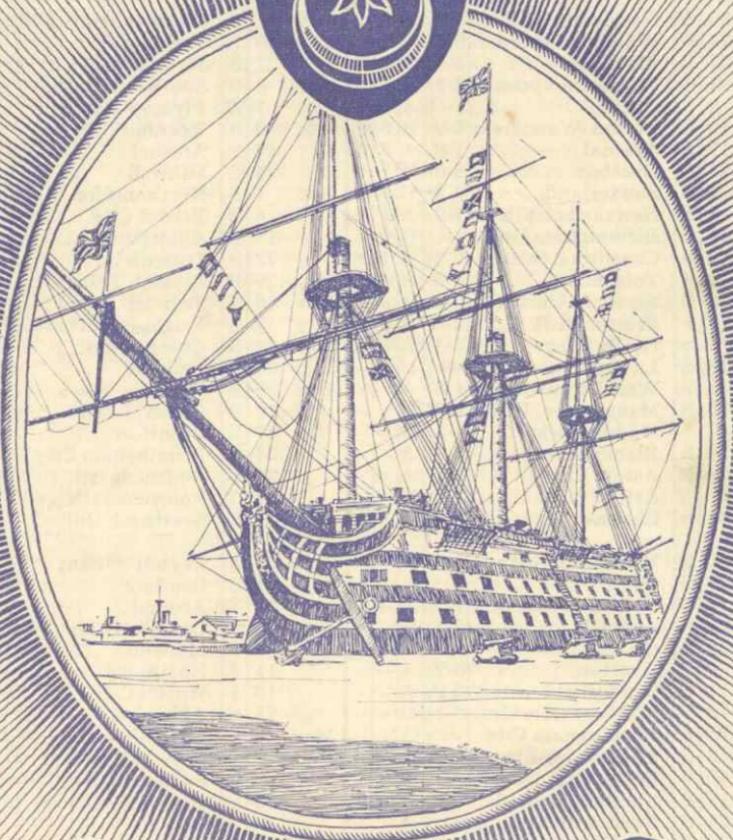


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1955				1955				1955				1956				1956				
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Aug. 20	S	Huddersfield T.	(1-2)	A	0	1	1955	S	Brentford	(-)	H	4	3	Aug. 20	S	Birmingham City	(2-3)	A	1	2
" 24	W	Wolverhampton	(0-0)	H	2	1	" 27	S	Southend United	(-)	H	5	1	Sept. 3	S	Chelsea	(1-4)	A	5	1
" 27	S	Blackpool	(3-0)	H	3	3	" 7	W	Plymouth Argyle	(-)	H	5	1	" 10	S	Bolton Wanderers	(1-0)	H	3	3
" 31	W	Wolverhampton	(2-2)	A	1	3	" 10	S	Reading	(-)	A	3	1	" 17	S	Arsenal	(1-0)	A	3	1
Sept. 3	S	Chelsea	(1-4)	A	5	1	" 17	S	Arsenal	(1-4)	H	2	2	" 24	S	Everton	(5-0)	H	1	0
" 10	S	Bolton Wanderers	(1-0)	H	3	3	" 24	S	Millwall	(0-0)	A	4	1	Oct. 1	S	Sunderland	(2-2)	H	2	1
" 17	S	Arsenal	(1-0)	A	3	1	Oct. 1	S	Northampton T.	(-)	A	7	0	" 8	S	Newcastle United	(1-2)	A	1	2
" 24	S	Everton	(5-0)	H	1	0	" 8	S	Bristol City	(3-0)	H	0	1	" 15	S	Birmingham City	(-)	H	0	5
Oct. 1	S	Sunderland	(2-2)	H	2	1	" 15	S	Aldershot	(-)	A	2	1	" 22	S	Charlton Athletic	(2-2)	A	1	6
" 8	S	Newcastle United	(1-2)	A	1	2	" 22	S	Tottenham	(0-3)	H	2	0	" 29	S	Tottenham	(0-3)	H	4	1
" 15	S	Birmingham City	(-)	H	0	5	" 29	S	Crystal Palace	(-)	A	4	1	Nov. 5	S	Sheffield United	(2-5)	A	3	1
" 22	S	Charlton Athletic	(2-2)	A	1	6	Nov. 5	S	Swindon Town	(-)	H	7	2	" 12	S	Preston N.E.	(2-0)	H	0	2
" 29	S	Tottenham	(0-3)	H	4	1	" 12	S	Brighton & Hove	(0-3)	A	1	1	" 19	S	(1) Burnley	(0-1)	A	0	3
Nov. 5	S	Sheffield United	(2-5)	A	3	1	" 19	S	Queen's Park R.	(-)	H	3	0	" 26	S	Luton Town	(-)	H	-	-
" 12	S	Preston N.E.	(2-0)	H	0	2	" 26	S	Fulham	(-)	A	-	-	Dec. 3	S	West Bromwich A.	(1-3)	A	-	-
" 19	S	(1) Burnley	(0-1)	A	0	3	Dec. 3	S	Swansea Town	(-)	H	-	-	" 10	S	Manchester Utd.	(0-0)	H	-	-
" 26	S	Luton Town	(-)	H	-	-	" 10	S	Luton Town	(1-4)	A	-	-	" 17	S	Huddersfield T.	(4-2)	H	-	-
Dec. 3	S	West Bromwich A.	(1-3)	A	-	-	" 17	S	Brentford	(-)	A	-	-	" 24	S	Blackpool	(2-2)	A	-	-
