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# The "Luton News" FOOTBALL HANDBOOK

Season 1954-55

## SUMMER PEACE WAS DISTURBED BUT ALL IS SMOOTH AGAIN

WHAT would otherwise have been a peaceful summer of quiet preparation for the new season was somewhat disturbed by the stormy weeks during which the constitution of the Luton Town F.C. Board was in dispute and doubt.

Upshot was the regrettable resignation of the former Chairman, Mr. Charles Jeyes, after 27 years with the club and, although he still maintains the office of President, he will not take an active part in running the affairs of the club.

Now, with the situation more stable and a new Chairman in Mr. P. G. Mitchell and a new Director in a former Town captain, Mr. T. Hodgson, appointed, the clouds have rolled away, and the last weeks have been devoted towards getting everything smoothly into gear again.

### THE PRIME OBJECTIVE

Fears that the upset might cause repercussion on the field will almost certainly be groundless and it is now up to the Board to pursue the ambitious progressive policy to which they are committed.

We have the word of the new Chairman that promotion to the First Division, which was within reach during the last two seasons, remains the prime objective of the club, and he for one will not rest until it is achieved.

"If we fail, it will not be for the want of trying," said Mr. Mitchell in taking over his new post and he also said that both he and his fellow-Directors want to be judged on the results they achieve and not by optimistic statements.

Nothing could be fairer than that, and the Luton football public, with the assurance that progress is to be the watchword, will back the Board to the hilt.



So, with the trouble behind them, the Board can afford to look forward to the new season with a certain amount of optimism.

### NO SPECTACULAR BUYING

This summer, there has been no spectacular buying by the Town, partly because the club's finances scarcely allow the spending of big money and partly because the fixed idea is that the material needed to land the elusive prize is already on the books.

Certainly, the Town have some most efficient youngsters who will be making a brave bid for regular first-team places this season, and the combination of youth and tried experience should enable the Town to secure an excellent blend.

Loyal supporters still believe that the injury to Jesse Pye last December is the sole reason why First Division football is not to be seen at Kenilworth Road this season. The forward line was seldom as dangerous without him and the loss was tragic in the extreme.

Pye is confident that he can make a complete come-back. Whether he will be available for the early matches remains to be seen but, whether he is or not, the accent this season must be on attack.

Too much reliance was placed last season on the soundness of the defence, while the forwards were too often goal-shy. If the true offensive spirit is shown from the beginning, then promotion can be gained and no one should forget that the fans want to see goals.

### GOALS DRAW THE FANS

The way to put the attendances up above the recent average is for the forwards to be among the goals consistently and this is a lesson that should have been assimilated from the events of the closing weeks of last season.

Half the battle towards a successful promotion bid would be a good start, which has been denied the team during the past two seasons, principally because of injuries.

Early last season, the Town were deprived of some of their most experienced players during the vital weeks when two matches a week were being played.

That they overcame that handicap to such an extent was a tribute to the quality of their play and, once again, they earned the reputation in Second Division circles of

being a team that always tries to play good football as opposed to much of the kick-and-rush stuff that is all too often seen in the present-day brand of the game.

Honours came the way of the players again, with Sid Owen gaining England caps on the Continental tour and being a member of the World Cup team, in addition to playing for the Football League.

### "UNFASHIONABLE" NO LONGER

Also making appearances on the International scene for Eire were Bud Aherne, Seamus Dunne and George Cummins, and the Town have been lifted well away from the ruck of those clubs which are branded as "unfashionable."

Much excitement last season was contained in that long drawn-out Cup battle with the holders, Blackpool, who ousted the Town only after four grimly-fought matches, in three of which the Town held the upper hand.

That performance was another pointer to the quality the team possesses and, if the right blend is secured from the start, we may yet be hanging out the flag of welcome to famous First Division teams this time next year.

CHILTERN.

\* Picture on the front cover is of one of the many desperate tussles that took place in the Blackpool goalmouth during the Cup replay at Kenilworth Road. Farm is seen beating Turner and Moore to a centre, with mud-bespattered players of both teams anxiously looking on.

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## NEW BEDS F.A. CHAIRMAN

Mr. Will Pease, of Luton, has been elected Chairman of the Bedfordshire Football Association in place of Mr. F. A. Stanton, who died during July. Chairman of Luton and South Beds League, Mr. Pease was already a vice-President of the County Association. Mr. Stanton was also a vice-President, and he will be replaced in this office by Mr. S. T. Shadrake, a member of the Council since 1936-37, and the Chairman of Bedford Youth League.

