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EVERTONIA

VISITORS.

To-day we give a welcome to Luton Town F.C. We also congratulate them on their excellent showing in the F.A. Cup Competition this season. They came very near to producing a shock result in last Saturday's Cup matches. Against the mighty Arsenal the "Hatters" held a 1-0 lead at half-time, but the Arsenal fought back in the second-half to win by the odd goal of five. This would have been a good performance for Luton with a full team, but they played the last 35 minutes without their outside-right Ray Davies, who was taken to hospital with a badly damaged ankle.

And now with Cup glory behind them they are giving their full attention to League matters.

AT NOTTS COUNTY.

As the "County," in their previous two matches, had scored 10 goals, our boys did well to hold them to a 0-0 draw at the Meadow Lane enclosure last Saturday.

Tommy Lawton is looking—he has lost a stone in weight recently—and playing more like the Tommy of old. Yet there was only one occasion, in the first-half, when his defence spitting passes and flicks got the better of our defence. Then, he gave his inside-left, Crookes, a glorious opportunity to score, but Jimmy O'Neill rose to the situation to make an excellent save from Crookes's effort. Apart from this lapse our defence played well throughout. Tommy Jones had one of his best days and compared favourably with the better known Leon Leuty in the County side.

Our forwards did not have one of their best days. Although they were more in the play than the Notts forwards, their rhythm was missing. In the second-half they were handicapped by Wally Fielding being slowed to a hobble on the wing through a kick on the knee.

George Cummings maintained the promise shown in the previous game. He nearly won the game for us in the last few seconds. All considered, a draw was a fair result.

- Before the game a few of our party renewed acquaintance with two Evertonians of the pre-war era. They were Jack Fryer and Terry Kavanagh. Both are settled in Nottingham. Jack is "mine-host" somewhere on the outskirts of Nottingham and Terry has a position with the Raleigh cycle firm.

RESERVES.

Although the Reserves won their match against Barnsley last Saturday, their defeat at Blackpool the previous week enabled Wolves to move to the top of the Central League. At the moment both teams are level on points, but the Wolves have a better goal average. Our boys have a match in hand which, we hope, will be turned to advantage.

INJURIES.

Harry Potts underwent an operation for the removal of a patella bursa last Tuesday. This has been troubling Harry for most of the season. He should be playing again in about a month.

George Saunders has not recovered from his pulled muscle yet.

C.B.

WIN MEANS NINTH WELSH TRIUMPH

By DON M. KENDALL (Evening Express).

The excitement of the F.A. Cup has died down temporarily only to be followed immediately by increased tension in the promotion and relegation issues and . . . the resumption of the struggle for international supremacy. This could quite easily be another season of triumph for one of the smaller countries. As a matter of fact if Wales defeat Ireland at the Vetch Field, Swansea, on Wednesday, they will be certain of at least sharing the 1951-52 championship.

They will stand a very good chance of becoming champions outright for it would mean that England would have to defeat Scotland at Hampden Park to secure a half share. Wales quite naturally are relying on the players who shocked the Scots last November to tackle the Irishmen. Few people anticipated that little Wales could invade Scotland and get away with anything, but sure enough a late goal against an indifferent Scottish side brought them victory to supplement the one point gained as the result of the 1-1 draw with England at Cardiff in October. On the day the Welshmen were dealing such a blow to Scottish pride England were beating Ireland 2-0 in Birmingham just to sort of even matters up. Now the title depends on the two remaining games and while Wales and England stand as the favourites and with the odds favouring Wales, Scotland are not out of it yet.

Of course, it will take a couple of shocks to enable Scotland to retain the championship she won last year. It would mean an Irish triumph next Wednesday, and a Scottish success at Hampden on April 5th. England and Wales stand level at the moment with three points each for although England have the better goal-average that factor does not count in the destination of the International Championship. Should Wales win next week and England beat Scotland then she will share it with Wales. By all the rules it looks more likely that Wales will defeat Ireland for the 28th time than that England will score her 22nd win over the Scots. A win on Wednesday means that Wales will be scoring her eighth success since she first won the title in 1907. Wales triumphed again in the first season after the first World War, and again in 1924, 1928, 1933, 1934, and 1937 while in 1939 she shared the honour with England and Scotland. Since the war England and Scotland have monopolised it England winning three times to Scotland's two.