" 10	S	Manchester Utd.	(0-0)	H	-	-	" 24	S	Birmingham City	(2-2)	H	-	-	" 26	M	Aston Villa	(0-1)	A	-	-
" 17	S	Huddersfield T.	(4-2)	H	-	-	" 26	M	Bournemouth	(2-2)	H	-	-	" 27	T	Aston Villa	(2-2)	H	-	-
" 24	S	Blackpool	(2-2)	A	-	-	" 27	T	Bournemouth	(1-4)	A	-	-	31	S	Chelsea	(0-0)	H	-	-
" 26	M	Aston Villa	(0-1)	A	-	-	31	S	Southend United	(-)	A	-	-	1956						
" 27	T	Aston Villa	(2-2)	H	-	-	Jan. 7	S	Leyton Orient	(-)	A	-	-	Jan. 2	M	Manchester City	(2-1)	A	-	-
31	S	Chelsea	(0-0)	H	-	-	Jan. 14	S	Reading	(-)	H	-	-	" 7	S	(3)				
1956							" 14	S	Arsenal	(2-6)	A	-	-	" 14	S	Bolton Wanderers	(1-3)	A	-	-
Jan. 2	M	Manchester City	(2-1)	A	-	-	" 21	S	Leyton Orient	(-)	H	-	-	" 21	S	Arsenal	(2-1)	H	-	-
" 7	S	(3)					" 28	S	Millwall	(1-3)	H	-	-	" 28	S	(4)				
" 14	S	Bolton Wanderers	(1-3)	A	-	-	Feb. 4	S	Northampton T.	(-)	H	-	-	Feb. 4	S	Everton	(3-2)	A	-	-
" 21	S	Arsenal	(2-1)	H	-	-	" 11	S	Bristol City	(3-3)	A	-	-	" 4	S	Everton	(3-2)	A	-	-
" 28	S	(4)					" 18	S	Aldershot	(-)	H	-	-	" 11	S	Sunderland	(2-2)	A	-	-
Feb. 4	S	Everton	(3-2)	A	-	-	" 25	S	Tottenham	(2-5)	A	-	-	" 18	S	(5) Newcastle Utd.	(3-1)	H	-	-
" 11	S	Sunderland	(2-2)	A	-	-	Mar. 3	S	Crystal Palace	(-)	H	-	-	" 25	S	Birmingham City	(-)	A	-	-
" 18	S	(5) Newcastle Utd.	(3-1)	H	-	-	" 10	S	Swindon Town	(-)	A	-	-	Mar. 3	S	(6) Burnley	(0-2)	H	-	-
" 25	S	Birmingham City	(-)	A	-	-	" 17	S	Brighton & Hove	(5-0)	H	-	-	" 10	S	Tottenham	(1-1)	A	-	-
Mar. 3	S	(6) Burnley	(0-2)	H	-	-	1955						" 17	S	Sheffield United	(6-2)	H	-	-	
" 10	S	Tottenham	(1-1)	A	-	-	Oct. 10	M	West Ham Utd.	(1-2)	A	0	2	" 24	S	Preston N.E.	(1-1)	A	-	-
" 17	S	Sheffield United	(6-2)	H	-	-	Oct. 19	W	Chelsea	(2-2)	A	0	2	" 30	F	Cardiff City	(1-3)	H	-	-
" 24	S	Preston N.E.	(1-1)	A	-	-	Nov. 2	W	Tottenham	(1-2)	H	2	2	" 31	S	Charlton Athletic	(2-0)	H	-	-
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" 21	S	Manchester Utd.	(3-1)	A	-	-	" 30	W	Queen's Park R.	(2-3)	A	-	-							
" 28	S	Manchester City	(1-0)	H	-	-														

