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OUR VISITORS.

Today we renew acquaintance with Luton Town F.C. and take this opportunity of congratulating them upon their fine achievement last season in gaining promotion to the 1st Division.

The 'Hatters' have made a satisfactory start in the top grade and already they have shown that they will be a difficult obstacle for any team to overcome.

Manager of the Luton Club is Mr. Dally Duncan the ex-Derby County and Scottish International outside-left, whose efforts to place the Club 'on the soccer map' have been suitably rewarded.

RESERVES.

Our Central League Team has made a fairly satisfactory start to the season. They are undefeated so far but three points have been dropped, as three games, out of the four played, have been drawn.

In the opening match at home, against Newcastle United Reserves, our team, whose average age was 21 years, gave a first class exhibition of football. The result — 3—2 — was a secondary matter.

Today Results have assumed an importance out of all keeping with the word SPORT. The majority of fans do not go to see an entertaining game of football but to see their team WIN. As this is what the customers want, Clubs are forever striving to build winning teams.

While Results are important to the Central League and Junior Teams, they are not so vital as they are to the Senior Team. In all the teams below the first team, the players are preparing themselves for the time when they become Senior players. The vital factor then is HOW they are playing individually and as a team. If they are doing this correctly, the right results will follow.

That is why it was pleasing, during the match against Newcastle Reserves, to hear a spectator who shouted some unsound advice to a young player, shouted down instantaneously by a large section of the crowd. It is as well to try to see what the player is attempting to do as what he actually does.

Recently, much has been written about our standard of football in this Country and what should be done to improve it. One of the biggest factors in helping to raise our standard would be for spectators to encourage and show their appreciation to all those players — especially the young ones who are more affected by crowd opinions — who are endeavouring to play intelligent football.

INJURIES.

Misfortune has befallen our promising young forward, John Keeley, who recently joined H.M. Forces. In one of his first Army games John has been unfortunate enough to sustain a fractured tibia and is now in a Salisbury Military Hospital. We send our best wishes to John and hope that his recovery will be a speedy one.

C.B.

LUTON TOWN

At three p.m. last Saturday, we had played two games, with a total lack of either goals or points and were sitting at the bottom of the First Division table. Today, before our game with Luton Town, we are in the much happier position of having gained two goal wins, three goals and four points. We now lie twelfth, two points only behind the five leading clubs. The foregoing is as well known to all our supporters as it is to all at Goodison and yet we set it down here to demonstrate yet once again the unfathomable uncertainty of everything that our national winter game has to offer.

Luton Town come to Goodison Park for the very first time as a first Division club; and in all sincerity we wish the Southern club the very best of luck in their efforts to maintain the high standard that they have set themselves in recent years. Luton however, seem to be making their own luck. Of the four games played so far this season, Town have won two, drawn one and lost one. Not a bad achievement for a newly promoted club. The first produced a point from the drawn game at the Valley against Charlton, the result being 2—2; the second game was lost—rather unjustly stated the press—to Preston at Deepdale by two goals to one; and the last two games yielded victories with the same score in each. Spurs and North End both went down to Luton by the odd goal in three, both at Kenilworth Road. Luton now lie in seventh position in the League chart—from their view, an eminently satisfactory state of affairs.

