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OUR VISITORS.

Our visitors, Luton Town, are yet another side who are actively interested in the promotion race this season. It will be remembered that last season Luton were denied promotion through a temporary loss of form at a vital stage after making a big bid to overhaul Huddersfield Town and Sheffield United.

They turn out at Goodison Park today boasting a run of ten games without defeat, during which time they have collected 18 points from a possible 20. This success follows a mediocre start to the season and puts the Hatters in a strong challenging position for the League leadership.

The Club is managed by Mr. Dally Duncan, the ex-Derby County and Scottish International outside-left.

RESERVES.

Our Reserve team's away record of having been beaten only twice in ten games must be as good as any away record in the Central League. It is at home that most points have been lost. Their latest performance of holding Newcastle United's moneyed Reserve team to a draw at St. James' Park last Saturday was a creditable one. Another pleasing feature was the debut of Ken Heyes at left-back. He came through that anxious first match of promotion with flying colours. Ken overcomes his lack of inches with a big heart and his quickness of thought and action.

INJURIES.

Tony McNamara will see the club specialist on Wednesday when it is hoped he will be given the 'all-clear' to commence training. Alec Farrall and Don Easthope are expected to play again before next year.

F.A. CUP — THIRD ROUND.

Reserved tickets for Stand seats for the Everton v. Notts County Cup-tie on January 9th will be on sale next week at 7/6 and 5/- each. Paddock tickets at 3/3 each will also be available.

Shareholders will be entitled to two seats each and Season Ticket holders will be entitled to one seat each. These should be applied for by post with envelopes marked 'SHAREHOLDER' or 'MEMBER' as the case may be, enclosing Third Round Cup-tie Voucher from their books, correct remittance and stamped addressed envelope, before 2nd January. After this date, any unclaimed tickets will be disposed of.

Members of the general public may apply for Stand or Paddock tickets either by post or personal application. All applications by post should contain correct remittance and stamped addressed envelope and be addressed to, The Secretary, Everton Football Club Co. Ltd., Goodison Park, Liverpool, 4.

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LUTON TOWN

Since the beginnings of soccer, many players, managers, Directors and Clubs have, through the introduction of a hitherto unthought of idea, innovation or improvement, made their individual and indelible mark on the game. Goalnets, shin guards, the referee's whistle, transfer fees, the third back game—all these things were introduced gradually over the years and their effect on the game as a whole has been so far reaching that it cannot be measured. Our visitors today, Luton Town, were one of the pioneers too. Their claim to fame, a fact which is not widely known, is that Luton were the first Southern club to pay players for their services, thus setting the fashion which was very soon followed by numerous other clubs in that area. The first payments were made in 1890, five years after professionalism was legalised by the Football Association. It certainly seems as though the League South clubs were slow off the mark in this matter; a subject which occupies so much time and thought in the world of soccer today.

Luton offered the princely sum of five shillings per week to three players of local repute, Read and the Whitby brothers, Frank and Harry. This project must have proved worth while, for at the end of 1890-91 season, the whole of the first XI were offered half a crown per week, with an additional 6d. (!) for travelling to away matches; plus a further guarantee that loss of wages incurred before 12 noon on Saturdays would be made up by the club. As the present first team player in England can earn a flat maximum rate of £15 weekly, the difference between the two figures shows the current wage to be one hundred and twenty times greater—or an increase of 1,200 per cent in wages over a period over a period of 63 years. These simple figures certainly give some indication of the phenomenal growth of the game.

Last Saturday, Notts Forest came to Goodison Park as possible candidates for Division II honours this season. Today Luton are on the same trail and are in a position to offer an even stronger challenge. Their present league position can be seen from the table elsewhere in this issue and it will be quickly obvious that their current run of success shows a consistency in play which will be invaluable in the immediate testing months to come. Since our sojourn in Division II, we have to record a win over Luton and in fact, the last time we were victorious was in 1933. This was our cup winning year and when the Hatters came to Goodison, they suffered a 6—0 defeat, this being a Sixth round tie and famous for the straw hats which were showered down onto the field and terraces by the dejected Luton supporters.

In 1884, the Town of Luton had two amateur football clubs of fairly equal strength and notability, Luton Wanderers and the exotically named Luton Excelsior. They had both been in existence some time and the Wanderers had played the famous Old Etonian club in a Football Association cup tie and held them to a draw. At the end of the 1884 season, officials of both organisations had a series of talks together and ultimately decided to effect an amalgamation of the two bodies. This enabled them to not only pool their playing resources but meant also that the support from the townspeople would not be split. The idea was received with approval and the details being settled quickly, the new club got under way the following season under the brand new and present title Luton Town. The colours which were first adopted were navy blue and pink halves for both shirts and caps, and it was officially recorded in a minute book of the period that "both cap and shirt to be worn by each player on the field." It was in 1920-21 season, after several other colour changes that the present combination of white shirts and black knickers was adopted.

Town were members of the Southern League for some years and remained in this body until the fusion with the Football League. Luton have been what might be termed as an average club throughout their history and apart from the early period of instability, suffered and triumphed over by most clubs, have been fairly consistent.

