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10 Inside Left S. P. Ruce (Canadian)	11 Outside Left T. R. Ellis	
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CLUB NOTES

WITH any luck at all on our visit to Leicester last Saturday, we should prior to this match this afternoon be only one point behind the leaders. To first of all have a penalty given against us, especially in such an important match, but more especially on such a flimsy reason, was enough to knock the bottom out of any team's enthusiasm. Disappointed though our lads were, and rightly so under the circumstances, they still continued to play their lovely football and fully deserved to draw level seven minutes later by a beautifully taken goal by Gordon Turner. How the Leicester goal escaped further disaster goodness only knows—we don't and neither do the Leicester lads—for on three occasions at least we just could not believe our eyes that the ball was not in the net. A point would have been some satisfaction, but we were to be denied even this, for only about seven minutes from the end, winger Peter Small got his head to a harmless looking lob into our goalmouth and we had the mortification of watching the ball crawl just inside a post to give Leicester both points and to put them back on top of the Table. We have had several letters from Leicester supporters who say quite openly that their team was very lucky to get away without a thrashing and that we played the best football seen at Filbert Street for a long time. But we have only ourselves to blame for the defeat, such superiority as we enjoyed for at least three-quarters of the game should have resulted in goals. Considering the conditions, the quality of the football played was remarkable, and it does credit to both sides that such an entertaining game was produced. The crowds would certainly come back if they could rely on seeing such a splendid exhibition of football as this each week.

Congratulations to Peter MacEwan on his baptism to English League football. His was a splendid debut, full of eager anticipation allied to quite a little skill and shooting power. We are sure that Peter is going to settle down to this type of football very quickly, and when he does our "goals for" column is going to look a lot healthier. Certainly he has already shown that Billy Arnison's confidence in him is going to be fully justified. Already we too share that confidence. With just a little more steadiness Peter would have accomplished what every footballer dreams of doing, and that is to score a goal on his first appearance in the First Team. Though he did not actually do this he came very near to doing so and we feel sure it will not be long before his name appears in the List of Scorers.

We give a most hearty welcome to the Stoke City Club on, we think, their very first visit to Kenilworth Road. Certainly it is their first League visit in the eighty-one years the Club has been in existence. During that time they have experienced many ups and downs, but for only one season during all that time have they appeared in the Third Division, which was 1926/27, having been relegated the previous season, but one season only was sufficient to find them back in the Second Division. They were Champions of the Second Division 1932/33, and they have enjoyed First Division status since, until their fall at the end of last season. They were one of the original

twelve Clubs to form the Football League when it was commenced in Season 1888/89. They are a Club who have always tried to build on local talent, and many great names have appeared on their books, but recently they have gone further afield for players, although no less than 7 of the Stoke players here this afternoon are local lads born and bred. We brought away a very good point when we visited Victoria Ground last September, and as our lads are playing better now than they did at that time we are of course hoping to get three points out of our two meetings, but whatever the result, we are sure we are this afternoon, going to see football played in the best spirit of the game.

Our Reserves well deserved their victory over Charlton Athletic here last Saturday, to gain second place in the Combination Table. This is indeed a great achievement, for there are six Clubs in this Competition whose senior sides are in the First Division of the Football League. Keep it up, lads, for it is becoming quite an exciting race for major honours, and would be a remarkable achievement if we could finish top of Division 2 and Division 1 in the first two seasons of this new Combination League. Certainly your play is worthy of better support, and we trust that with the advent of better weather more people will turn up to see your endeavours to finish even higher than your present position in the Table materialize.

We are informed that Mr. B. C. Keddilby has reluctantly had to relinquish his position as Honorary Secretary of the Luton Band after holding the Office for almost 9 years. His position has been taken over by Mr. Robertson, of 77, Hallwicks Road, Luton, who has asked us to state that providing the scores can be obtained, any requests received from supporters for musical items you would like the Band to play will receive attention. Also please remember the Band exists almost solely on the voluntary contributions it receives. Therefore show your appreciation of their very good work by giving generously to the Collectors as they come round with their boxes.