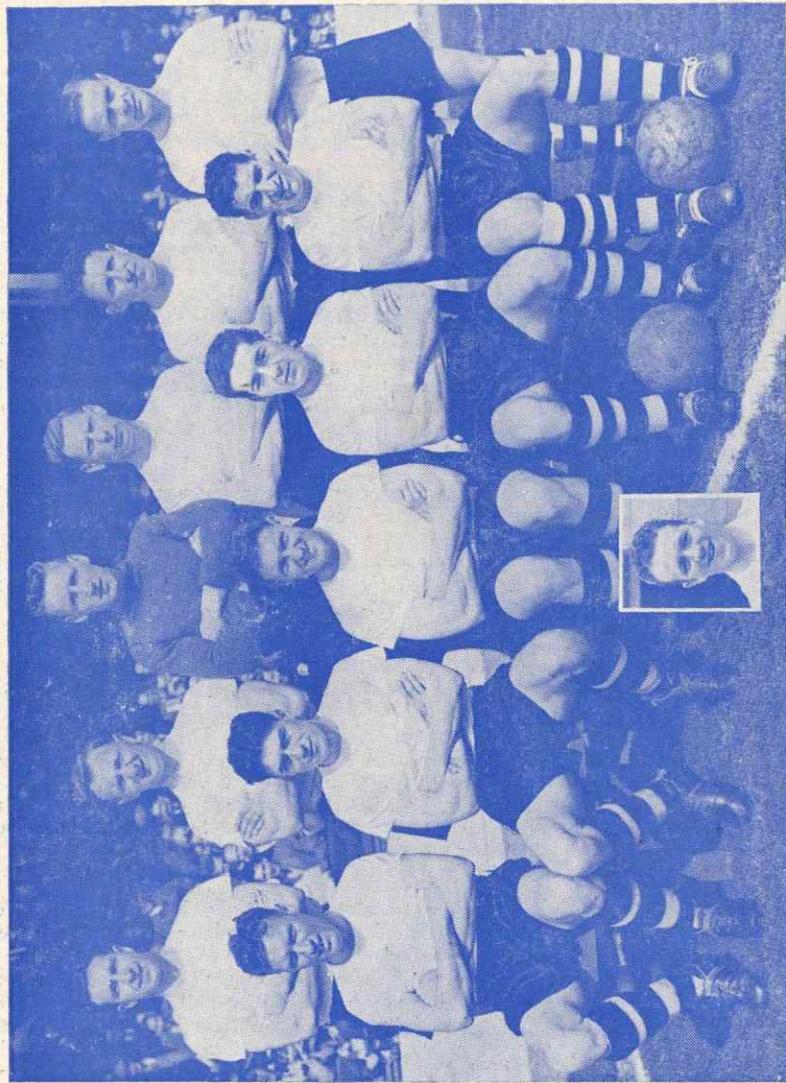
At the end of last season, when the goals and points were totted up and the final placings sorted out, Birmingham City, Luton Town and Rotherham United had all collected 54 points and the question of goal average decided who would go up. Birmingham City were clear champions with an average of 1.095 but the second and third positions were very close indeed. In fact, only .019 of a goal separated Luton from Rotherham, the averages being 1.066 and 1.047 respectively.

Luton Town was formed as a soccer club in 1885, which puts it amongst the pioneer clubs—in fact, the Hatters are actually the oldest professional club in the South of England. Touching on the word professionalism, it is most amusing to find that the total weekly wage paid to the Luton first team in 1891 was 27/6. This staggering total was increased for away games by sixpence per man, thus giving each player a remuneration of 3/-. The following season, the pay for the local players was doubled and the Scottish system of merit pay was foreshadowed when a half back named Julian, was secured from Woolwich Arsenal and for his captaincy was paid more than his team mates. There seems to have been little trouble about this from the other members of the eleven.

Two clubs fused their funds and talents to form the club now known as Luton Town. These were Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior. The Wanderers were not altogether an unknown club as they had somewhat earlier drawn an F.A. Cup-tie with the Old Etonians, no mean achievement in those far-off days. After some years of Southern League soccer, Luton had a spell in the Second Division of the Football League which lasted three years—seasons 1897 to 1900. The following season they rejoined the Southern League and where prominent members of this organisation until the amalgamation with the Football League. Luton were Third Division men until 1936-37, when they were promoted to Division II, playing in this league until their promotion last season.

The most recent link between our two clubs was of course the transfer to Luton Town of Eire International inside-forward, George Cummins. After a stay of three years at Goodison Park, George moved to Kenilworth Road and after a spell of uncertainty regarding his soccer future, finally settled down well with the club and is at present doing very well at inside left.

LUTON TOWN F.C.—1955.



Back Row (left to right): R. Morton, S. Dunne, R. Baynham, S. Owen, T. Aherne, W. Shanks.
 Front Row (left to right): R. Davies, G. Turner, M. P. MacEwan, G. Cummins, J. Pemberton.
 Inset: M. Cullen.

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Left

O'NEILL (1)

MOORE (2)

TANSEY (3)

FARRELL (4)

JONES (5)

LELLO (6)

HARRIS, B. (7) POTTS (8) HARRIS, J. (9) FIELDING (10) EGLINGTON (11)

Referee :

Mr. F. L. Overton
(Derby)



Linesmen :

Messrs. : F. Giles (Yellow Flag)
E. Norman (Red Flag).

