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Football League Division I. Saturday, 14th April, 1956

— Kick-off 3.15 p.m. —

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Cardiff City v. Luton Town

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

		P	Home			Goals			Away			Goals		Pts.
			W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A	
Manchester United	..	40	17	3	0	50	20	..	7	6	7	30	29	57
Blackpool ..	..	39	13	4	3	56	25	..	7	5	7	29	32	49
Manchester City ..	..	39	10	5	4	36	24	..	6	5	8	36	37	44
Birmingham City	..	39	11	4	5	46	24	..	6	5	8	24	29	43
Arsenal ..	..	39	12	4	4	37	22	..	4	6	9	19	36	42
Bolton Wanderers	..	39	12	3	5	47	22	..	5	4	10	18	26	41
Wolverhampton Wander's		37	12	2	4	41	24	..	4	6	9	33	34	40
Newcastle United	..	40	12	3	5	48	23	..	5	3	12	34	43	40
Burnley ..	..	39	11	3	6	36	18	..	5	5	9	21	31	40
Luton Town ..	..	39	11	4	4	39	22	..	5	4	11	22	35	40
Portsmouth ..	..	39	9	7	3	43	33	..	7	1	12	32	46	40
Charlton Athletic	..	40	13	1	6	47	26	..	4	4	12	28	51	39
West Bromwich Albion	..	39	12	3	5	35	24	..	5	1	13	20	41	38
Everton ..	..	40	10	5	5	36	29	..	4	5	11	17	34	38
Sunderland ..	..	38	9	7	5	41	34	..	6	1	12	32	54	38
Preston North End	..	40	6	5	9	32	35	..	8	3	9	40	34	36
Cardiff City ..	..	38	10	3	5	33	30	..	4	4	12	19	37	35
Chelsea ..	..	39	8	4	7	24	24	..	4	6	10	31	50	34
Sheffield United ..	..	38	8	5	6	26	29	..	4	3	11	29	36	32
Tottenham Hotspur	..	37	8	4	7	33	30	..	5	2	11	21	33	32
Aston Villa ..	..	39	7	6	6	26	27	..	4	7	12	19	40	29
Huddersfield Town	..	39	7	4	8	25	29	..	1	3	13	20	52	29

PLAYERS' APPEARANCES
DIVISION I and F.A. CUP

	Division F.A.			
	I	Cup	Goals	
C. Baker	21	2	1	..
D. Callan	1	—	—	..
R. Davies	6	—	—	..
C. Dixon	12	—	1	..
T. Ford	23	2	14*	..
J. Frowen	5	—	—	..
C. Gale	2	—	—	..
A. Harrington	33	2	2	..
G. Hitchens	32	2	14*	..
R. Howells	27	2	—	..
I. Jones	6	—	—	..
H. Kirtley	36	2	4	..
D. Malloy	18	2	—	..
J. McSeveney	37	2	7*	..
C. Nugent	1	—	—	..
G. Nutt	1	—	—	..
N. O'Halloran	6	—	3	..
C. Rutter	16	—	—	..
A. Sherwood	19	2	2	..
R. Stitfall	32	2	—	..
R. Stockin	14	—	3	..
D. Sullivan	29	—	—	..
G. Vearncombe	11	—	—	..
B. Walsh	26	2	2	..
R. Williams	3	—	1	..

* One in F.A. Cup.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

LUTON TOWN make a welcome reappearance at Ninian Park this afternoon after an absence of four seasons. The last occasion the Bedfordshire team visited us was on 1st December, 1951, when the City won by three clear goals. It seems strange that of our players of that promotion season, Alf Sherwood and Charlie Rutter are the only men who played in that game and are still with us. Of the Luton players, Sid Owen, Bob Morton, Tom Aherne and Roy Davies also played when the Town were last here.

Gaining promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history last season, the "Strawplaiters" have had a most satisfactory initial run in the Premier Section of the League.

Below we give pen-pictures of the Luton Town players.

RON BAYNHAM, *Goalkeeper*—A son of Birmingham, signed from Worcester City, has challenged International Bernard Streten since Football League debut in 1952-53. Tall (6 ft. 1 in.) and well-built (12 st. 2 lbs.).

BERNARD STRETEN, *Goalkeeper*—Born Gillingham. Played as amateur for Notts County and Shrewsbury Town. Has English Amateur and full International caps. 5 ft. 9½ ins., 11 st. 10 lbs.

SEAMUS DUNNE, *Right Back*—Born Wicklow, arrived in 1950 after experience with Drogheda United. An Eire International who has figured well in Luton's promotion campaigns. 5 ft. 8½ ins., 11 st. 6 lbs.

THOMAS AHERNE, *Left Back*—Completes a pair of Irish International full backs. Native of Limerick and played for Belfast Celtic. Joined Luton in 1949 at a fee the Town have never regretted. 5 ft. 8 ins., 11 st. 10 lbs.

