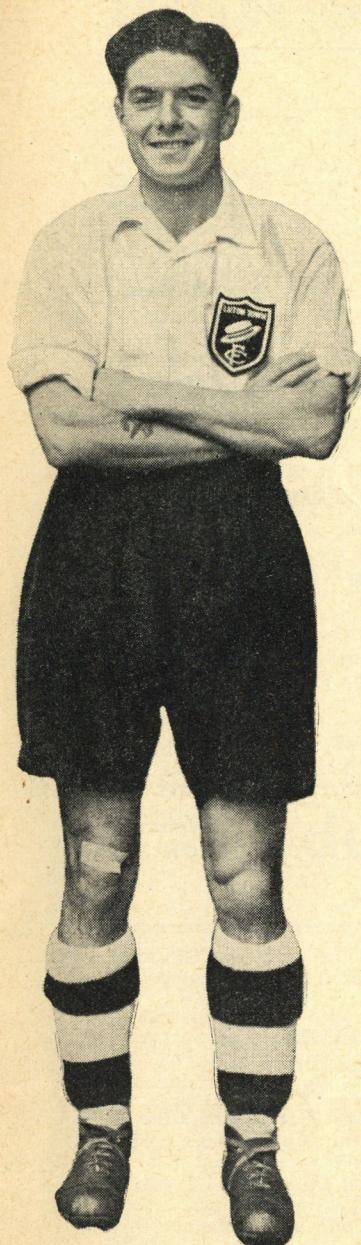


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Luton Town v. Doncaster Rovers

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2 Right Back P. Laner		3 Left Back C. Roscutter	
4 Right Half P. Oles	5 Centre Half M. Oldings	6 Left Half D. Ores	
7 Outside Right S. Hingles	8 Inside Right P. Lye	9 Centre Forward F. Lorings	10 Inside Left S. P. Ruce (Canadian)
			11 Outside Left T. R. Ellis
Reserve: N. P. Banks	Referee: T. Imber (Control) (Retired)	Linesmen: P. Rompters C. Ash	

All Players on Free Transfer List

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ONCE again it was our defence that did all that was asked of them, and as Steve Blatchford reported in the "Empire News," that had our forwards taken their chances it must have been a different result. Still there it is, we get the same cry week by week. It makes one wonder how far back we must go to rebuild. Back to the beginning, or back to a new conception of physical fitness of football. Years ago it was a rare sight to see a player in doubt or trouble, and even if he was, a colleague was at hand, they were quick to get there. Look how often we saw the seven man attack, and an eight man defence whenever necessary, which again proves that they were quick to get there. Yes fitness must come first. After fitness, back to school to learn first how to kick a ball, and "kill" a ball, so that every pass goes by direct special delivery. No spin, no bias and no bounce. Then learn how to shoot. Andy Rennie was this model. Master how to hit a ball with perfect control although running at full speed, and also how to make a tackle and take the ball away without tumbling. When all this can be done, we can then seriously consider winning tactics.

I see that Southampton Supporters' Club is 12,000 strong. Now you Luton fans, what Southampton can do surely we can, but only if you join the Bobbers Stand Club, only 1/2 yearly. Just think, not a farthing per week, so please send your P.O. for 1/2 and we will send a membership card to you. We are getting quite a lot of supporters from the surrounding districts joining the Club. Don't let them beat you that live in the town.

There will be a further special report of today's game by the "Empire News," so make sure you get a copy.

J.C.

BRENTFORD v. LUTON—SPECIAL TRAIN

	p.m.		p.m.
Dep. Luton	12.30	Dep. Brentford	5.20
Dep. Harpenden	12.42	Arr. Harpenden	6.30
Arr. Brentford	1.53	Arr. Luton	6.41
Fare 5/6			

CLUB NOTES

DONCASTER ROVERS are our visitors today and we give them a most hearty welcome to another visit to Kenilworth Road. Of their three games played here since they were promoted at the end of Season 1949/50 the Rovers have won twice and lost one. We are of course hoping that the result of today's match will put us level pegging in this respect and at the same time enable us to record our third double of the season. The other doubles so far this season have been obtained against Hull City and Notts. County. The Rovers began the season very well and at the turn of the year were definitely promotion candidates, but since then they have experienced a very lean time and have in fact not obtained maximum points since their first match of the new year. When we visited the Belle Vue Ground last November our lads played very well indeed and came away winners to the tune of three goals to one. Considering Doncaster were placed in second position at that time and playing with great confidence our win was all the more meritorious. Mitchell, Pye and Graham (own goal) were our scorers that day, and while all our lads played well the outstanding player of the match was undoubtedly Jesse Pye who had a great game, using the long ball in particular to perfection. The next away match Jesse broke his leg and we feel (we think with some justification) that this serious mishap has had not a little to do with our lack of success this season. Quite often we have felt that if an experienced player like Pye had been present his experience would most probably have turned the tables for us. He is progressing quite well and in training, so we are fully expecting to see him in action again before the season ends. When it is realised that Jesse has made only 14 appearances this season because of injuries some sympathy can be extended to Club and player for such misfortune.