GROVES (11) CUMMINS (10) MacEWAN (9) TURNER (8) CULLEN (7)

SHANKS ((6)

OWEN (5)

MORTON (4)

AHERNE (3)

DUNNE (2)

BAYNHAM (1)
(White Jerseys)

Left

Right

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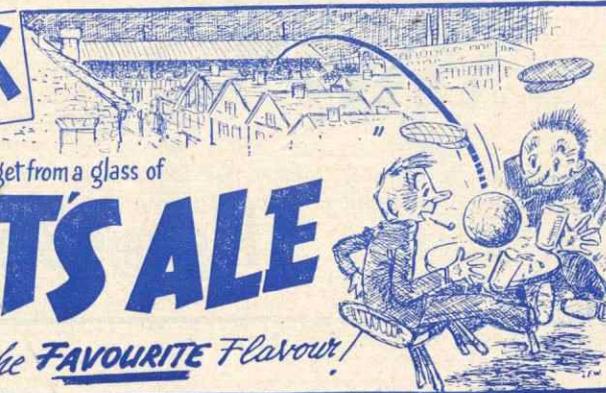
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Pen Pictures of the LUTON TOWN Players

R. BAYNHAM (Goalkeeper). In his fifth season with the Club. Secured from Southern League club Worcester City. After a series of brilliant displays in the Reserves last season was promoted to the League side on 13th November and is keeping out the England International goalkeeper Bernard Streten.

S. DUNNE (Right Back). Hails from County Wicklow, Eire. Joined Luton from Shelbourne in May, 1950. Has played for his country on several occasions and forms an all-Eire full-back partnership with Bud Aherne.

T. AHERNE (Left Back). Born in Limerick, Eire. Came to Luton from Belfast Celtic in March, 1949, and has already played in 22 International matches for his country.

R. MORTON (Right Half). Local boy who signed professional forms in February, 1946. Took over the Centre Forward position last season on Jesse Pye's transfer to Derby County and became second leading goal scorer with 14 goals. A brilliant wing-half and frequently tipped for honour in this position.

S. OWEN (Centre Half). Captain of the side. Previously with Birmingham City. Toured Australia with the F.A. three years ago, was a member of the Football League team which played in Copenhagen in May, 1953, was in the England party in Switzerland for the World Cup games in 1954 and this summer was a member of the F.A. Touring team in the West Indies.

W. SHANKS (Left Half). Born in Malta of Scottish parents. In his ninth season with the Club. Was signed as an outside right but was successfully converted to a wing-half. Tireless worker.

R. PEARCE (Outside Right). Joined Luton from Cheshire County League club Winsford United in April this year. Previously on Liverpool's books as an Amateur. Making only his fourth appearance today.

G. TURNER (Inside Right). A Doncaster boy recommended to Luton whilst playing in Navy football and signed forms upon demob in March, 1950. Scored 37 goals last season thus breaking the Club's individual scoring record since their promotion to the Second Division.

P. MacEWAN (Centre Forward). Former Luton Town player Billy Arnison recommended MacEwan who signed professional forms in January, 1954. Is only 22 years of age and great things are expected of him.

G. CUMMINS (Inside Left). Another Irishman secured by Luton from Everton in August, 1953. A brilliant ball player, he has already played for Eire on several occasions.

M. CULLEN (Outside Left). A Scot recommended to Luton when only 18 and was signed as a professional immediately they saw him play. Plays typical close Scottish football and very clever in possession of the ball.

YOUNGER MATTERS

By Notreve.

Another new season is under way in the Club's junior field and with it rather an interesting change has been introduced. For many years now, going back to prior to the first world war, our "A" team have played in the Liverpool County Combination, but this year a move into a new league has been made.

For quite a time the thought of having a league composed of all "A" teams of the Football League clubs has been in the mind of a number of people and during this close season the thought developed and became a reality. Similar to the Central League, which is composed of the Reserve teams of Football League clubs, the Lancashire League formed a First Division for the "A" teams of First and Second Division Football League clubs and the Reserve teams of Third Division Football League clubs. We consider this new formation to be an excellent idea and we feel sure that our younger professionals will derive a lot of benefit, for the Lancashire League is now filling a long felt want. The new League is not to be confused with the Lancashire Combination, for the latter is entirely a separate organisation.

Our "B" team still retain their membership of the Liverpool County Combination, which this season is composed of only one division, while the "C" team playing again in the West Cheshire League have the task of living up to the title of Champions, a position they have held for two successive seasons. The "D" team by virtue of having won the Bootle J.O.C. League 3rd Division Championship last season are promoted to the 2nd Division this term and the "Colts" continue in the age limit Division of the Bootle J.O.C. League.