OFFICIAL NOTES

The team's ninth post-war League visit to Burnley failed to break the Turf Moor 'hoodoo'. In all our League games at Burnley since 1927-28 only one point - from the 1950-51 season 1-1 draw - can be claimed. Last Saturday it was an inspired Burnley side that added yet another victory to their formidable record. On the day our task was made more difficult by the unfortunate injury to Tom McGhee. After about twenty-five minutes play he sustained concussion when he collided with the concrete wall, which in parts dangerously surrounds the Turf Moor playing pitch. The ten men battled courageously against great odds, for Burnley were indeed in great form. At times the home defence did get a severe testing but in the end the greater numbers of Burnley carried them to victory. Apart from Tom McGhee, Jackie Robertson and Duggie Reid received knocks which it is hoped will yield to treatment in time for the game to-day.

The final selection of the England team for Wednesday's game against Spain has no doubt caused much speculation among the game's followers. Skipper Jimmy Dickinson was among the seventeen who finished the final training session at Wolverhampton last Wednesday. Tomorrow Spain play Eire in Dublin - Luton players Seamus Dunne and George Cummings who are participating in this game, have little time to spare after to-day's game as they have to catch the 7 p.m. plane out of London - here's hoping that they miss the speed 'cops' in their mad dash to the London Airport. This game will, no doubt, be watched by several England officials, including England team manager Walter Winterbottom. Walter, by the way, is reputed to have a complete dossier on all players throughout the world who are International or near International ranking.

The Visitors

In all their long history, which dates back to 1885, this is the first season that Luton Town Football Club has attained Division I status. To-day they make their initial League 1 visit to Fratton Park. To their officials and players we extend a 'Pompey' welcome.

The Bedfordshire club has experienced difficult times. Their playing record has passed through many vicissitudes, apart from relegation and the withdrawing from the Football League, like most clubs they too have been in dire financial straits. It was during a financial crisis that the Board of Directors decided to form a Limited Liability Company. The response to this move was so great that on 28th June, 1897, Luton Town Football Club became a Public Company with a sound financial backing.

Luton Town are perhaps the only League club to have a civic inception. It was on the 11th April, 1885, at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Luton, a Public Meeting was "convened for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Town Football Club". Luton entered full professional status in 1901. Their players were at that time paid 2/6d. per week for matches played, 6d. extra for away games, while time lost before 12 noon on match days was to be made up on reasonable terms. The takings for their first home gate amounted to £3 0s. 6d. This season, before they had played their first game, Luton had taken over £27,000 in season tickets and now they propose to build a new cantilever stand at a cost of £70,000 such has been the progress and success of Luton Town Football Club.

The formation, in 1920, of the Football League, Division III, Southern Section, gave Luton once again the chance of League football, for with the exception of a season or two in their very early years they had spent all their days in the Southern

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool	17	10	3	4	38	27	23	Preston N.E.....	18	7	3	8	36	28	17
Manchester U... ..	18	9	5	4	36	27	23	Newcastle	17	7	2	8	38	33	16
Charlton	18	9	4	5	40	34	22	Portsmouth ..	16	7	2	7	29	34	16
Burnley	17	8	5	4	26	18	21	Chelsea	17	6	4	7	21	27	16
Sunderland	16	9	3	4	43	37	21	Arsenal	17	5	6	6	20	27	16
Bolton	16	9	2	5	32	19	20	Manchester City	16	4	6	6	26	32	14
Everton	18	8	4	6	25	23	20	Aston Villa.....	18	3	7	8	20	30	13
Birmingham ..	18	7	5	6	35	23	19	Sheffield United	17	5	2	10	23	31	12
Luton Town... ..	17	8	3	6	32	25	19	Cardiff City.....	17	5	2	10	21	40	12
W. Bromwich... ..	17	8	3	6	21	20	19	Tottenham	17	4	2	11	21	34	10
Wolverhampton	16	8	1	7	41	28	17	Huddersfield ...	16	2	4	10	16	43	8