Let me just take a glimpse at the F.A. Cup semi finals to bring out a rather interesting point which might enable you to make up your minds about the eventual winners at Wembley on May 3rd. Arsenal have won only two of nine Cup ties with Chelsea three having been drawn, but on each occasion that they did win they went on to win the Cup — in 1930 and in 1950. The 1950 meeting was in the semi final, too. Newcastle United and Blackburn Rovers have clashed three times in the semi finals previously. They did so in 1910 when Newcastle won 3-1 and . . . went on to win the Cup. In 1928 they were again semi final rivals. This time Blackburn won 4-1 and . . . went on to win the Cup.

Newcastle have the distinction of having paid three visits to Wembley with a 100 per-cent record; the Rovers won on their only visit to the ground; Arsenal three times Wembley winners have been defeated twice there; but Chelsea have neither been to Wembley nor won the Cup.

LUTON TOWN

It is an oft-stated and indisputable fact that variety is the very spice of life and with this ideal in mind, these few words about our opponents to-day will follow a slightly different pattern than previous articles. A little less historical information will be incorporated with a corresponding increase in the "gen" on Luton Town's current first team line up, which we feel sure will interest those of our regular supporters who like to know something about the men they watch. However, a brief picture of Town's early pioneering days first.

Luton is quite an old club, being formed in 1885. Two soccer clubs were playing in the town of Luton in those days—Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior, the two clubs later being combined under the one name. As a matter of fact, Luton is the oldest professional club in the South of England, for three players were offered the princely sum of five shillings per week each to play for the club regularly as professionals. A few further financial propositions and agreements which were made later that season make really funny reading—quote "at the end of that season it was decided to pay the whole of the first team two shillings and sixpence each with an extra sixpence for away matches." These and other similar passages give us an indication of the haphazard system of paying players, which was then in force.

Town were members of the old Southern League when the members of that organisation joined the Football League in 1920-21 season. They remained members of Division III (Southern) until 1936-7 season when, after just missing promotion the season before by a point, they achieved their ambition, topped the table and came up into Division II where they have remained ever since.

The exact composition of the Luton side to play here to-day is not known at the time of printing, but apart from Davies, who sustained a fractured ankle against Arsenal in the sixth round tie, and possibly centre-half Owen, also injured in this game, the line up should be similar to that of Saturday last. This is as follows:—

STRETEN, Bernard.—Goalkeeper of much more than average ability, Bernard won amateur international caps with England while playing for Notts County and Shrewsbury Town. Subsequently moved on to Luton in 1947-8 season with whom he won a full cap v. Ireland in 1949. Born Gillingham.

COOKE, William H.—Right-back Bill is Chesterfield born and joined Luton from Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic. Solid and utterly dependable he is one of Town's longest serving professionals and captains the side.

HERNE, T.—Known universally as Bud. Has been playing left-back a very long time now, but was first capped for Ireland in 1946 at left-half. Many times Internationalist for both Ireland and Eire. Born Limerick and joined his present club from Linfield.

MORTON, Robert.—Right-half Bob is a local discovery, who was signed and groomed by Town after joining the club from locals Eaton Bray and Waterlow's. Born at Ashton Clinton, Buckinghamshire. Good club man.

OWEN, Sydney.—Tall red haired Syd after some seasons in the left-half berth was tried at centre-half and settled down in his new position right away. Joined Luton from Birmingham in 1947. Was a member of the F.A. party which toured Australia.

WATKINS, Charles.—Left-half or inside-left if required, Charlie is Glasgow born and after developing with Glasgow Rangers joined Luton in 1948 to make and keep a first team place for himself.

