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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

A hearty thank you to all those who have congratulated us on the achievement of once more reaching the fifth round of the F.A. Cup.

And a word of explanation to certain others who do not appear to have fully appreciated the reason for our having the replay on Tuesday instead of Thursday.

Personally, I thought it would be all too obvious but certain quarters have seen fit to criticise. So now I feel is the time to put those uneasy minds at rest.

Our one and only object in bringing the replay forward was to safeguard the chance, that still remains, of winning promotion in the League.

Remember what happened when two days after beating Middlesbrough in the Cup we had to face Birmingham City, one of our strongest rivals for League honours, and lost.

And to-day we are to meet Luton Town, who are also highly placed in the Second Division chart, thus making this match just as vital to both clubs.

Tuesday was decided upon for the replay in order to give our players the extra two days in order to recover from their efforts in the Cup, as well as any possible hard knocks on the concrete-like ground, and come out fighting fit in the battle for League points.

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Forthcoming Matches

COMBINATION

Sat., 27 February, 1954

WEST HAM UNITED

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DIVISION II

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE —continued.

We well knew when taking this step that the club had to make a sacrifice in gate. The comparative crowd figures for the Middlesbrough and Stoke replays reveal that was so.

And if the City Club was prepared to do that for the sake of possibilities of bringing First Division football to Leicester, surely it is not too much to ask for a little reasonableness on the part of some people who probably would be the first to condemn if we missed the League goal?

I know it was hard luck on those well-wishers to whom a Thursday match is one of their few chances to see big football.

I sympathise with them and ask them to temper their disappointment by appreciating that the course taken was with the one object of furthering the interests of the game for Leicester.

Before leaving this subject of the replay I feel some apology is due to those who actually saw the match.

No official programme was printed because of the shortness of time available. But it was intended to announce the teams on the loud-speaker.

Unfortunately the frost got at it. The system went dead just at a time when we most urgently needed it. And nothing could be done about it.

We are now eagerly looking forward to the next task in the Cup. After Norwich City's wonderful performance in beating the Arsenal, our tie with the Canaries looks one of the most interesting of the Fifth Round.

I'm reckoning on a great match at Norwich on 20th February — and I'm very hopeful.

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Blackburn	28	14	6	8	58	38	34
Nottm. F.	28	14	6	8	60	42	34
Leicester C.	28	13	8	7	66	47	34
Doncaster	28	15	4	9	46	35	34
Luton T.	28	12	9	7	47	41	33
Rotherham	29	14	4	11	53	52	32
Fulham	28	11	7	10	63	54	29
Stoke C.	28	8	12	7	47	40	28
Bristol R.	28	8	11	9	47	42	27
West Ham	27	11	5	11	48	43	27
Derby Co.	28	10	7	11	49	53	27
Leeds U.	28	9	8	11	59	58	26
Lincoln C.	28	10	6	12	42	52	26
Hull C.	27	11	2	14	41	41	24
Plymouth	28	6	12	10	39	47	24
Swansea	28	9	6	13	36	52	24
Notts Co.	28	8	7	13	30	56	23
Bury	28	6	11	11	36	50	23
Brentford	29	6	9	14	22	51	21
Oldham	27	5	5	17	26	57	15

APPEARANCES

Anderson	..	28	Dunne (T.)	17	
Jackson	..	28	Russell	..	11
Morris	..	28	Dryburgh	..	5
Rowley	..	28	Milburn	..	5
Hines	..	26	Warner	..	3
Griffiths	..	26	Fincham	..	2
Gillies	..	25	Webb	..	1
Baldwin	..	25	Hogg	..	1
Lever	..	23	Crawford	..	1
Small	..	23	McArthur	..	1
			Little	..	1

GOAL-SCORERS

Rowley	..	22	Morris	..	8
(4 pens.)			Griffiths	..	8
Hines	..	16	Dryburgh	..	1
Small	..	9	Baldwin	..	1
			Russell	..	1

F.A. CUP APPEARANCES

Anderson	..	4	Small	..	4
Jackson	..	4	Hines	..	3
Baldwin	..	4	Lever	..	2
Russell	..	4	Milburn	..	2
Griffiths	..	4	Gillies	..	2
Morris	..	4	Fincham	..	1
Rowley	..	4	Warner	..	1
			Little	..	1

GOAL-SCORERS

Rowley	..	3	Small	..	2
			Morris	..	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION (Div. I)

APPEARANCES (Cup and League)

Hogg	..	27	Dunne (T.)	12	
Little	..	26	Jakeman	..	10
Crawford	..	25	King	..	8
Worthington	..	25	Burbeck	..	7
Dickson	..	24	Dunne (J.)	..	6
Milburn	..	23	Russell	..	5
Warner	..	23	Richards	..	4
Webb	..	23	Baldwin	..	3
McArthur	..	18	Mellor	..	2
Dryburgh	..	16	McGregor	..	1
Richardson	..	14	Haddrick	..	1
Fincham	..	13	Wright	..	1
			Stewart	..	1