COMBINATION LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	18	15	0	3	55	19	30	Swansea Town..	16	7	2	7	25	39	16
Bristol Rovers..	16	13	1	2	49	21	27	Leyton Orient..	16	6	3	7	40	38	15
Portsmouth ..	15	11	2	2	47	17	24	Southampton ..	16	7	1	8	36	35	15
Fulham	17	11	1	5	44	24	23	Queen's P.R....	16	7	1	8	21	26	15
Chelsea	15	10	1	4	48	19	21	Norwich City....	14	7	0	7	25	25	14
Birmingham ..	16	8	4	4	43	21	20	Crystal Palace..	16	6	2	8	27	36	14
Brentford	16	9	2	5	37	26	20	Arsenal	16	5	3	8	33	33	13
Bristol City.....	16	8	4	4	21	18	20	Luton Town.....	15	5	3	7	36	45	13
West Ham.....	14	9	1	4	41	18	19	Plymouth	18	5	1	12	23	42	11
Watford	15	8	2	5	36	36	18	Coventry City...	15	4	2	9	24	39	10
Leicester City..	16	6	5	5	41	33	17	Southend	14	4	2	8	19	25	10
Charlton	16	7	3	6	28	27	17	Ipswich Town...	15	4	0	11	32	35	8
Brighton	16	7	3	6	29	35	17	Northampton ..	16	3	2	11	27	57	8
Cardiff City.....	16	7	2	7	30	28	16	Swindon Town..	16	4	0	12	15	57	8
Bournemouth ..	16	5	6	5	25	32	16	Reading	14	3	1	10	24	36	7
Aldershot	17	6	4	7	22	29	16	Millwall	16	3	0	13	26	54	6

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League. In 1937 they won promotion to Division II but not before they had placed their name in the football record book through the splendid feat of centre forward Joe Payne who, in a Division III game against Bristol Rovers, scored ten goals, a record that still stands, and will probably stand for all time.

Taking the war years into consideration Luton are to be commended for the progress they have made in League football. This, their first season in the Senior League, they have already made their presence felt. Any team that can thrash Blackpool, Newcastle and Wolves must command respect. But last week's complete shattering of Sunderland has set the soccer public wondering just what makes this newly promoted team such a dynamic force. Manager Dally Duncan proclaims that it is the enthusiastic approach of the team to every game. Win or lose manager Duncan holds an after-match inquest, his aim is for perfection, with such convincing results to their credit the "Hatters" must surely be approaching perfection.

It is some considerable time since we last played Luton Town in a Football League competition. Most of the meetings have been in the old Southern League and in the early Division III days. Of course there were the war-time games in the Regional League, but little significance is attached to those results because of the circumstances of most clubs during the war period. The only post-war meeting was on 3rd January, 1951, for the Third Round of the F.A. Cup when we, as Champions, went confidently to Kenilworth Road. At that time Luton were struggling at the foot of Division II. Nevertheless they caused a minor sensation by winning the tie 2-0. This defeat still rankles our players and to-day will be their chance to even the score.

PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN

R. BAYNHAM (*goalkeeper*). In his fifth season with the club. Secured from Southern League club Worcester City. Since replacing Bernard Streten in the first team in November last, International honours have quickly come his way, for he was chosen to play against Denmark at Copenhagen last month and received further honour of being chosen for the 'B' team against Yugoslavia 'B' earlier this month. Also selected for England *versus* Ireland at Wembley on 2nd November. Twenty-three appearances last season.

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. Forty-two appearances last season.

T. AHERNE (*left back*). Born in Limerick, Eire. Came to Luton from Belfast Celtic in March, 1949, and has played in twenty-two International matches for his country. Forty-two appearances last season.

J. PEMBERTON (*right half*). Was chosen for the right half position vacated by Morton and is filling the bill admirably. Is a most useful utility player and since he joined Luton in 1947 has played in every position except goal and outside right.

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 also 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. Thirty-six appearances last season.



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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. Thirty-nine appearances last season.

M. CULLEN (*outside right*). A Scot recommended to Luton when only eighteen and was signed as a professional immediately they saw him play. Plays typical 'close' Scottish football and very clever in possession of the ball. Has recently taken the eye of the Scottish selectors. Sixteen appearances last season.

G. TURNER (*inside right*). A Doncaster boy recommended to Luton whilst playing in Navy football and signed forms upon 'demob' in March, 1950. Scored thirty-seven goals last season, thus breaking the club's individual scoring record since their promotion to the Second Division. Gained his first big honour recently by being chosen to play for the Football League XI *versus* the Scottish League XI in Sheffield

on October 26th. Forty-two appearances last season.

R. MORTON (*centre forward*). Usually a brilliant wing-half and already selected as Reserve for England *versus* Ireland earlier this month; also played for the F.A. XI *versus* the Army at Newcastle on November 9th last. Has taken over centre forward role with outstanding success. Thirty-nine appearances last season.

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 including their match with Jugoslavia in Dublin recently. Twenty-eight appearances last season.

J. ADAM (*outside left*). Recommended to Luton by their North Eastern Scout and signed from the Northern club, Spennymoor United in June, 1953. Can get quickly off the mark and is always a potential danger. Has also been watched by the Scottish selectors. Twenty-five appearances last season.

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