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Football League

Apr. 27—Everton ... ... ... 3-0

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Good Friday, April 19—LUTON TOWN

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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## LEAGUE TABLES

### First League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester United	37	24	7	6	90	50	55
Preston North End	38	21	9	8	81	53	51
Tottenham Hotspur	37	19	11	7	92	51	49
Blackpool	37	21	7	9	88	58	49
Arsenal	39	19	7	13	77	65	45
Wolverhampton W.	38	18	8	12	86	63	44
Leeds United	39	14	14	11	67	54	42
Burnley	36	16	10	10	52	40	42
Bolton Wanderers	38	16	10	12	60	58	42
Aston Villa	37	12	15	10	57	46	39
West Bromwich A.	36	12	12	12	52	51	36
Newcastle United	39	14	8	17	63	77	36
Everton	38	13	8	17	54	70	34
Birmingham City	37	13	7	17	58	61	33
Chelsea	38	10	13	15	60	68	33
Sheffield Wednesday	38	13	6	19	73	86	32
Luton Town	38	12	8	18	52	70	32
Manchester City	38	12	7	19	69	80	31
Sunderland	38	11	8	19	62	78	30
Cardiff City	38	10	9	19	51	79	29
Portsmouth	37	6	13	18	55	89	25
Charlton Athletic	39	9	3	27	58	110	21

### Central League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Liverpool	37	25	7	5	95	47	57
Sheffield Wednesday	38	25	7	6	89	47	57
Manchester United	37	21	7	9	90	48	49
Manchester City	40	20	9	11	88	65	49
Huddersfield	38	17	10	11	73	64	44
Everton	37	18	7	12	79	57	43
Stoke City	39	17	9	13	63	59	43
Newcastle United	38	17	9	12	83	70	43
Wolverhampton W.	37	16	8	13	90	71	40
Sheffield United	38	14	10	14	56	56	38
Derby County	38	16	5	17	72	75	37
Bolton Wanderers	38	14	8	16	67	73	36
Aston Villa	37	14	7	16	68	73	35
Burnley	40	13	9	18	57	73	35
Blackpool	39	14	6	19	69	67	34
Blackburn Rovers	39	11	11	17	52	67	33
Bury	39	13	6	20	52	70	32
West Bromwich A.	38	11	9	18	70	73	31
Preston North End	39	13	5	21	65	99	31
Leeds United	39	8	9	22	49	93	25
Barnsley	36	8	9	19	53	90	25
Chesterfield	37	6	9	22	48	90	21

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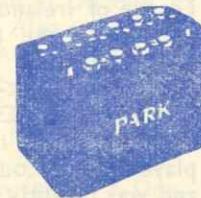


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## History of Luton Town

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 27/6d. 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 were 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 11, playing in this league until their promotion 1954-55 season.

## PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN

BAYNHAM, R. (Goalkeeper). In his sixth season with the club. Secured from Worcester City. Has represented England on several occasions, including their matches v. Denmark in Copenhagen, Ireland and Spain. Played for the Football League v. League of Ireland on two occasions and also for the England 'B' v. the Yugoslavia 'B'.

DUNN, S. (Right-back). Born Limerick, Eire. Came to Luton from Shelbourne F.C. in May, 1950. Has played for his country several times and was recently chosen to captain the Eire team v. Denmark.

JONES, L. (Left-back). Welsh born, although he has spent most of his life in Luton. Has been watched by the Welsh F.A. Selectors on several occasions.

PEMBERTON, J. (Right-half). One of the longest serving players on the books. Joined Luton as an inside-forward from Stourbridge in 1949,

but has played as a back, inside-forward and winger.

OWEN, S. (Centre-half). Captain of the side. Previously with Birmingham City. Toured Australia with the F.A. in 1952, was a member of the Football League team which played in Copenhagen in May, 1953 and was in the England party in Switzerland for the World Cup games in 1954. He was a member of the F.A. touring team in the West Indies in 1955 and also toured with them in South Africa last summer.

SHANKS, W. (Left-half). Born in Malta of Scottish parents. Came to Luton on a month's trial and is now in his 10th season with the club. Was signed as an outside-right, but was successfully converted to a wing-half.