DAVIES, Ronald A.—Outside-right Ron, as remarked above, will be unfit for the game here to-day and we wish him a speedy recovery. Joined Luton from Clyde F.C.

TAYLOR, John.—Originally an inside-left or centre-forward, John has been playing inside-right with success. Born in Durham, Northumberland, joined his present club from Stockton F.C.

MOORE, Bernard.—Developed as a promising centre-forward with Brighton Boys. After wartime R.A.F. service, seemed to lose his form and joined Hastings after demob. Started scoring plenty of goals and was transferred to Luton for £4,000 in 1950-51.

STOBBART, George.—Played for Middlesbrough first team during the war at centre-forward and was transferred to Newcastle in 1946-7 season. Moved on from there to Luton in 1949 and recently played in the inside-left berth.

MITCHELL, Albert.—Is a much travelled player with an apparent wanderlust. First started playing with Stoke City, subsequently moving to Blackburn, then Kettering. Couldn't settle and moved to Northampton Town in May, 1949, from where he joined Luton. Born in Stoke.



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McNAMARA (7) PARKER (8) HICKSON (9) CUMMINS (10) EGLINGTON (11)

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Linesmen :

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and W. J. Harwood (Red Flag)

MITCHELL (11) TAYLOR (10) MOORE (9) TURNER (8) STOBART (7)

WATKINS (6)

~~HALL~~ (5)

~~MORTON~~ (4)

AHERNE (3)

MORTON DUNNE (2)

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LEAGUE TABLES

(Up to and including Wednesday, 12th March, 1952)

LEAGUE — DIVISION 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts F.	33	15	10	8	62	50	40
Leicester C...	33	15	8	10	66	50	38
Birmingham..	33	15	8	10	48	41	38
Sheff. W.	33	15	8	10	80	57	38
Cardiff C.	32	14	8	10	51	45	36
Rotherham U.	33	15	6	12	65	58	36
Leeds U.	32	14	8	10	48	45	36
Sheff. U.	33	15	5	13	76	59	35
Everton	33	13	9	11	50	48	35
Brentford	32	12	9	11	39	39	33
Southampton.	34	12	9	13	48	61	33
Notts C.	33	14	5	14	61	54	33
W. Ham U... ..	33	12	8	13	51	63	32
Blackburn R.	33	14	4	15	42	47	32
Luton T.	32	10	11	11	58	58	31
Swansea T. ...	33	10	10	13	59	59	30
Barnsley	32	10	10	12	48	54	30
Doncaster R.	33	10	9	14	45	50	29
Bury	33	11	6	16	52	55	28
Coventry C... ..	33	11	5	17	45	65	27
Hull C.	33	9	8	16	48	56	26
Q.P.R.	33	8	10	15	42	70	26

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	33	20	6	7	83	39	46
Everton	32	20	6	6	69	34	46
Preston N.E.	32	18	8	6	58	33	44
Sheff. W.	35	20	4	11	70	53	44
Chesterfield...	35	18	6	11	51	31	42
W. Brom. A.	35	17	3	15	53	52	37
Burnley	33	16	4	13	55	43	36
Leeds U.	34	13	10	11	53	50	36
Man. U.	34	14	7	13	53	35	35
Derby C.	36	13	7	16	55	61	33
Bury	34	12	8	14	54	63	32
Sheff. U.	34	12	8	14	49	64	32
Newcastle U.	33	14	3	16	59	58	31
Bolton W.	33	11	7	15	44	54	29
Liverpool	34	12	5	17	47	63	29
Huddersfield.	33	11	6	16	48	62	28
Blackburn R.	32	11	5	16	55	59	27
Blackpool	32	10	7	15	57	64	27
Aston V.	33	9	9	15	48	61	27
Man. C.	34	12	3	19	65	87	27
Barnsley	34	9	8	17	36	69	26
Stoke C.	33	11	2	20	44	71	24

YOUNGER MATTERS

By NOTREVE.