Coupled with our usual welcome to the Luton lads goes a special re-welcome to George Cummins, who joined Town from us earlier this season. He has apparently been doing well for his new club and everyone at Goodison would like to take this opportunity of wishing him all the very best of luck in the future.

Pen Pictures of the LUTON TOWN Team

- B. STRETEN (Goalkeeper).** 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 versus 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 in 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).** A 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 whilst playing in Navy football. Signed forms upon demob. in March, 1950. Selected to play for F.A. XI versus Cambridge University last season scoring three goals from the inside left position.
- J. PYE (Centre Forward).** Came to prominence with Notts County being transferred to Wolves and whilst 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).** Is playing on familiar ground today for it was to Everton that Luton paid a five figure fee for his transfer in August last. Is pleasing Luton crowds with his brilliant ball-play. Capped for his Country, Eire, last month against Luxembourg.
- J. DOWNIE (Inside 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 13 goals last season and already has nine to his credit this season.



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O'NEILL (1)

MOORE (2)

LINDSAY (3)

FARRELL (4)

DONOVAN (5)

LELLO (6)

BUCKLE (7) FIELDING (8) HICKSON (9) PARKER (10) EGLINGTON (11)

Referee :

Mr. A. W. Luty (Leeds)



Linesmen :

Messrs. J. R. Griffiths (Yellow Flag)
and W. Hickson (Red Flag)

MITCHELL (11) CUMMINS (10) SCOTT (9) TURNER (8) DAVIES (7)

WATKINS (6)

OWENS (5)

MORTON (4)

AHEARNE (3)

DUNNE (2)

STRETEN (1)

(White Jerseys)

Left

Right

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Peter Fairclough

For number eight in our series, we present to you today another of our up and coming young goalkeepers, Peter Fairclough.

Not unknown to our regular Central League followers, Peter's birthplace was Crosby, Liverpool and he first saw the light of day on September 20th, 1933. Although Crosby born and a resident there all his life, his early days were spent at a Bootle School and as a result of this, when his football ability was recognised, he became eligible for Bootle Schoolboys and not his own Town Team. His displays soon came to the notice of junior and senior clubs in the Merseyside area and upon leaving school at the age of fifteen, he signed amateur forms for our club, this being July 1st, 1949.

Peter then started the usual graduation process, commencing with the team and steadily coming up through the 'C', 'B' and 'A' teams until his Central League debut on October 4th, 1952. This was at Goodison Park against Huddersfield and Peter did well enough until he sustained an injury to the back of his hand. This injury coming at a most unfortunate time, kept him out of the game until the last few weeks of the season, certainly retarding his progress to a great extent.

He was a Lancashire County Schoolboy trialist and was goalkeeper for the Liverpool County Youth side in 1951-52. In that same year, he played in goal for the England Youth side versus Ireland in Belfast. Peter signed professional forms for our club on July 11th this year.

Very well endowed physically, he stands 5 feet 11 inches and weighs 11st. 12lb. He is at present serving his time as a draughtsman with an Engineering firm in Kirkby, Lancs. and will of course, be eligible for military service upon reaching his majority.



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League Tables

(Up to and including Saturday, 12th December, 1953)

LEAGUE—DIVISION 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester C.....	22	11	7	4	54	30	29
Doncaster R.....	22	13	3	6	37	24	29
Everton	22	10	8	4	44	37	28
Luton T.	22	10	7	5	40	34	27
Birmingham.....	22	10	6	6	48	30	26
Notts F.	22	10	6	6	48	34	26
Rotherham	23	12	2	9	42	40	26
Stoke C.	23	6	11	6	35	34	23
Bristol R.	22	7	8	7	44	35	22
W. Ham U.....	22	9	4	9	40	34	22
Blackburn R.....	21	8	6	7	38	33	22
Leeds U.	22	7	8	7	45	42	22
Lincoln C.	22	8	5	9	36	38	21
Swansea T.	22	9	3	10	30	38	21
Fulham	22	7	6	9	46	44	20
Derby C.	21	8	4	9	41	45	20
Notts C.	22	7	5	10	26	43	19
Hull C.	22	8	2	12	36	34	18
Plymouth A.....	22	4	10	8	28	39	18
Bury	22	4	8	10	29	46	16
Brentford	22	5	6	11	17	42	16
Oldham A.	22	4	5	13	23	40	13

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby C.	22	15	5	2	62	30	35
Burnley	21	14	4	3	43	20	32
Wolves	21	13	2	6	50	21	28
Blackpool	21	11	4	6	34	23	26
Bolton W.	22	11	4	7	28	20	26
Man. U.	21	10	4	7	44	22	24
Sheff. W.	21	11	2	8	44	33	24
Everton	21	9	6	6	36	27	24
Chesterfield ..	22	10	3	9	34	42	23
W. Brom. A.....	21	9	3	9	39	26	21
Aston V.	21	9	3	9	42	36	21
Preston N. E.....	22	9	3	10	44	51	21
Newcastle	21	9	1	11	32	54	19
Huddersfield.....	21	9	1	11	39	40	19
Blackburn R.....	21	8	2	11	28	46	18
Liverpool	21	8	1	12	39	46	17
Sheff. U.	22	5	7	10	24	36	17
Barnsley	20	5	6	9	25	34	16
Man. C.	21	7	2	12	42	48	16
Bury	21	6	3	12	31	40	15
Leeds U.	22	7	1	14	28	60	15
Stoke C.	22	4	3	15	21	54	11