One of our most ardent and regular supporters was tragically killed when he was knocked off his bicycle between Baldock and Biggleswade on Sunday, January 10th. He was Mr. George Whitby of Sandy, who used to cycle the 25 miles to Luton every Saturday in every kind of weather. We are sorry indeed to lose such a grand supporter and it is with great regret that we announce his passing. He was well known and quite a few people have asked us if we knew the reason of his absence. Alas he will be with us no more.

The commentaries to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital are now being carried out each Saturday, and from all reports they are a great success. We are indeed grateful to all who have taken part in putting this Scheme into operation and it is nice to know that the patients themselves very much appreciate all that has been done for them by these voluntary efforts. Several supporters have sent in cheques to be used to reduce the outstanding balance on the cost of the equipment, an action again very much appreciated by all concerned.

THE COVERMAN

Seamus Dunne

SEAMUS DUNNE hails from County Wicklow. Obtained 6 Eire Youth International Caps while with Wicklow Town and 2 Junior Caps while with Drogheda United. Captained Eire in World Youth Tournament in 1948. Moved on to Shelbourne in season 1948/49, when he

attracted the attention of several Clubs. Decided to join Luton Town in May, 1950, since when he has been chosen to represent his country in full Internationals on 4 occasions. With Bud Aherne forms an all-Eire full-back partnership, which is very successful. At 23 years of age can confidently look forward to many more honours.

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Streten
Goal3
Aherne
Left Back5
Owen
Centre Half9
MacEwan
Centre10
Cummins
Inside Left11
Mitchell
Outside Left8
Bowyer
Inside Right7
Malkin
Outside Right4
Sellars
Right Half2
Bourne
Right Back

Goal

Kick - Off 3 p.m.

Football League—Division II6
Watkins
Left Half10
Cummins
Inside Left11
Mitchell
Outside LeftLinesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. A. L. SIMMONS
(Dartford)Orange Flag: Mr. A. L. BURNHAM
(Market Harborough)8
Bowyer
Inside Right7
Malkin
Outside Right4
Sellars
Right Half2
Bourne
Right Back

Goal

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FIXTURES, 1953-54

FIRST XI		Division II	Attendance	1952/53	F. A.	RESERVE FIXTURES		Combination Cup	Attendance	1952/53	F. A.
Wed.	Aug.	19 Oldham Athletic	22,822	...	H 4 4				25 Watford	...	1,972
Sat.	"	22 Everton	20,247	4 2	H 1 1				29 Northampton Town	...	2,630
Wed.	"	26 Notts. Forest	17,522	3 0	H 0 1				2 Birmingham City	2,444	3 0
Sat.	"	29 Plymouth Argyle	22,574	1 2	A 2 2				5 Norwich City	4,765	1 4
Wed.	Sept.	2 Nottingham Forest	17,172	3 4	A 1 2				9 Ipswich Town	2,590	5 1
Sat.	"	5 Swansea Town	17,479	3 1	H 2 0				12 Watford	2,840	1 2
Wed.	"	9 Birmingham City	18,881	2 2	A 1 5				16 Ipswich Town	1,779	1 4
Sat.	"	12 Rotherham United	15,726	3 1	A 1 2				19		A 4 1
Wed.	"	16 Birmingham City	12,231	0 1	H 2 0				23 Northampton T.	1,318	3 3
Sat.	"	19 Leicester City	19,138	2 0	H 2 2				26 Leicester City	3,192	4 1
Sat.	"	26 Stoke City	24,083	...	A 1 1				30 Coventry City	808	3 3
Sat.	Oct.	3 Fulham	18,619	2 0	H 1 2				Oct. 3 Leicester City	2,822	3 2
Sat.	"	10 Hull City	14,754	3 2	H 3 1				5 Coventry City	628	1 1
Sat.	"	17 Notts. County	12,208	2 1	A 2 1				14 Norwich City	2,861	3 1
Sat.	"	24 Lincoln City	15,578	4 0	H 1 0				21 Birmingham City	138	2 3
Sat.	"	31 Bristol Rovers	20,021	...	A 3 3						
Sat.	Nov.	7 Brentford	15,167	0 1	H 1 1						
Sat.	"	14 Derby County	15,934	...	A 2 1						
Sat.	"	21 Blackburn Rovers	16,269	6 0	H 2 1						
Sat.	"	28 Doncaster Rovers	18,273	0 1	A 3 1						
Sat.	Dec.	5 Bury	15,309	4 1	H 3 2						
Sat.	"	12 Oldham Athletic	14,128	...	A 2 1						
Sat.	"	19 Everton	33,544	1 1	A 1 2						
Fri.	"	25 West Ham United	19,017	1 0	A 0 1						
Sat.	"	26 West Ham United	20,133	0 0	H 3 1						
Sat.	Jan.	2 Plymouth Argyle	9,686	1 0	H 2 1						
Sat.	"	9 Blackpool (F.A. Cup—3)	25,242	...	A 0 1						
Wed.	"	13 Blackp'1 (Cup 3, Replay 1)	23,472	...	H 0 0						
Sat.	"	16 Swansea Town	16,785	2 4	A 1 1						
Mon.	"	18 Blackp'1 (Cup 3, Replay 2)	31,663	...	A 1 1						
Sat.	"	23 Rotherham United	17,300	2 1	H 1 1						
Mon.	"	25 Blackp'1 (Cup 3, Replay 3)	25,855	...	0 2						
Sat.	Feb.	6 Leicester City	31,782	1 1	A 1 2						
Sat.	"	13 Stoke City	H						
Sat.	"	20 Fulham (5)	...	0 2	A						
Sat.	"	27 Hull City	...	2 0	A						
Sat.	March	6 Notts. County	...	5 1	H						
Sat.	"	13 Lincoln City (6)	...	2 1	A						
Sat.	"	20 Bristol Rovers	H						
Sat.	"	27 Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1	A						
Sat.	April	3 Doncaster Rovers	...	1 2	H						
Sat.	"	10 Brentford	...	1 1	A						
Fri.	"	16 Leeds United	...	2 0	H						
Sat.	"	17 Derby County	H						
Mon.	"	19 Leeds United	...	2 2	A						
Sat.	"	24 Bury	...	0 1	A						