GOAL-SCORERS

Crawford	..	19	Jakeman	..	2
Little	..	18	Haddrick	..	1
(1 pen.)			Russell	..	1
Worthington	..	15	Dunne (J.)	..	1
Hogg	..	7	Nolan	..	1
Dryburgh	..	4	(Watford, o.g.)		
Mellor	..	3			

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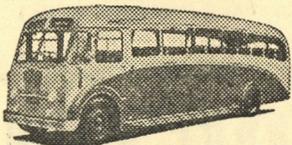
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To-day we receive another club nursing great hopes of promotion this season. Unlike Leicester City, however, Luton Town are now giving undivided attention to the Second Division struggle, having lost their place in the F.A. Cup, after four great matches with Blackpool, the holders, to decide a third round tie.

Luton always have a special place in our football memories, for those of us who saw the two Cup matches with them in 1949 will ever rank them among the most exciting games we have seen.

The player who scored twice against us in the Final that year, Jesse Pye, left Wolverhampton for Luton, where his leadership of the Kenilworth Road forward line gave promise of great achievements, for he inspired his colleagues splendidly. It is easy to realise, therefore, the damaging effect of his absence for long periods because of injury. He has been out of action again for two months with a broken fibula.

Despite their handicap, Luton are challenging hotly, and were one point behind Leicester before this afternoon's match.

On 19th September last, we took a point at Luton, having been leading 2—0. In the 31st minute Griffiths opened the scoring and after 48 minutes Rowley netted from the penalty spot. A minute later, Tommy Dunne had the misfortune to deflect the ball into his own goal and Downie got the equaliser in the 63rd minute.

It is interesting to compare the teams that day with those of this afternoon. They were:

Luton Town: Baynham; Dunne (S.), Aherne; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Moore, Cummins, Scott, Downie, Davies.

Leicester City: Anderson; Lever, Jackson; Baldwin, Gillies, Dunne (T.); Griffiths, Morris, Hines, Rowley, Small.

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BERNARD STRETEN (Goalkeeper). Capped by England as an amateur and also won a full cap when England beat Ireland by 9—2 in 1949. A product of Norfolk junior football and formerly assisted Notts County and Shrewsbury Town as an amateur.

SEAMUS DUNNE (Right-back). Came from Shelbourne, the League of Ireland club. In his fourth season with Luton.

TOM AHERNE (Left-back). A native of Limerick and secured by Luton from Linfield in 1949. Has represented both Ireland and Eire on a number of occasions.

ROBERT MORTON (Right-half). Born in Buckinghamshire. Luton is his only League club and he has been a grand servant for several seasons.

SYDNEY OWEN (Centre-half and captain). A Birmingham boy who had his first experience in League football as a wing-half for Birmingham City. Since his transfer to Luton in 1947, he has toured Australia with the F.A. team.

CHARLES WATKINS (Left-half). A native of Glasgow, he realised the much-cherished Scottish ambition of playing for the famous Glasgow Rangers. Joined Luton in 1948.

ROY DAVIES (Outside-right). Hails from Port Elizabeth (South Africa) and gained prominence with Clyde, in the Scottish League, before going to Luton.

GORDON TURNER (Inside-right). Son of a former Hull City outside-left. Signed as right-half, but developed as an inside-forward.

BERNARD MOORE (Centre-forward). A product of Brighton junior football. His success as a goalgetter for Hastings led to Luton securing him in 1950-51.

PETER MacEWAN (Centre-forward). A South African who only arrived in this country recently, is 21, big and strong (5 ft. 11 in., 12½ st.) and Luton are hoping that he will help to solve a centre-forward problem.

GEORGE CUMMINS (Inside-left). Latest arrival at Luton among members of the present team, having been signed from Everton last close season. He made 19 League appearances for the Toffeemen in 1952-3.

ALBERT MITCHELL (Outside-left). A native of Stoke. He has also played for Stoke City, Blackburn Rovers, Kettering Town and Northampton Town.

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With the postponement of the Tottenham visit, due to have been made last week, and a blank date to-day, our Reserves are having a lean time. They have had one match in four successive Saturdays—that with Plymouth Reserves at Filbert Street on 23rd January.

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Norwich City, our fifth round rivals in the Cup, have played the following matches to reach this stage: first round, Yeovil (a) 2-0; second round, Barnsley (h) 2-1; third round, Hastings (a) 3-3; replay, 3-0; fourth round, Arsenal (a) 2-1.

