A	1—2
21—Barrow		H	6—3
Dec. 5—Nelson		H	7—1
12—Rochdale		A	
19—Lancaster City		H	
26—Marine		A	
Jan. 2—Rossendale United		A	
9—Netherfield		A	
16—Chorley		H	
23—Southport		H	
30—Netherfield		H	
Feb. 6—South Liverpool		A	
13—Fleetwood		A	
20—Horwich R.M.I.		A	
Mar. 6—Morecambe		H	
13—Accrington Stanley		A	
20—Bootle		H	
27—New Brighton		A	
April 3—Ashton United		H	
10—Barrow		A	
16—Bolton "B" (G. Friday)		H	
17—Wigan Athletic		H	
24—Nelson		A	

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We shall endeavour to give you that happy Christmas atmosphere of a big "Family Party" at the Christmas Carnival dance. There will be balloons, streamers, plenty of spot prizes, and the Town Hall will be decorated with plants and flowers.

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.

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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.
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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?

#### Answer to Last Programme Quiz

A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents' goal line than the ball **AT THE MOMENT THE BALL IS PLAYED**, unless:

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Leicester City	21	11	3	6	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
<b>Luton Town</b>	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	11	7	17	42	15
Bury	21	3	8	10	26	46	14
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	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
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	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	20	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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