This is the County Association's Diamond Jubilee year, and the occasion will be celebrated by a dinner in Luton after the match between Bedfordshire and Crook Town, winners of which will be awarded the new A. E. Ansell Memorial Trophy, on September 25.

## TOWN SIGN ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN

On amateur forms, the Town have secured the signature of Norman Arnison, brother of Billy Arnison, their former centre-forward, who gave up English football after a knee injury, and returned to his home. Norman, a well-built inside or centre-forward, has played in good-class football in South Africa.

He has been training with the full-time professionals since they reported on July 21, and it is expected that he will be signed as a professional in the near future.

## DOWNIE JOINS HULL CITY

Only once during the close season did the Town figure in the transfer market, and that was when they transferred their inside-forward, Johnny Downie, to Hull City. Downie, a £10,000 signing from Manchester United, had been with Luton only 12 months.

## INTO THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Three of the players not retained by the Town at the end of last season have been signed by clubs in the Southern League.

Derek Williams, a goalkeeper, and Edgar Bennett, an outside-right, have joined Chelmsford City, and Bob Adamson, whom the Town put on their transfer list at a modest figure, has thrown in his lot with Gravesend.

## THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC CLUB LTD.



The President:  
Mr. Charles Jeyes



Mr. H.  
Richardson  
(Vice-  
Chairman)



The Chairman of the Board:  
Mr. P. G. Mitchell



Mr. H. S.  
Hewson



Mr. P. W.  
Wright



Mr. A. F.  
England



Mr. T.  
Hodgson

Club Colours : Shirts, white; knickers, black; stockings, black and white.

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Hon. Medical Officer : Dr. E. J. Crarer, M.B., Ch.B.



## LUTON RESULTS IN F.A. CUP

<b>1920-21</b>	Dec. 18—6th Q. Round:	Rotherham County	A	3—1
	Jan. 8—1st Round:	Birmingham	H	2—1
	Jan. 29—2nd Round:	South Shields	A	4—0
	Feb. 19—3rd Round:	Preston North End	H	2—3
<b>1921-22</b>	Jan. 7—1st Round	Portsmouth	A	1—1
	Jan. 11—1st Round	Portsmouth*	H	2—1
	Jan. 28—2nd Round:	Aston Villa	A	0—1
<b>1922-23</b>	Jan. 13—1st Round:	Bury	A	1—2
<b>1923-24</b>	Jan. 12—1st Round:	Arsenal	A	1—4
<b>1924-25</b>	Jan. 10—1st Round:	West Brom.	A	0—4
<b>1925-26</b>	Nov. 28—1st Round:	Folkestone	H	3—0
	Dec. 12—2nd Round:	Aberdare	A	0—1
<b>1926-27</b>	Nov. 27—1st Round:	London Caledonians	H	4—2
	Dec. 11—2nd Round:	Northfleet	H	6—2
	Jan. 8—3rd Round:	Chelsea	A	0—4
<b>1927-28</b>	Nov. 26—1st Round:	Clapton	H	5—0 (Aban.)
	Nov. 30—1st Round:	Clapton*	H	9—0
	Dec. 10—2nd Round:	Norwich	H	6—0
	Jan. 14—3rd Round	Bolton	A	1—2
<b>1928-29</b>	Nov. 24—1st Round:	Southend	H	5—1
	Dec. 8—2nd Round:	Fulham	A	0—0
	Dec. 13—2nd Round:	Fulham*	H	4—1
	Jan. 12—3rd Round:	Crystal Palace	H	0—0
	Jan. 16—3rd Round:	Crystal Palace*	A	0—7
<b>1929-30</b>	Nov. 30—1st Round:	Queen's Park Rangers	H	2—3
<b>1930-31</b>	Nov. 29—1st Round:	Clapton Orient	H	2—2
	Dec. 4—1st Round:	Clapton Orient*	A	4—1
	Dec. 13—2nd Round	Watford	A	1—3
<b>1931-32</b>	Nov. 28—1st Round:	Swindon	A	5—0
	Dec. 12—2nd Round:	Lincoln	A	2—2
	Dec. 16—2nd Round:	Lincoln*	H	4—1
	Jan. 9—3rd Round:	Wolves	H	1—2
<b>1932-33</b>	Nov. 26—1st Round:	Kingstonians	H	2—2
	Nov. 30—1st Round:	Kingstonians*	A	3—2
	Dec. 10—2nd Round:	Stockport County	A	3—2
	Jan. 14—3rd Round:	Barnsley	A	0—0
	Jan. 18—3rd Round:	Barnsley*	H	2—0
	Jan. 28—4th Round:	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2—0
	Feb. 18—5th Round:	Halifax Town	A	2—0
	Mar. 4—6th Round:	Everton	A	0—6
<b>1933-34</b>	Jan. 12—3rd Round:	Arsenal	H	0—1