To use a racing phrase, the last stretch of the season is now upon us, and in all leagues the fight for title honours is waxing fast and furious. Amongst our Junior sides interest is being maintained to the full and it will not be until almost the last Saturday that we will know what our position will be in the respective leagues.

The "A" team, who were disengaged last Saturday, are placed third in the first division of the Liverpool County Combination. Leading is Formby with 38 points from 26 matches, while Skelmersdale United, who appear to be well placed for their second successive championship, are occupying second position two points behind Formby, but with three matches in hand. Next, our "A's" have garnered 30 points from 22 matches. Reviewing our position, by winning the outstanding games we can draw level with Formby and come to within four points of the Skelmersdale club. As we have to meet the latter at home, a slip on the part of Skelmersdale will make the top of the table position very interesting. It will be remembered that last season too, a similar state of affairs existed and was not decided until the last game of the season.

In the second division of the County Combination our "B" team are at the head of affairs, but here too, a hard battle is in progress. From 22 games played our "B's" have 38 points, but are followed closely by Fleetwood Hesketh with 36 points from a match less played. Dunlops (Speke) the next nearest challengers have tallied 30 points from 20 games, but are still in it by reason of the fact that they have to meet our boys twice and Fleetwood Hesketh at home. Fleetwood Hesketh are also due at Bellefield in the return fixture in the near future, so anything can really happen. Our lads will be on their very best behaviour in an attempt to retain their championship honour, which would give them their fourth title honour out of the last five years.

In the Bootle J.O.C. 4th division our "C" team seem all set for another championship honour. They are at present leading the way with 43 points from 22 matches, with their nearest challengers Netherton marked with 35 points from 21 games. It would appear that only an upheaval would change matters, but with our lads playing consistently well this seems very unlikely.

In the under 18 section of the J.O.C. a keen struggle is being fought between our "D" team and Earl United. At the moment Earl United lead with a total of 44 points from 24 matches, while our youngsters from five matches less played have gained 33 points. The winning of these five outstanding games would bring us to within one point of the United, but as one of these matches is a clash between the "D's" and Earl United at our ground, everything will depend upon the result of this fixture.

The "Colts" are not so favourably placed in their division of the Prescot League, and the most that they can expect is to finish in the runners-up position, providing that the leaders Prescot Celtic can peg back our rivals Longview Rovers when they meet each other in the course of the next few weeks.

Progress is being maintained in the majority of the Cup-ties and we are still interested in eight competitions. In six of these we are at the semi-final stage, finalists in one, while victory in the next round of the other will make it seven semi-finals.

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THIS IS THE WINGERS' ERA

By DON McWHINNIE (Evening Express).

Essentially, tactics and modus operandi change with the times in football just as in every other phase of existence.

Up to the early 'thirties when the late Herbert Chapman and his Arsenal "Gunners" introduced the notorious third-back game, teams relied to a large extent on the marksmanship of their centre-forward for the majority of their goals.

Leaders of the calibre of Billy Dean, George Camsell, Tom Waring, Jimmy Hampson, Jack Bowers and Hughie Gallacher, were always among the goals. Faced by attacking centre-half-backs, able though the majority of them were, they had ample room in which to work, and greater opportunities for individualism.

All that has changed now. No less a judge than Stan Seymour, who so successfully pilots the dynamic Newcastle United, has expressed himself thus—"Show me a team with scoring wingers and you show me a successful team."

How true! Although there are exceptions—Jackie Milburn springs readily to mind for his masterly self-made goals—the centre-forward's style in present-day soccer is cramped by the persistent attention of the opposing centre-half, who plants himself in between his full-backs and rarely moves forward.

It is this change in style which has opened up the way for the fast-moving, accurate shooting winger, and there is no doubt that the teams which capture the honours these days are those efficiently equipped in this department.

