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CLUB NOTES

All clubs hope for a good start to the season—certainly North End's auspicious opening at Goodison Park on Saturday was a delightful experience. For a first fixture and away from home, it was our best performance since winning 5-1 at Stockport on the first day of season 1903-04. We had not won a game at Everton since October, 1937, when in a League game we triumphed 5-3 after being three times in arrears. Manager Cliff Britton and trainer Jim Milne both played in the rival half back lines on that day. To-night we welcome the Bedfordshire club from Luton who will be sampling First Division soccer for the very first time and considerably heartened by a draw at Charlton on Saturday—where points are always difficult to find.

Last season Division Two provided a photo finish, resulting in a triple tie for the very first time in League history. Luton Town pipped Rotherham for second place by .192 of a goal and Birmingham City took the title tag by means of a superior goal average of 1.957 against Luton's 1.660.

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This is Luton Town's 32nd season as members of the Football League and the 29th without a break. They are comparative strangers to Deepdale with only two previous visits, although our association dates back to February, 1894, when we visited Luton in the F.A. Cup competition. Last season Luton won promotion in a memorable climax, consolation for finishing in third place in 1953. The 'Hatters' success was chiefly due to an imposing home record, for at Kenilworth Road they gained 38 of the possible 42 points.

On their first visit to this ground in January, 1950, they shook us on a bone hard frosty pitch and snatched victory by the only goal scored. *North End*—Newlands: Walton, Cunningham: Horton, Waters, Forbes: Finney, Ramscar, Morrison, Knight, Anders. *Luton*—Hughes: Aherne, Cooke: Watkins, Owen, Gardiner: Glover, Kiernan, Shanks, Taylor, Waugh. In February of the following year they made their second and last call, giving us a hard tussle before we could emerge as winners by a goal from Ken Horton after 28 minutes. *North End*—Gooch: Cunningham, Scott: Docherty, Marston, Forbes: Finney, Horton, Wayman, Beattie, Morrison. *Luton*—Streten: Cooke, Aherne: Morton, Owen, McAuley: Glover, Stobbart, Taylor, Davie, Havenga.

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Luton Town's recent promotion winners—who tonight play their second game as newcomers to Division One. (left to right)—Morton, Dunne, Baynham, Owen, Aherne, Shanks. Back row (left to right)—Davies, Turner, MacEwan, Watkins and Penberton.

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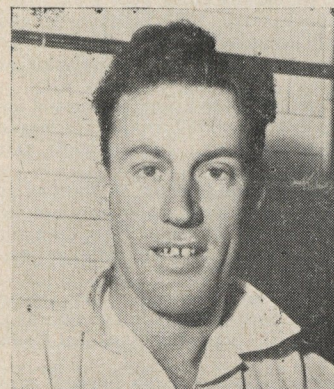
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Ron Baynham (goal). Born Birmingham and joined the Luton staff from Worcester City in 1951, who since making his league debut in season 1952-53 has challenged England international Bernard Stretton for the custodian's berth. Stands over six feet in height, weighing more than twelve stone. Injured on Saturday at Charlton.

Seamus Dunne (right back). Born Wicklow and played in his native Ireland for Drogheda United and Shelbourne, transferred to Luton in 1951 making his league debut in season 1951-52. Has Eire international honours. Ever present past season. Deputy goalkeeper when required.

Tom Aherne (left back). Born Limerick, well known to most in football as 'Bud,' First capped by Ireland nine years ago, since gaining many honours for Ireland and Eire. Joined Luton from Belfast Celtic in March, 1949. Like his international full back partner, did not miss a game in last season's successful promotion bid.

Bob Morton (right half). Converted to centre forward successfully last season and scored fourteen very important league goals. Born Aston Clinton (Bucks.), was discovered playing with Eaton and Waterlows F.C. Signed professional forms in February, 1946.

Sid Owen (centre half). Captain of the side who gained three England caps in season 1953-54 against Yugoslavia, Hungary and Belgium. Also toured Australia with F.A. party in the summer of 1951. Born Birmingham and is easily recognisable by his red hair and giant frame. Originally a left half with Birmingham City. Cost Luton but a modest fee in 1947.

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Walter Shanks (left half). Born Valetta in Malta, of Scottish parents. Another valuable versatility player, five years ago he played here for Luton Town at centre forward. Signed for Luton from Chelsea after a recommend from Joe Payne—then with the London club. Originally an outside right, he became a 'Hatter' in 1947. Made 39 league appearances last season.

Roy Davies (outside right). Born Port Elizabeth, South Africa—transferred from the Scottish club Clyde to Luton in May, 1951. Fair-haired winger who can also operate in the other forward positions. South African football connections with the Germiston club.