CULLEN, M. (Outside-right). A Scot recommended to Luton when only 18 and was signed as a professional. Plays typical close Scottish football. Chosen for the Scottish 'B' team v. the England 'B' team in Dundee in March of this year. Also selected to play for Scotland v. Austria in May.

DAVIES, R. (Outside-right). A South African signed by Clyde during their tour of South Africa in 1948 and later transferred to Luton in May, 1951.

TURNER, G. (Inside-right). A Doncaster boy recommended to Luton while playing in Navy football. Signed upon demob, in March, 1950. Scored 37 goals in season 1954/55, thus breaking the club's individual scoring record. Gained his first big honour by being chosen to play for the Football League XI v. the Scottish League XI in Sheffield in October, 1955.

MORTON, R. (Centre-forward). Local

boy who signed professional forms in February, 1946. Usually a brilliant wing-half. Was selected last season as a reserve for England v. Ireland at Wembley. Also played for the Football Association v. the Army in Newcastle. Has taken over the centre-forward position with outstanding success. Was a member of the F.A. touring team in S. Africa last summer.

CUMMINS, G. (Inside-left). An Irishman secured by Luton from Everton in August, 1953. A brilliant ball player. Has already played for Eire on several occasions, including matches with Luxembourg, Norway, Yugoslavia and Spain.

GROVES, J. (Inside-forward). Son of Arthur Groves, the old Derby County inside-right. Won Derbyshire schoolboy honours and signed by Luton when only 15. Plays either inside or wing forward.

GREGORY, A. (Outside-left). A local boy previously with Vauxhall Motors. Signed professional forms for Luton in May, 1955. Has made several appearances in the 1st team at centre-forward. Is at present completing his apprenticeship with local engineering firm.

## Club Honours

League: Luton Town won the Third Division (South) championship and promotion to the Second Division in the 1936-37 season and, as runners-up to Birmingham City, were promoted to the First Division at the end of the 1954-55 season.

F.A. Cup: Luton have never progressed as far as the Semi-Final. They have twice reached the Sixth Round stage, losing 6-0 to Everton in 1932-33 and 3-2 to Arsenal in 1951-52.

## MATCHES AT BURNDEN PARK

Saturday	April 20	2nd v Stoke City.	3-0 p.m.
Saturday	„ 20	Bolton Combination Final.	p.m.
Monday	„ 22	2nd v Barnsley.	3-0 p.m.
Tuesday	„ 23	Harold Hassall's Benefit Match	7-0 p.m.
Wednesday	„ 24	Farnworth Amateur League.	



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## FIXTURES FOR 1956-57

### 1956 Football League

Aug. 18 Blackpool ..... H 4 1 2  
 20 22 Sunderland ..... A 0 3 2  
 25 29 Everton ..... A 2 2 3

Sept. 1 Tottenham H'spur .. H 1 0 5  
 5 Sunderland ..... H 2 1 7  
 8 Leeds United ..... A 2 3 7  
 10 12 Charlton Athletic .. H 2 0 9  
 15 Cardiff City ..... H 2 0 11  
 20 22 Wolverhampton W. .. H 0 3 11  
 29 Aston Villa ..... A 0 0 12

Oct. 6 Birmingham City ... A 0 0 13  
 13 West Bromwich A. .. H 1 1 14  
 20 Preston North End .. A 2 2 15  
 27 Chelsea ..... H 2 2 16

Nov. 3 Sheffield Wednesday A 2 1 18  
 10 Manchester United .. H 2 0 20  
 17 (1) Arsenal..... A 0 3 20  
 24 Burnley..... H 3 0 22

Dec. 1 Portsmouth ..... A 1 1 23  
 8 (2) Newcastle Utd. .. H 3 1 25  
 15 Blackpool ..... A 2 4 25  
 22 Everton ..... H P  
 25 Manchester City ... A 3 1 27  
 26 Manchester City ... H 1 0 29  
 29 Tottenham H'spur .. A 0 4 29

### 1957

Jan. 1 5 (3) F.A. Cup Blackpool H 2 3 —  
 12 Leeds United ..... H 5 3 31  
 19 Cardiff City ..... A 0 2 31  
 26 (Friendly) Liverpool..H 5 3 —