Our Reserves are continuing to do great work in the Football Combination fight for top place, beating Cardiff City Reserves here last Saturday in very workmanlike style. They have a tough nut to crack at The Den today, and if they avoid defeat will stand a great chance of bringing the First Division Shield to Luton. The three remaining home matches of their programme—Arsenal next Saturday, Reading and the present leaders West Ham United should bring in crowds well above the average. The lads are fighting keen to bring the honour to Luton and it will not be for the want of trying if they do not succeed. They say they will do it and we feel quite confident they will do so.

The Luton Band will not be with us this afternoon as they are taking part in the "Daily Herald's" London and Southern Counties Area Contest at Westminster Hall, London. The first

and second Prize Winners will qualify from this Contest for the British Championship Contest to be held later in the year. We sincerely trust that the efforts and enthusiasm of the players and conductor in their rehearsals will be rewarded with some recognition this afternoon and we know that all here today who have enjoyed their music on so many occasions will wish them every success at Westminster Hall.

The absence of the Luton Band gives us the opportunity of welcoming the Bradwell Silver Band from near Wolverton, on their very first performance on this ground. When they knew we would be without a Band today Bradwell very kindly offered to fill the gap and we are very pleased to receive them. We ask you to give generously when the Collectors come round with their boxes at half-time for the upkeep of such a Band in instruments, uniforms, music, etc. is very heavy and a nice little collection today would be very much appreciated.

British Railways are running a Special Train to Brentford on Saturday next, April 10th, for 5/6 return fare. Times are as follows :

	p.m.		p.m.
Dep. Luton	12.30	Dep. Brentford	5.20
Dep. Harpenden	12.42	Arr. Harpenden	6.30
Arr. Brentford	1.53	Arr. Luton	6.41

Would-be travellers are asked to purchase their tickets in good time before the day to give the Railway Authorities some idea of the size of train required so that all may travel in comfort.

It is some little time since we gave you the list of scorers, so here they are for the season up to date.

Football League.

Turner 13; Downie 11; Mitchell 10; Pye, Cummins 4; Moore 3; Watkins, Davies 2; Pemberton, McJarrow, Scott, Morton, Shanks 1 Opponents 2. **Total 56.**

F.A. Cup.

Cummins 2.

Combination Cup.

McJarrow 5; Scott, Allen, Turner 3; Adam, Cummins 2; Pemberton, Davies, Moore, Hall, Bennett, Jones, Downie, Adamson, 1. **Total 26.**

Combination League.

Scott 8; Moore 7; Turner 5; Adam, Cullen, MacEwan 4; Allen, Bennett, Mitchell, Taylor 3 Pemberton, McJarrow, Downie 2; Cummins, Jones, Shanks, Smith, A. McGuffie, Groves 1; Opponents 3. **Total 59.**

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GORDON REGINALD TURNER

GORDON TURNER joined us as an amateur in December, 1948, while still in the Navy, and shortly after his demob twelve months later signed professional forms for us. He came to us as a half back, but his liking for going through with the ball and having a crack at goal persuaded us to develop him into an inside forward. In this role he has been most

successful, scoring last season 13 goals in the Second Division, 3 in the F.A. Cup and 18 in the Combination League side. This season to date he has scored 13 goals on 26 appearances in the First Team, 5 goals (including a hat trick) in 4 Combination League appearances, and 3 goals in 6 Combination Cup appearances, as well as a hat trick against Watford last week in the Floodlight Friendly Match.

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2 Jones
Right Back

4 Morton
Right Half

7 Davies
Outside Right

8 Cummins
Inside Right

Referee—

Mr. R. J. LEAFE
(Nottingham)

11 Robinson
Outside Left

10 Lawlor
Inside Left

6 Gavin
Left Half

3 Graham
Left Back

DONCASTER R.

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SPECTATORS ARE ASKED NOT TO CROSS THE PLAYING FIELD AFTER THE MATCH

Streten
Goal

5 Owen
Centre Half

9 Turner
Centre

10 Downie
Inside Left

11 Mitchell
Outside Left

Linesmen—

Red Flag: Mr. S. W. BARKER
(Bexley Heath)

Orange Flag: Mr. A. L. SIMMONS
(Dartford)

8 McMorran
Inside Right

9 Adey
Centre

5 Paterson
Centre Half

2 Makepeace
Right Back

Hardwick
Goal

Football League—Division II

3 Aherne
Left Back

6 Shanks
Left Half

10 Downie
Inside Left

11 Mitchell
Outside Left

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4 Brown
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Kick-Off 3 p.m.