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

Up to and including
6th February, 1954

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	...	29	14	8	7	68	48
Everton	...	28	12	4	53	41	36
Blackburn Rov.	...	29	14	7	8	59	39
Notts. Forest	...	29	14	7	8	61	43
Doncaster Rov.	...	29	15	5	9	48	37
Birmingham C.	...	29	14	6	9	64	44
Rotherham Utd.	...	30	15	4	11	55	53
LUTON TOWN	29	12	9	8	49	43	33
Fulham	...	29	12	7	10	68	56
STOKE CITY	29	8	13	8	48	41	29
West Ham U.	...	28	12	5	11	52	45
Bristol Rovers	...	29	9	11	9	49	43
Derby County	...	29	10	7	12	49	56
Hull City	...	28	12	2	14	44	41
Lincoln City	...	29	10	6	13	43	44
Leeds United	...	29	9	8	12	61	63
Swansea Town	...	29	10	6	13	38	53
Notts. County	...	29	9	7	13	32	56
Plymouth A.	...	29	6	12	11	40	49
Bury	...	29	6	11	12	37	52
Brentford	...	30	6	9	15	22	53
Oldham Ath.	...	28	5	6	17	28	59
IPSWICH TOWN	14	2	3	9	19	40	7

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
West Ham Utd.	...	16	12	1	3	34	25
LUTON TOWN	16	9	4	3	39	28	22
Tottenham H.	...	15	8	5	2	38	23
Chelsea	...	16	7	4	5	35	24
Millwall	...	16	8	2	6	31	27
Bournemouth	...	17	7	4	6	21	18
Arsenal	...	15	7	3	5	26	17
Norwich City	...	15	6	4	5	31	27
Portsmouth	...	13	6	2	5	25	20
Charlton Ath.	...	15	5	2	8	28	12
Cardiff City	...	14	5	2	7	23	12
Reading	...	17	4	4	9	25	12
Leicester City	...	14	5	1	8	34	11
Plymouth A.	...	13	4	3	6	22	11
Fulham	...	16	2	4	10	20	8
IPSWICH TOWN	14	2	3	9	19	40	

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