It is with a certain amount of pride that we offer our sincere congratulations to Jimmy and Brian Harris on reaching First Team status. Both Jimmy and Brian, who joined us as mere youngsters, have been groomed through our junior ranks, first as amateurs and then as professionals. We wish them well in the future and we hope that their example will prove an incentive and an inspiration to all our other youngsters.

EVERTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

ALLOCATION OF CHARITY MATCH RECEIPTS—AUGUST 1955.

Lancashire Football Association Benevolent Fund	70	0	0
Liverpool County Football Association Benevolent Fund	70	0	0
St. John Ambulance Brigade	50	0	0
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	30	0	0
National Society for Cancer Relief	20	0	0
Liverpool and District Police Orphanage	10	0	0
Commercial Travellers' Association Benevolent Fund	10	0	0
Maghull Home for Epileptics	10	0	0
British Legion Haig Fund	15	0	0
Liverpool Sportsmen's Association (L.B.A.)	10	0	0
Football League Secretaries' and Managers' Association Benevolent Fund	10	0	0
League of Welldoers	10	0	0
Liverpool Queen Victoria District Nursing Association	10	0	0
Newspaper Press Fund	10	0	0
St. Anne's Citizens' Institute	10	0	0
Liverpool Adult Deaf and Dumb Benevolent Society	7	6	5
West Cheshire League Benevolent Fund	5	0	0
Liverpool and S.W. Lancashire and North Wales Prisoners' Aid Society	5	0	0
St. Domingo and Anfield Circuit	5	0	0

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HALF-TIME SCORES

LEAGUE—DIVISION 1.

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

LEAGUE—DIVISION 2.

L	BARNESLEY v. BURY
M	BLACKBURN ROVERS v. LIVERPOOL
N	BRISTOL CITY v. LEEDS UNITED
O	DONCASTER ROVERS v. ROTHERHAM UNITED
P	HULL CITY v. PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
Q	LINCOLN CITY v. LEICESTER CITY
R	MIDDLESBROUGH v. FULHAM
S	NOTTINGHAM FOREST v. STOKE CITY
T	PORT VALE v. SWANSEA TOWN
U	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. BRISTOL ROVERS
V	WEST HAM UNITED v. NOTTS COUNTY

LEAGUE—DIVISION 3 (North).

W	CHESTER v. GATESHEAD
X	CARLISLE UNITED v. SOUTHPORT
Y	GRIMSBY TOWN v. TRANMERE ROVERS

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Z	LEEDS UNITED RESERVE v. EVERTON RESERVES
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FIXTURES—1955.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

1955.	
Aug.	20—Preston North End.....Home
„	24—West Bromwich Albion...Away
„	27—BurnleyAway
„	31—West Bromwich Albion..Home
Sept.	3—Luton Town.....Home
„	7—Manchester United.....Away
„	10—Charlton Athletic.....Away
„	14—Manchester United.....Home
„	17—Tottenham Hotspur.....Home
„	24—PortsmouthAway
Oct.	1—Newcastle United.....Away
„	8—ArsenalHome
„	15—Bolton Wanderers.....Away
„	22—Aston Villa.....Home
„	29—SunderlandAway
Nov.	5—Huddersfield Town.....Home
„	12—Cardiff City.....Away
„	19—Manchester City.....Home
„	26—Wolverhampton Wand. .Away
Dec.	3—ChelseaHome
„	10—BlackpoolAway
„	17—Preston North End.....Away
„	24—BurnleyHome
„	26—Birmingham City.....Away
„	27—Birmingham City.....Home
„	31—Luton Town.....Away

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

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Aug.	20—Preston North End.....Away
„	22—Newcastle United.....Home
„	27—BurnleyHome
„	31—Newcastle United.....Away
Sept.	3—Leeds United.....Away
„	7—Derby County.....Away
„	10—BuryHome
„	17—BarnsleyAway
„	21—Manchester United.....Home
„	24—LiverpoolHome
Oct.	1—West Bromwich Albion..Home
„	8—Stoke City.....Away
„	15—Aston Villa.....Home
„	22—Wolverhampton Wand. .Away
„	29—Manchester City.....Home
Nov.	5—Sheffield Wednesday.....Away
„	12—Huddersfield Town.....Home
„	19—Blackburn Rovers.....Away
„	26—BlackpoolHome
Dec.	3—Bolton Wanderers.....Away
„	10—ChesterfieldHome
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