## LUTON RESULTS IN F.A. CUP—Continued

<b>1934-35</b>	Jan. 12—3rd Round:	Chelsea	A	1—1
	Jan. 16—3rd Round:	Chelsea*	H	2—0
	Jan. 26—4th Round:	Burnley	A	1—3
<b>1935-36</b>	Jan. 11—3rd Round:	West Ham	A	2—2
	Jan. 15—3rd Round:	West Ham*	H	4—0
	Jan. 25—4th Round:	Manchester City	A	1—2
<b>1936-37</b>	Jan. 16—3rd Round:	Blackpool	H	3—3
	Jan. 20—3rd Round:	Blackpool*	A	2—1
	Jan. 30—4th Round:	Sunderland	H	2—2
	Feb. 3—4th Round:	Sunderland*	A	1—3
<b>1937-38</b>	Jan. 8—3rd Round:	Scarborough	A	1—1
	Jan. 12—3rd Round:	Scarborough*	H	5—1
	Jan. 22—4th Round:	Swindon Town	H	2—1
	Feb. 12—5th Round:	Manchester City	H	1—3
<b>1938-39</b>	Jan. 7—3rd Round:	Liverpool	A	0—3
<b>1945-46</b>	Jan. 5—3rd Round:	Derby County	H	0—6
	Jan. 9—3rd Round:	Derby County	A	0—3
<b>1946-47</b>	Jan. 11—3rd Round:	Notts County	H	6—0
	Jan. 25—4th Round:	Swansea Town	H	2—0
	Feb. 8—5th Round:	Burnley	H	0—0
	Feb. 11—5th Round:	Burnley*	A	0—3
<b>1947-48</b>	Jan. 10—3rd Round:	Plymouth	A	4—2
	Jan. 24—4th Round:	Coventry	H	3—2
	Feb. 7—5th Round:	Queen's Park Rangers	A	1—3
<b>1948-49</b>	Jan. 8—3rd Round:	West Ham	H	3—1
	Jan. 29—4th Round:	Walsall	H	4—0
	Feb. 12—5th Round:	Leicester City	H	5—5
	Feb. 19—5th Round:	Leicester City*	A	3—5
<b>1949-50</b>	Jan. 7—3rd Round:	Grimsby Town	H	3—4
<b>1950-51</b>	Jan. 6—3rd Round:	Portsmouth	H	2—0
	Jan. 27—4th Round:	Bristol Rovers	H	1—2
<b>1951-52</b>	Jan. 12—3rd Round:	Charlton Athletic	H	1—0
	Feb. 2—4th Round:	Brentford	H	2—2
	Feb. 6—4th Round:	Brentford*	A	0—0
	Feb. 18—4th Round:	Brentford*	N	3—2
	Feb. 23—5th Round:	Swindon Town	H	3—1
	Mar. 8—6th Round:	Arsenal	H	2—3
<b>1952-53</b>	Jan. 10—3rd Round:	Blackburn Rovers	H	6—1
	Jan. 31—4th Round:	Manchester City	A	1—1
	Feb. 4—4th Round:	Manchester City*	H	5—1
	Feb. 14—5th Round:	Bolton Wanderers	H	0—1
<b>1953-54</b>	Jan. 9—3rd Round:	Blackpool	A	1—1
	Jan. 13—3rd Round:	Blackpool*	H	0—0
	Jan. 18—3rd Round:	Blackpool*	V	1—1
	Jan. 25—3rd Round:	Blackpool*	W	0—2

\*Replay.

(V) At Villa Park.

(N) At Highbury.

(W) At Molineux, Wolverhampton.