Feb. 2 Wolverhampton W. .. A 2 3 31  
 9 Aston Villa ..... H 0 0 32  
 16 (Friendly) Hearts .. A 6 3 —  
 20 Birmingham C. .... H 3 1 34  
 23 Chelsea ..... A 2 2 35

Mar. 2 (6) Preston N.E. ... H 2 3 35  
 9 Newcastle United .. A 0 4 35  
 12 16 Sheffield Wednesday H 3 2 37  
 23 (S.F.) M/cr. United.. A P  
 25 Manchester United..A 2 0 39  
 30 Arsenal ..... H 2 1 41

April 3 6 Burnley ..... A 0 1 41  
 13 Portsmouth ..... H 1 1 42  
 19 Luton Town ..... H  
 20 West Bromwich A. .. A  
 22 Luton Town..... A  
 27 Everton ..... H

### Central League

Blackburn Rovers... A 0 1 0  
 Wolverhampton W. .. A 2 2 1

Blackpool..... H 1 2 1  
 Wolverhampton W. .. H 2 2 2

Everton ..... A 0 5 2  
 Leeds United ..... H 3 0 4

Sheffield United.... A 2 3 4  
 Bury ..... A 3 1 6

M/cr. City "A" (S.C.) H 2 0 8  
 Derby County ..... H 4 3 8

Huddersfield Town .. H 2 2 9  
 Burnley ..... A 3 1 11  
 Preston North End .. H 4 2 13  
 Liverpool..... A 0 2 13

Manchester United .. H 3 2 15  
 Sheffield Wednesday .. A 1 3 15  
 Newcastle United .. H 3 2 17  
 West Bromwich A. ... A 0 0 18

Chesterfield ..... H 0 0 19  
 Stoke City..... A 2 0 21  
 Blackburn Rovers.... H 3 1 23  
 Blackpool..... A 3 1 25  
 Manchester City..... H 2 3 25  
 Manchester City..... A 2 5 25  
 Everton ..... H 1 2 25

Oldham Athletic ..... H 1 1 18  
 Preston N.E. "A" ... A 1 4 18  
 Barrow Reserves .... H 2 2 19  
 Bury "A"..... A 2 2 20

Aston Villa ..... H 2 1 28  
 Derby County .. A 0 6 28  
 Huddersfield Town .. A P  
 Burnley ..... H 1 1 29

Liverpool "A" ..... A 6 4 22  
 Bury "A"..... H 4 1 24  
 Oldham Athletic .. A 0 1 24  
 Liverpool..... H 2 1 26

Preston North End .. A 3 1 31  
 Liverpool..... H 3 4 31  
 Lancs. Sen. Cup Bury... A 2 5 —  
 Manchester United .. A 0 1 31  
 Sheffield Wednesday .. H 1 3 31

Newcastle United .. A 0 1 31  
 Sheffield United ..... H 2 2 32  
 West Bromwich A. .. H 3 1 34  
 Chesterfield .. A 3 1 36  
 Barnsley..... A

Stoke City..... H  
 Barnsley..... H  
 Huddersfield T. .... A

### Lancs. League A

Oldham Ath. (S.C.) .. A 0 4 0  
 Everton "A"..... H 3 2 2

Bury "A" (S.C.)..... H 2 0 4  
 Bury "A" (S.C.)..... A 3 1 6

M/cr. City "A" (S.C.) H 2 0 8  
 Barrow Reserves .... A 1 2 9

Rochdale Res. (S.C.) .. H 0 0 9  
 Blackburn R. "A".... A 3 2 11  
 M/cr. Utd. (S.C.) .. A 6 1 13  
 Everton "A"..... A 1 3 13

M/cr. Utd. (S.C.) .. H 1 2 13  
 Burnley "A"..... A 2 2 14  
 Blackpool "A"..... H 0 3 14  
 Preston N.E. "A" ... H 1 1 15

Rochdale Res. (S.C.) .. A 3 3 16  
 Burnley "A"..... H 1 3 16  
 Blackpool "A"..... A 1 1 17  
 M/cr. Utd. "A" .. H P

M/cr. City (S.C.) .. A 0 4 17

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