JIM PEMBERTON, *Right Half*—Came from Stourbridge in 1949 as inside forward. Versatile enough to play full back, left or right half, and outside left.

SID OWEN, *Centre Half*—An acquisition from Birmingham. Signed for a modest fee. First a wing half, now a successful centre half good enough to rise to England 'B' grade, to F.A. Tour of Australia (1950) and full International against Yugoslavia and Uruguay, 1954. 6 ft., 11 st. 12 lbs.

W. SHANKS, *Left Half*—Another of the versatility men. Born in Valetta, Malta, of Scottish parents. Shanks joined Luton as outside right, and can also play inside forward. 5 ft. 8½ ins., 11 st. 4 lbs.

ROY DAVIES, *Outside Right*—Comes from South Africa. Born in Port Elizabeth, he played for Clyde, thence to Luton in May, 1951. Can also play at outside left and centre forward. 5 ft. 8 ins., 11 st.

GORDON TURNER, *Inside Right*—A goal-scorer from Hull and son of former Hull City winger. Reserve for England 'B' against Scotland 'B.' Senior debut 1950-51. Originally a right half back. 5 ft. 9 ins., 11 st.

BOB MORTON, *Centre Forward or Half Back*—A local from Aston Clinton, Bucks. Signed professionally in February, 1946. Seized his chance when Jesse Pye moved to Derby.

GEORGE CUMMINS, *Inside Left*—Comes from Dublin. Signed for Everton in 1950 and helped them to get to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup. Cost Luton a five-figure fee in 1953.

MICHAEL CULLEN, *Outside Left*—Scottish-born. Joined Luton from Douglasdale Juniors in 1952. First played in the Football League on the opposite wing. Played for Scotland 'B' v. England 'B' last month. 5 ft. 7 ins., 10 st. 6 lbs.

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CLUB NOTES

OUR away game with Birmingham City last Saturday proved to be one of two phases. In the first half the home side established a two-goal lead, and as the exchanges had gone up to the interval they had deserved to be ahead of us.

The second half saw a distinctly different approach to the game by our lads, and play ran very much in our favour throughout this second 45 minutes. Some grand work by the whole forward line resulted in Gerry Hitchens reducing the Birmingham advantage when he beat Merrick to end a fine movement. For long periods we hammered away at the home goal, but some brilliant 'keeping foiled all our efforts to get the equaliser our superiority in this half of the match had deserved.

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Our Football Combination lads were in scoring mood in their home game with Charlton Athletic, which they won by six goals to two. Ron Stockin (2), Ken Tucker, Neil O'Halloran (penalty), Dennis Callan and Peter Weir were our successful marksmen. In beating Charlton the Combination lads performed their second "double" of the season to date - the other "double" being against Leyton Orient. Altogether they have won eight games on opponents' grounds previous to to-day's away encounter with Queen's Park Rangers.

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On Monday last our Welsh League side also registered a 6-2 win, against Ton Pentre at Coronation Park. City scorers were Clive Slocombe (3), Howard Sheppard (2) and Clive Burder.

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Congratulations to Alan Harrington on making so creditable a debut in international football in the Wales v. Ireland match on Wednesday, and Skipper Alf Sherwood and Trevor Ford in their added honours to their long service to Wales.

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The Division I home game with Tottenham Hotspur, postponed last month because of Spurs F.A. Cup-tie, has been arranged for Monday evening, 23rd April.

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Ninian Park is the venue of the first-ever City v. Swansea Town Welsh Cup Final on Monday evening, 30th April. An announcement in the Programme and the Press, giving details of where to apply for ticket-only admission to the Stands, will be made in due course. City supporters are reminded that Swansea Town are entitled to an equal proportion of Stand Tickets as ourselves.

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Welsh League — PONTLLANFRAITH

Coronation Park, Wednesday, 18th April Kick-off 5.30 p.m.

Football Combination—Ninian Park

Saturday, 21st April—SWANSEA TOWN—Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

Football League Division I—Ninian Park

Monday, 23rd April—TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR—Kick-off 6.30

Saturday, 28th April—ARSENAL—Kick-off 3.15

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The City were at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers in a Second Division game.

At the foot of the table we were badly in need of points but yet again the side disappointed and were beaten by three clear goals.

City XI: Farquharson; Smith, Roberts; Harris, Galbraith, Jenkins; Weale, Keating, McCambridge, Williams and Jones.

The position of the City was causing anxiety for throughout the months of January, February and March only two matches had been won out of twelve played.

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INTERNATIONAL

A—Scotland v. England.....

LEAGUE—DIVISION I

B—Arsenal v. Birmingham.....

C—Aston V. v. Sheffield Utd.....