## F.A. CUP WINNERS SINCE 1900

- 1899-1900—Bury beat Southampton (4—0)  
 1900-01—Tottenham H. beat Sheffield Utd. (3—1, after a draw 2—2)  
 1901-02—Sheffield United beat Southampton (2—1, after a draw 1—1)  
 1902-03—Bury beat Derby County (6—0)  
 1903-04—Manchester City beat Bolton Wanderers (1—0)  
 1904-05—Aston Villa beat Newcastle United (2—0)  
 1905-06—Everton beat Newcastle United (1—0)  
 1906-07—Sheffield Wednesday beat Everton (2—1)  
 1907-08—Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Newcastle United (3—1)  
 1908-09—Manchester United beat Bristol City (1—0)  
 1909-10—Newcastle United beat Barnsley (2—0, after a draw 1—1)  
 1910-11—Bradford City beat Newcastle Utd. (1—0, after a draw 0—0)  
 1911-12—Barnsley beat W.B.A. (1—0, after a draw 0—0)  
 1912-13—Aston Villa beat Sunderland (1—0)  
 1913-14—Burnley beat Liverpool (1—0)  
 1914-15—Sheffield United beat Chelsea (3—0)  
 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19—No competition  
 1919-20—Aston Villa beat Huddersfield Town (1—0)  
 1920-21—Tottenham Hotspur beat Wolverhampton Wanderers (1—0)  
 1921-22—Huddersfield Town beat Preston North End (1—0)  
 1922-23—Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham (2—0)  
 1923-24—Newcastle United beat Aston Villa (2—0)  
 1924-25—Sheffield United beat Cardiff City (1—0)  
 1925-26—Bolton Wanderers beat Manchester City (1—0)  
 1926-27—Cardiff City beat Arsenal (1—0)  
 1927-28—Blackburn Rovers beat Huddersfield Town (3—1)  
 1928-29—Bolton Wanderers beat Portsmouth (2—0)  
 1929-30—Arsenal beat Huddersfield Town (2—0)  
 1930-31—West Bromwich Albion beat Birmingham (2—1)  
 1931-32—Newcastle United beat Arsenal (2—1)  
 1932-33—Everton beat Manchester City (3—0)  
 1933-34—Manchester City beat Portsmouth (2—1)  
 1934-35—Sheffield Wednesday beat West Bromwich Albion (4—2)  
 1935-36—Arsenal beat Sheffield United (1—0)  
 1936-37—Sunderland beat Preston North End (3—1)  
 1937-38—Preston N.E. beat Huddersfield Town (1—0, after extra time)  
 1938-39—Portsmouth beat Wolverhampton Wanderers (4—1)  
 1939-45—No competition  
 1945-46—Derby County beat Charlton Ath. (4—1, after extra time)  
 1946-47—Charlton Athletic beat Burnley (1—0, after extra time)  
 1947-48—Manchester United beat Blackpool (4—2)  
 1948-49—Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Leicester City (3—1)  
 1949-50—Arsenal beat Liverpool (2—0)  
 1950-51—Newcastle United beat Blackpool (2—0)  
 1951-52—Newcastle United beat Arsenal (1—0)  
 1952-53—Blackpool beat Bolton Wanderers (4—3)  
 1953-54—West Bromwich Albion beat Preston North End (3—2)

## TOWN PLAYERS' APPEARANCES

**The League, Division II.**—R. Morton 40, B. Streten 37, T. Aherne 35, G. Cummins 33, G. Turner 32, R. Davies 31, B. Mitchell, C. Watkins each 30, J. Downie 26, S. Dunne, S. Owen, W. Shanks each 25, L. Jones 22, J. Pye 14, J. Scott 12, B. Moore 11, M. Cullen 8, R. Baynham 5, J. Pemberton, L. Hall, A. Taylor each 4, P. MacEwan, J. Adam each 3, E. Bennett, J. Groves, H. McJarrow each 1.

**Cup-ties.**—B. Streten, T. Aherne, R. Morton, S. Owen, C. Watkins, R. Davies, G. Turner, B. Moore, G. Cummins, B. Mitchell each 4, L. Jones 3, S. Dunne 1.

**Other Matches.**—B. Streten 11, T. Aherne, G. Cummins, R. Morton, W. Shanks each 10, R. Davies, G. Turner each 9, J. Downie 8, S. Dunne, L. Jones each 7, C. Watkins 6, M. Cullen 5, B. Moore, B. Mitchell, P. MacEwan each 4, S. Owen, J. Pye each 3, J. Scott, J. Pemberton each 2, R. Baynham, L. Hall, R. Smith, A. McGuffie, R. Adamson, J. Groves, J. Adam, A. Taylor each 1.

**Football Combination.**—R. Baynham, J. Pemberton each 27, L. Hall 22, K. Hawkes 21, M. Cullen 18, J. Scott 17, A. Taylor 16, S. Dunne, A. McGuffie each 15, D. Allen, R. Smith each 4, B. Moore 13, J. Adam, P. MacEwan each 12, L. Jones, J. Downie each 11, H. McJarrow, T. Kelly each 9, J. Groves 8, E. Bennett, W. Dallas each 7, G. Cummins, W. Shanks, G. Turner each 5, B. Mitchell, D. Williams each 3, R. Adamson 2, R. Davies, S. Owen each 1.