Think of the value of your Tom Finney to Preston North End; the extent to which Billy Liddell has contributed towards successes won by Liverpool in post-war football; the consistent point-winning for Portsmouth of goals scored by Peter Harris, Jack Froggatt (before he switched to centre-half), and now Marcel Gaillard, the hard-shooting outside-left.

Consider how tremendously Les Medley and "Sonny" Walters have helped Tottenham Hotspur in their climb back to their erstwhile eminence. Turn for a moment to the lower grade of the Northern Section Third Division and note that Lincoln City's Whittle and Troops can always be relied upon to hit the scoring lists regularly. That is one of the main reasons why the "Imps" are walking away in the promotion race.

Look at the teams which are struggling in any of the divisions, turn to the goalscorers' lists, and you may be assured that the wingers of those clubs do not command inclusion.

This has been true ever since Arsenal introduced the late Herbie Roberts as the policeman pivot. And in those days the Arsenal themselves had the answer to any opposition which tried to beat them at their own game.

In Cliff Bastin and Joe Hulme they had quicksilver wingers who never hesitated to cut inside an opposing full-back and make the fullest use of their lethal shooting power. Think what a goal-feast those two stars would have indulged in had they been in their prime under present conditions.

Not, of course, that scoring wingers are a prerogative of modern football but in the pre-third-back era they were not relied upon for goal-getting to the same extent as their present-day counterparts.

Locally, we recall the opportunism of men like Berry Nieuwenhuys, so often popping up when least expected with a match-winner for Liverpool; the deadly left-foot of Jimmy Stein, whose goal at Wembley set Everton on the way to their great F.A. Cup victory over Manchester City in 1933.

As a matter of fact it often surprises me that so many wingers in the game today persistently cling to the line and work their way to the corner flag preparatory to crossing the ball, instead of utilising their speed to move inside the full-back and accepting the onus of finishing themselves.

Never have greater opportunities to shine presented themselves to wingers. Those who accept the challenge are the "names which make" news and the men who play an invaluable role in winning the cups and championships.

HALF-TIME SCORES

DIVISION 1.

A	...	BOLTON WANDERERS	v.	CHELSEA	...	.....
B	...	BURNLEY	v.	DERBY COUNTY	...	.....
C	...	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	v.	MANCHESTER CITY	...	.....
D	...	FULHAM	v.	ARSENAL	...	.....
E	...	MANCHESTER UNITED	v.	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	...	.....
F	...	MIDDLESBROUGH	v.	BLACKPOOL	...	.....
G	...	NEWCASTLE UNITED	v.	PORTSMOUTH	...	.....
H	...	PRESTON NORTH END	v.	ASTON VILLA	...	.....
J	...	STOKE CITY	v.	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	...	.....
K	...	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	v.	SUNDERLAND	...	.....
L	...	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	v.	LIVERPOOL	...	.....

DIVISION 2

M	...	BIRMINGHAM CITY	v.	SHEFFIELD UNITED	...	.....
N	...	BRENTFORD	v.	SWANSEA TOWN	...	.....
O	...	CARDIFF CITY	v.	BARNSELY	...	.....
P	...	DONCASTER ROVERS	v.	BURY	...	.....
Q	...	LEEDS UNITED	v.	BLACKBURN ROVERS	...	.....
R	...	LEICESTER CITY	v.	WEST HAM UNITED	...	.....
S	...	NOTTS FOREST	v.	COVENTRY CITY	...	.....
T	...	ROTHERHAM UNITED	v.	HULL CITY	...	.....
U	...	SHEFFIELD WED.	v.	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	...	.....
V	...	SOUTHAMPTON	v.	NOTTS COUNTY	...	.....

DIVISION 3 (NORTH).

W	...	BRADFORD	v.	TRANMERE ROVERS	...	.....
X	...	CHESTERFIELD	v.	SOUTHPORT	...	.....
Y	...	ROCHDALE	v.	CHESTER	...	.....
Z	...	WREXHAM	v.	CREWE ALEXANDRA

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

...	...	SHEFFIELD UNITED	v.	EVERTON RES.
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