D—Blackpool v. Tottenham.....

E—Bolton W. v. Newcastle Utd.....

F—Chelsea v. Everton.....

G—Huddersfield v. Charlton.....

H—Man. City v. Burnley.....

I—Portsmouth v. West Brom.....

J—Sunderland v. Man. Utd.....

K—Wolves v. Preston N.E.....

LEAGUE—DIVISION II

L—Blackburn v. Middlesbro.....

M—Bristol Rovers v. Notts Co.....

N—Doncaster v. Leeds Utd.....

O—Hull City v. Barnsley.....

P—Leicester C. v. West Ham.....

Q—Lincoln C. v. Bristol C.....

R—Liverpool v. Port Vale.....

S—Notts Forest v. Bury.....

T—Stoke City v. Swansea Town.....

LEAGUE—DIVISION III (SOUTH)

U—Brentford v. Newport Co.....

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB CHATTER

LUTON SUPPORTERS—If any supporters have arrived and have time to spare after the match we shall be pleased to entertain them at our Club. So that they may know the location of the Club, if any interested will call at our office under Canton Stand either before or after the match we shall be pleased to direct them.

HOSPITALS—The winners over the Easter matches were: Saturday, 31st March: Ticket 67739 - Mr. E. Tucker, 56 Gadlys Street, Aberdare; Easter Monday: Ticket 66249 - Mr. R. H. Jenkins, "Red Roofs," Sully. It was very encouraging to note the response over the holidays, for the collections for the two days were £65 7s. 8d., which gave a wonderful fillip to the lean times since Christmas owing to so many away matches. One winner chose to go to Charlton on the 21st, and, as usual, we applied for a Stand Ticket for him. Our thanks again go to Mr. Seed, the Manager, who kindly granted our request and sent it as a Complimentary Ticket. This is the second Club to do this (Manchester United being the first), and we do appreciate the gesture very much, as it becomes a donation to our funds for this worthy cause.

We would like to emphasise that this Hospitals Broadcast Fund is entirely separate from the Supporters' Club Funds, and all moneys received for this are kept exclusively for that purpose - not one penny going to the Supporters' Club. The position at 31st March showed that £426 9s. 6d. (including Easter collections) was collected at Ninian Park. £206 6s. 0d. was received in donations, and a raffle brought in 39/-. On the other side £551 12s. 1d. was paid to the Post Office for line rentals; printing £50 9s. 0d.; prizes £38 5s. 2d.; erection of Commentators Box (so far) £169 16s. 6d.

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ANNUAL DINNER—This will take place at the Park Hotel on Saturday, 26th May at 7.30 p.m. The price of tickets has not yet been decided but any information may be obtained from the Social Secretary: Mr. F. R. Musgrave. Tickets, as usual, will be strictly limited.

BRIDGEND are holding their Annual Dinner at the Dunraven Hotel, Bridgend, on Saturday, 28th April. Tickets are 10/6 each, and all applications should be made to Mr. C. Fry, 8 Caewallis Street, Bridgend.

WHITCHURCH—The A.G.M. fixed for 30th April is being altered owing to the Cardiff City-Swansea Town Welsh Cup Final that evening.

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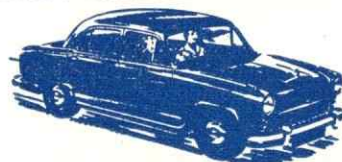
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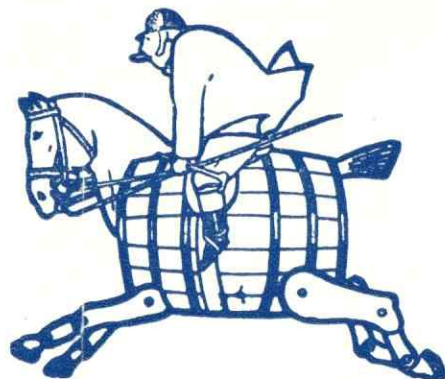
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F A

1955

Sept.

3	Pontllanfraith	A	1	2
17	Barry Town	A	0	1
21	Ebbw Vale	H	2	2
28	Gwynfi Welfare	H	2	0

Oct.

1	Treharris Athletic	A	1	3
5	Lovell's Athletic	H	12	0
8	Aberystwyth	A	1	4
13	Lovell's Athletic	A	1	3
15	Fforestfach	A	2	1
19	Aberystwyth	H	1	1
29	Gwynfi Welfare	A	4	6

Nov.

9	Merthyr Tydfil	H	3	3
16	Milford United	H	0	2
19	Llanelly	A	2	2
23	Newport County	H	2	2
26	Newport County	A	2	4
30	Barry Town	H	2	2

Dec.

10	Abergavenny	A	0	2
14	Swansea Town	H	3	2
21	Pembroke Borough	H	3	3

1956

Jan.