Gordon Turner (inside right). Did not miss a match last season, scoring no less than 37 cup and league goals for Luton. Scored against Charlton last Saturday, is another example of a player finding his true berth after moving positions. Comes from Hull and is a son of a former Hull City winger, spotted in Royal Naval soccer circles as a wing half back.

Mal McEwan (centre forward). Strongly built South African leader of the attack, scored in Luton's first Division baptism at Charlton on Saturday. Born Pretoria and went to Luton in January last year—22 years old with only 4 previous league appearances. Replaced Bob Morton this season.

George Cummins (inside left). Dublin born Eire international who was secured by Luton from Everton in 1953, after three years at Goodison Park, playing for Everton in one F.A. Cup semi-final tie. Cost a stiff fee.

Arthur Taylor (outside left). Born Lambeg, County Down. This 24 years old Irishman replaced Mike Cullen on the left wing at Charlton on Saturday. Ex Glen-toran player who joined Luton in 1950 and tonight plays in his 7th league game.

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1955			
Aug. 20	Everton.....a	4	0
" 24	Luton Town.....h		
" 27	Newcastle United...h		
" 31	Luton Town.....a		
Sept. 3	Birmingham City...a		
" 7	Charlton Athletic...h		
" 10	W. Bromwich A.....h		
" 15	Charlton Athletic...a		
" 17	Manchester United...a		
" 24	Sheffield United.....h		
Oct. 1	Huddersfield Town...a		
" 8	Cardiff City.....h		
" 15	Manchester City.....a		
" 22	Chelsea.....h		
" 29	Blackpool.....a		
Nov. 5	Sunderland.....h		
" 12	Portsmouth.....a		
" 19	(1) Arsenal.....h		
" 26	Bolton Wanderers...a		
Dec. 3	Wolverhampton W. h		
" 10	(2) Aston Villa.....a		
" 17	Everton.....h		
" 24	Newcastle United...a		
" 26	Burnley.....a		
" 27	Burnley.....h		
" 31	Birmingham City.....h		
1956			
Jan. 7	(3)		
" 14	W. Bromwich A.....a		
" 21	Manchester United...h		
" 28	(4)		
Feb. 4	Sheffield United.....a		
" 11	Huddersfield Town...h		
" 18	(5) Cardiff City.....a		
" 25	Manchester City.....h		
Mar. 3	(6) Arsenal.....a		
" 10	Blackpool.....h		
" 17	(S.F.) Sunderland...a		
" 24	Portsmouth.....h		
" 30	Tottenham Hotspur a		
" 31	Chelsea.....a		
April 2	Tottenham Hotspur h		
" 7	Bolton Wanderers...h		
" 14	Wolverhampton W. a		
" 21	Aston Villa.....h		
" 28			
May 5	(F.)		

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1955			
Aug. 20	Everton.....h	1	1
" 27	W. Bromwich A.....a		
" 29	Leeds United.....a		
Sept. 3	Derby County.....h		
" 6	Bury.....a		
" 10	Newcastle United...h		
" 14	Leeds United.....h		
" 17	Manchester United...h		
" 24	Sheffield United.....a		
Oct. 1	Huddersfield Town...h		
" 8	Blackburn Rovers...a		
" 15	Blackpool.....h		
" 22	Bolton Wanderers...a		
" 29	Chesterfield.....h		
Nov. 5	Liverpool.....a		
" 12	Stoke City.....h		
" 19	Aston Villa.....a		
" 26	Wolverhampton W. h		
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" 10	Sheffield Wednesday h		
" 17	Everton.....a		
" 24	W. Bromwich A.....h		
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May 5			