LIVERPOOL COUNTY FOOTBALL COMBINATION. DIVISION 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton "A".....	15	10	1	4	47	25	21
Haydock C&B.....	14	10	0	4	41	26	20
Liverpool "A".....	15	9	1	5	49	35	19
Skelm'dale U.....	11	8	2	1	44	20	18
Formby	14	7	2	5	40	33	16
Hoylake Ath.....	11	6	2	3	29	19	14
S. L.pool Res.....	15	6	1	8	40	47	13
E'smere PT.....	14	6	1	7	29	35	13
Stork	11	5	0	6	22	25	10
Marine Res.	13	4	2	7	26	33	10
F'wood-H'k'h.....	11	3	3	5	17	22	9
Prescot B.I.....	13	3	1	9	24	36	7
Brenka	14	3	1	10	27	52	7
Earle	11	2	1	8	18	45	5

LIVERPOOL COUNTY FOOTBALL COMBINATION. DIVISION 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool "B".....	15	12	1	2	65	20	25
Everton "B".....	15	11	2	2	46	20	24
S'dale U. Rs.....	13	10	1	2	53	17	21
Burscough Rs.....	11	10	0	1	49	12	20
Marlborough	13	7	2	4	36	32	16
Aintree S.S.....	11	6	1	4	27	26	13
L.pool T'port.....	12	5	3	4	35	45	13
A'tomatic "B".....	11	5	2	4	34	29	12
N. Bri'h'ton R.....	13	4	4	5	25	23	12
Stork Res.	13	5	0	8	32	51	10
D'lop (Speke).....	15	3	3	9	27	48	9
I.C.I. (Widn's).....	15	2	3	10	25	57	7
Fl'w'd-H'th R.....	12	1	3	8	11	43	5
Napiers	11	1	2	8	11	40	4
Earle Res.	11	0	1	10	17	40	1

HALF - TIME SCORES.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1.

A	....	ASTON VILLA v. CARDIFF CITY	....	....	....
B	....	BOLTON WANDERERS v. WEST BROMWICH ALBION	....	....	....
C	....	BURNLEY v. CHARLTON ATHLETIC	....	....	....
D	....	CHELSEA v. BLACKPOOL	....	....	....
E	....	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v. ARSENAL	....	....	....
F	....	MANCHESTER UNITED v. LIVERPOOL	....	....	....
G	....	PRESTON NORTH END v. MIDDLESBROUGH	....	....	....
H	....	SHEFFIELD UNITED v. PORTSMOUTH	....	....	....
J	....	SUNDERLAND v. NEWCASTLE UNITED	....	....	....
K	....	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	....	....	....
L	....	WOLVERHAMPTON WAND. v. MANCHESTER CITY	....	....	....

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 2.

M	....	BRENTFORD v. DERBY COUNTY	....	....	....
N	....	BRISTOL ROVERS v. BLACKBURN ROVERS	....	....	....
O	....	HULL CITY v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC	....	....	....
P	....	LEICESTER CITY v. WEST HAM UNITED	....	....	....
Q	....	LINCOLN CITY v. DONCASTER ROVERS	....	....	....
R	....	NOTTS COUNTY v. BURY	....	....	....
S	....	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. NOTTINGHAM FOREST	....	....	....
T	....	ROTHERHAM UNITED v. LEEDS UNITED	....	....	....
U	....	STOKE CITY v. FULHAM	....	....	....
V	....	SWANSEA TOWN v. BIRMINGHAM CITY	....	....	....

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 3 (North).

W	....	GATESHEAD v. SOUTHPORT	....	....	....
X	HARTLEPOOLS UNITED v. CHESTER
Y	MANSFIELD TOWN v. TRANMERE ROVERS

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

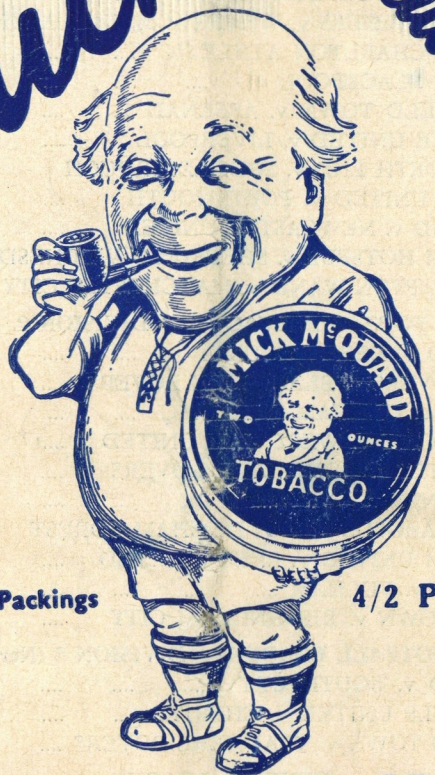
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