4	Llanelly	H	4	1
7	Pembroke Borough	A	0	5
12	Swansea Town	A	4	1
28	Merthyr Tydfil	A	2	2

Feb.

4	Brecon	A	2	3
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Mar.

3	Ton Pentre	A	5	4
10	Tonyrefail	A	7	0
14	Abergavenny	H	4	1
21	Tonyrefail	H	5	0
24	Caerau Athletic	A	1	3
28	Treharris Athletic	H	1	3

April

4	Caerau Athletic	H	3	2
9	Ton Pentre	H	6	2
18	Pontllanfraith	H		
21	Milford Haven	A		
25	Brecon	H		

May

2	Fforestfach	H		
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1955				Goals
Aug.			F	A
20	Sunderland	..	H	3 1
23	Arsenal	..	A	1 3
27	Aston Villa	..	A	0 2
31	Bolton Wanderers	..	H	1 0
Sept.				
3	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	H	1 9
7	Bolton Wanderers	..	A	0 4
10	Manchester City	..	A	1 3
17	Sheffield United	..	H	3 2
24	Huddersfield Town	..	H	1 2
Oct.				
1	Blackpool	..	A	1 2
8	Preston North End	..	A	2 1
15	Burnley	..	H	2 2
22	West Bromwich Albion	..	A	1 2
29	Manchester United	..	H	0 1
Nov.				
5	Tottenham Hotspur	..	A	1 1
12	Everton	..	H	3 1
19	Newcastle United	..	A	0 4
26	Birmingham City	..	H	2 1
Dec.				
3	Luton Town	..	A	0 3
10	Charlton Athletic	..	H	3 1
17	Sunderland	..	A	1 1
24	Aston Villa	..	H	1 0
26	*Chelsea	..	H	1 1
27	Chelsea	..	A	1 2
31	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	A	2 0
	* Boxing Day			
1956				
Jan.				
7	F.A. Cup (3) Leeds Utd.	..	A	2 1
14	Manchester City	..	H	4 1
21	Sheffield United	..	A	1 2
28	F.A. Cup (4) West Ham U.	..	A	1 2
Feb.				
4	Huddersfield Town	..	A	2 1
11	Blackpool	..	H	1 0
18	(5) Preston North End	..	H	3 1
25	Burnley	..	A	2 0
Mar.				
7	Newcastle United	..	H	1 1
10	Manchester United	..	A	1 1
24	Everton	..	A	0 2
30	†Portsmouth	..	A	1 1
31	West Bromwich Albion	..	H	1 3
April				
2	†Portsmouth	..	H	1 3
7	Birmingham City	..	A	1 2
14	Luton Town	..	H	
21	Charlton Athletic	..	A	
23	Tottenham Hotspur	..	H	
28	Arsenal	..	H	

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1955				Goals
Aug.			F	A
20	Plymouth Argyle	..	A	3 0
24	Luton Town	..	H	4 1
27	Arsenal	..	H	3 2
Sept.				
3	Bristol Rovers	..	A	2 3
7	Luton Town	..	A	2 5
10	Leicester City	..	H	1 1
14	Birmingham City	..	H	2 3
17	Leyton Orient	..	A	2 1
24	Brentford	..	A	1 1
Oct.				
1	Watford	..	H	5 0
8	Tottenham Hotspur	..	H	0 3
15	Swindon Town	..	A	1 3
29	Southampton	..	A	2 1
Nov.				
5	Brighton and Hove	..	H	2 1
12	West Ham United	..	A	0 1
19	Fulham	..	H	0 2
26	Charlton Athletic	..	A	1 0
Dec.				
3	Queen's Park Rangers	..	H	4 1
10	Swansea Town	..	A	3 1
17	Plymouth Argyle	..	H	2 2
24	Arsenal	..	A	2 4
26	*Bristol City	..	A	5 2
27	Bristol City	..	H	0 1
31	Bristol Rovers	..	H	0 0

* Boxing Day

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Jan.

7	Coventry City	..	A	3 1
14	Leicester City	..	A	3 4
21	Leyton Orient	..	H	1 0
28	Coventry City	..	H	4 0

Feb.

4	Brentford	..	H	2 3
11	Watford	..	A	0 2
18	Tottenham Hotspur	..	A	1 5
25	Swindon Town	..	H	2 0

Mar.

3	Birmingham City	..	A	1 2
10	Southampton	..	H	2 2
17	Brighton and Hove	..	A	2 2
24	West Ham United	..	H	4 1
30	†Portsmouth	..	H	0 1
31	Fulham	..	A	2 0

April

2	†Portsmouth	..	A	3 4
7	Charlton Athletic	..	H	6 2
14	Queen's Park Rangers	..	A	
21	Swansea Town	..	H	
28				

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