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1953	SECOND DIVISION	For	Against	1953	COMBINATION	For	Against
Aug.	19—Derby County ...	H	2 2	Aug.	22—Birmingham C. (Cup)	H	4 2
"	22—West Ham United ...	A	1 4	"	29—Ipswich Town ...	A	5 0
"	24—Fulham ...	H	2 2	"	31—Watford ...	H	2 0
"	29—Leeds United ...	H	5 0	Sept.	5—Northampton T. ...	H	3 1
Sept.	2—Fulham ...	A	1 1	"	7—Coventry City ...	A	3 3
"	5—Birmingham City ...	A	2 1	"	12—Birmingham City ...	A	3 1
"	7—Stoke City ...	H	4 0	"	19—Coventry City ...	H	2 0
"	12—Nottingham Forest ...	H	1 0	"	21—Ipswich Town ...	H	5 1
"	14—Stoke City ...	A	2 2	"	26—Luton Town ...	A	4 3
"	19—Luton Town ...	A	2 2	Oct.	1—Norwich City ...	A	0 1
"	26—Plymouth Argyle ...	H	4 2	"	3—Luton Town ...	H	2 1
Oct.	3—Swansea Town ...	A	0 0	"	8—Norwich City ...	H	2 1
"	10—Doncaster Rovers ...	H	2 0	"	10—Watford ...	A	0 3
"	17—Bury ...	A	5 2	"	15—Northampton T. ...	A	1 0
"	24—Oldham Athletic ...	H	1 0	Nov.	9—West Ham (Semi-Final)	A	2 3
"	31—Everton ...	A	2 1	<i>League</i>			
Nov.	7—Hull City ...	H	1 3	Oct.	24—Portsmouth ...	A	2 1
"	14—Notts. County ...	A	1 1	"	31—Cardiff City ...	H	2 0
"	21—Lincoln City ...	H	9 2	Nov.	7—Millwall ...	A	1 1
"	28—Bristol Rovers ...	A	0 3	"	14—Arsenal ...	H	0 4
"	30—Weymouth (F) ...	A	3 1	"	21—Chelsea ...	A	2 3
Dec.	5—Brentford ...	H	6 0	"	28—Reading ...	H	1 3
"	12—Derby County ...	A	1 2	Dec.	5—Ipswich Town ...	A	1 2
"	19—West Ham United ...	H	2 1	"	12—Charlton Athletic ...	H	2 4
"	25—Rotherham United ...	H	4 1	Dec.	19—Luton Town ...	A	2 5
"	26—Rotherham United ...	A	1 1	"	26—Fulham ...	A	1 6
Jan.	2—Leeds United ...	A	1 7	"	28—Fulham ...	H	9 0
"	9—Middlesbro' (Cup) ...	A	0 0	Jan.	2—Luton Town ...	H	3 4
"	14—Replay (Cup) ...	A	3 2	"	9—Tottenham Hotspur ...	A	4 2
"	16—Birmingham City ...	H	3 4	"	23—Plymouth Argyle ...	H	4 1
"	23—Nottingham Forest ...	A	1 3	Feb.	13—Norwich City ...	A	
"	30—Stoke City (Cup) ...	A	0 0	"	20—Plymouth Argyle ...	A	
Feb.	2—Replay (Cup) ...	H	3 1	"	27—West Ham United ...	H	
"	6—Luton Town ...	H		Mar.	6—Bournemouth & Bos. ...	A	
"	13—Plymouth Argyle ...	A		"	13—Portsmouth ...	H	
"	20—Norwich City (Cup) ...	A		"	20—Cardiff City ...	A	
"	27—Doncaster Rovers ...	A		"	27—Millwall ...	H	
Mar.	6—Bury ...	H		April	3—Arsenal ...	A	
"	13—Oldham Athletic ...	A		"	10—Chelsea ...	H	
"	20—Everton ...	H		"	16—Charlton Athletic ...	A	
"	27—Lincoln City ...	A		"	17—Reading ...	A	
April	3—Bristol Rovers ...	H		"	24—Ipswich Town ...	H	
"	10—Hull City ...	A		Undated	—Norwich City ...	H	
"	16—Blackburn Rovers ...	A		"	Bournemouth & Bos. ...	H	
"	17—Notts. County ...	H		"	West Ham United ...	A	
"	19—Blackburn Rovers ...	H		"	Tottenham Hotspur ...	H	
"	24—Brentford ...	A					
Undated	—Swansea Town ...	H					

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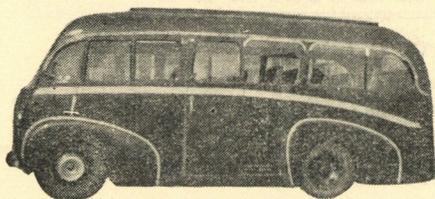
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