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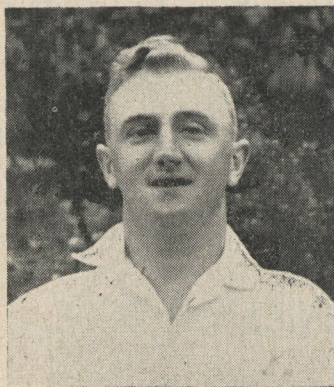
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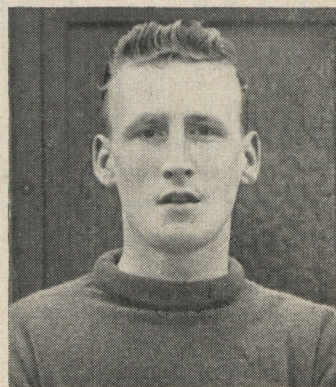
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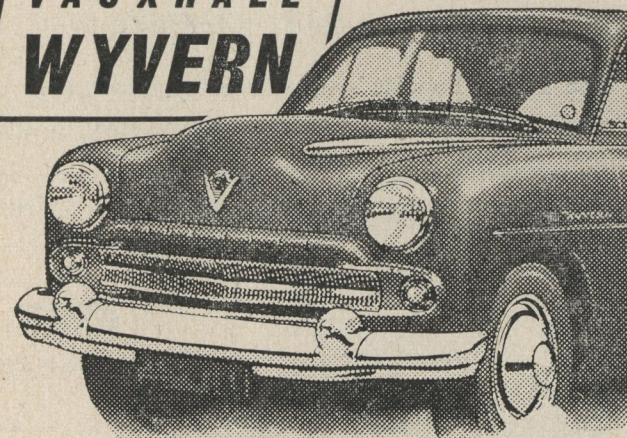
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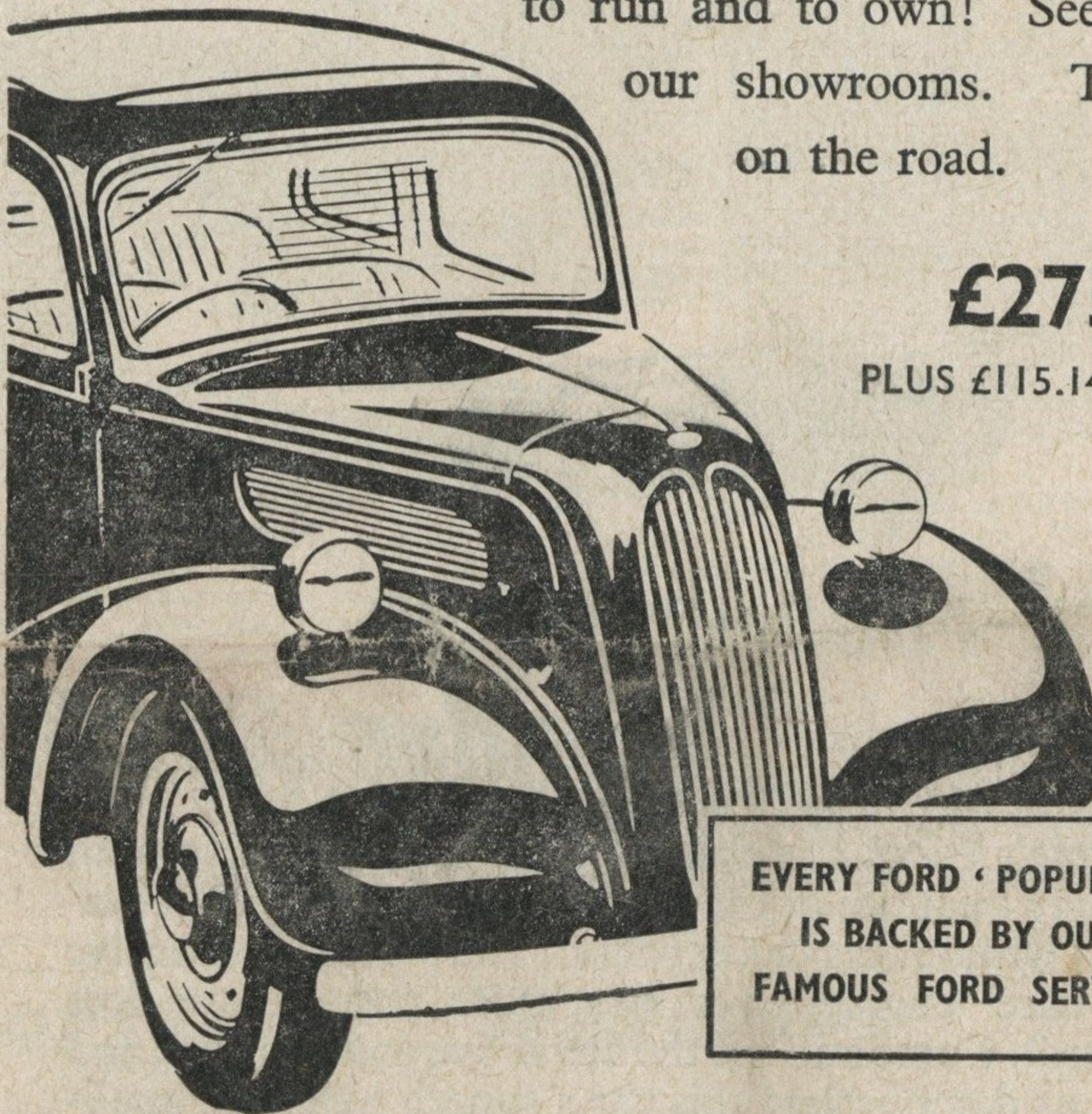
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