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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A-O means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

A	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND
B	BOLTON W	ARSENAL
C	BURNLEY	CHELSEA
D	CHARLTON	SHEFFIELD UN.
E	LIVERPOOL	SUNDERLAND
F	MANCH. UN.	CARDIFF C.
G	MIDDLESBRO'	ASTON VILLA
H	NEWCASTLE	MANCH. CITY
K	PRESTON	PORTSMOUTH
L	WEDNESDAY	HUDDERSFIELD
M	TOTTENHAM	BLACKPOOL
N	WEST BROM.	WOLVES

SECOND LIST

A	BIRMINGHAM	OLDHAM A.
B	FULHAM	NOTTS. CO'TY
C	LEEDS UNITED	EVERTON
D	LEICESTER C.	BRISTOL ROV.
E	NOTTS. FOR.	BURY
F	PLYMOUTH	BLACKBURN
G	ROTHERHAM	BRENTFORD
H	STOKE CITY	LINCOLN C.
K	SWANSEA T.	DERBY CO'
L	WEST HAM	HULL CITY
M	ALDERSHOT	NORTHANTS
N	BRISTOL CITY	TORQUAY

THIRD LIST

A	COLCHESTER	BRIGHTON
B	CRYSTAL PAL.	WATFORD
C	EXETER CITY	IPSWICH T.
D	NEWPORT	MILLWALL A.
E	NORWICH C.	LEYTON O.
F	QUEEN'S P. R.	READING
G	SHREWSBURY	BOURNEM'UTH
H	SOUTHAMPTON	SOUTHEND
K	SWINDON T.	GILLINGHAM
L	WALSALL	COVENTRY
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FIXTURES, 1953-54

		FIRST XI Division II		Attendance 1952/53		F. A.		Attendance 1952/53	
Wed.	Aug.	19	Oldham Athletic	22,822	...	H	4 4		
Sat.	"	22	Everton	20,247	4 2	H	1 1		
Wed.	"	26	Notts. Forest	17,522	3 0	H	0 1		
Sat.	"	29	Plymouth Argyle	22,574	1 2	A	2 2		
Wed.	Sept.	2	Nottingham Forest	17,172	3 4	A	1 2		
Sat.	"	5	Swansea Town	17,479	3 1	H	2 0		
Wed.	"	9	Birmingham City	18,881	2 2	A	1 5		
Sat.	"	12	Rotherham United	15,726	3 1	A	1 2		
Wed.	"	16	Birmingham City	12,231	0 1	H	2 0		
Sat.	"	19	Leicester City	19,138	2 0	H	2 2		
Sat.	"	26	Stoke City	24,083	...	A	1 1		
Sat.	Oct.	3	Fulham	18,619	2 0	H	1 2		
Sat.	"	10	Hull City	14,754	3 2	H	3 1		
Sat.	"	17	Notts. County	12,208	2 1	A	2 1		
Sat.	"	24	Lincoln City	15,578	4 0	A	1 0		
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	1 1		
Wed.	"	13	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 1)	23,472	...	H	0 0		
Sat.	"	16	Swansea Town	16,785	2 4	A	1 1		
Mon.	"	18	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 2)	31,663	...	A	1 1		
Sat.	"	23	Rotherham United	17,300	2 1	H	1 1		
Mon.	"	25	Blackp'l (Cup 3, Replay 3)	25,855	...	A	0 2		
Sat.	Feb.	6	Leicester City	31,782	1 1	A	1 2		
Sat.	"	13	Stoke City	17,055	...	H	0 1		
Sat.	"	20	Fulham (5)	26,982	0 2	A	1 5		
Sat.	"	27	Hull City	21,550	2 0	A	2 1		
Sat.	March	6	Notts. County	14,623	5 1	H	2 1		
Sat.	"	13	Lincoln City (6)	11,195	2 1	A	1 1		
Sat.	"	20	Bristol Rovers	12,195	...	H	1 1		
Sat.	"	27	Blackburn Rovers	24,500	1 1	A	0 2		
Sat.	April	3	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 2	H	1 1		
Sat.	"	10	Brentford	...	1 1	A	1 1		
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Sat.	"	24	Bury	...	0 1	A	1 1		

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

Up to and including
27th March, 1954

LEAGUE DIVISION II										Football Combination—Division I									
Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.						
LUTON TOWN	24	12	8	4	59	39	32												
West Ham Utd.	...	22	15	2	5	49	29	32											
Arsenal	...	21	12	3	6	45	21	27											
Tottenham H.	...	22	10	6	6	44	32	26											
Norwich City	...	20	10	5	5	43	31	25											
Millwall	...	22	11	3	8	37	34	25											
Bournemouth	...	22	9	6	7	31	26	24											
Chelsea	...	21	9	4	8	46	30	22											
Portsmouth	...	19	7	4	8	33	31	18											
Leicester City	...	19	8	2	9	45	44	18											
Charlton Ath.	...	22	6	5	11	35	47	17											
Plymouth A.	...	22	6	5	11	33	55	17											

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