**Combination Cup.**—T. Kelly, H. McJarrow each 13, L. Hall 12, J. Pemberton, R. Smith each 11, R. Davies 10, D. Allen 9, L. Jones, B. Moore each 7, R. Baynham, A. Taylor, G. Turner each 6, J. Adam, K. Hawkes, B. Streten, J. Scott each 5, E. Bennett 4, D. Williams 3, R. Adamson, T. Aherne, G. Cummins, J. Downie, W. Shanks each 2, M. Cullen, W. Dallas, S. Owen, A. McGuffie, B. Mitchell, A. Thompson each 1.

### GOAL-SCORERS

**The League, Division II.**—G. Turner 16, B. Mitchell, J. Downie each 12, J. Pye, G. Cummins each 4, R. Davies, B. Moore each 3, R. Morton, C. Watkins each 2, W. Shanks, J. Pemberton, H. McJarrow, J. Scott each 1, opponents 2.

**Cup-ties.**—G. Cummins 2.

**Other Matches.**—G. Turner 11, B. Mitchell 4, G. Cummins, R. Davies each 3, J. Pye, B. Moore each 2, J. Scott, C. Watkins, J. Downie, P. MacEwan, J. Groves each 1.

**Football Combination.**—P. MacEwan, J. Scott each 8, B. Moore 7, D. Allen, G. Turner each 6, J. Adam 5, M. Cullen 4, E. Bennett, J. Groves, B. Mitchell, J. Pemberton, A. Taylor each 3, J. Downie, H. McJarrow each 2, G. Cummins, L. Jones, A. McGuffie, W. Shanks, R. Smith each 1, opponents 3.

**Combination Cup.**—H. McJarrow 5, D. Allen, J. Scott, G. Turner each 3, J. Adam, G. Cummins each 2, R. Adamson, E. Bennett, J. Downie, R. Davies, L. Hall, L. Jones, B. Moore, J. Pemberton each 1.



## LUTON TOWN'S RECORD IN THE SECOND DIVISION

		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1937-38 ..	12th .....	42	15	10	17	89	86	40
1938-39 ..	7th .....	42	22	5	15	82	66	49
1946-47 ..	13th .....	42	16	7	19	71	73	39
1947-48 ..	13th .....	42	14	12	16	56	59	40
1948-49 ..	10th .....	42	14	12	16	55	57	40
1949-50 ..	17th .....	42	10	18	14	41	51	38
1950-51 ..	19th .....	42	9	14	19	57	70	32
1951-52 ..	8th .....	42	16	12	14	77	78	44
1952-53 ..	3rd .....	42	22	8	12	84	49	52
1953-54 ..	6th .....	42	18	12	12	64	59	48

## RECORD CROWDS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

F. A. Cup.—Luton Town v. Arsenal, March 8, 1952, 28,433; receipts, £6,159 12s. 6d.

Division II.—Luton Town v. Tottenham Hotspur, October 22, 1949, 27,319; receipts, £2,965 3s. 5d.

Division III (South).—Luton Town v. Coventry City, April 25, 1936, 23,142; receipts, £1,427 18s. 6d.

## SCORING RECORDS

On April 13, 1936, Joe Payne, of Luton Town, broke the League scoring record by scoring 10 goals against Bristol Rovers. In the following season, he scored 55 goals in 39 matches, to set up a new Southern Section record.

## MEN WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR LUTON

1920-21: H. Bailey, J. M. Watson, R. Abbott; G. Lennon, A. Tirrell, J. Semple, F. Hull, A. Reynolds, F. J. Hensman; A. Roe, T. Parker, W. Molyneux, J. W. Lamb, H. L. Cockerill, L. R. Bayliss, W. Walsh, P. Stewart; S. Hoar, H. Higginbotham, G. Butcher, F. W. P. Hill, E. Simms, A. Mathieson, L. Bookman, H. Sidney, J. Shankland, J. McKechnie, J. Bradley.

1921-22: H. Bailey, T. Gibbon; A. Tirrell, G. Lennon, R. C. Graham, F. Hull, J. Stephenson; J. H. Foster, A. Roe, J. R. Walker, W. Molyneux, T. Parker, W. Walsh, R. Millar; E. J. Bassett, S. Hoar, H. Higginbotham, S. Reid, E. Simms, A. Mathieson, G. Butcher, L. Bookman, H. Sidney, J. Hall, H. S. Jephson.

1922-23: T. Gibbon, H. Bailey, S. Bird; G. Lennon, A. Tirrell, J. Stephenson, R. Graham; W. Jennings, A. Roe, J. Walker, W. Molyneux, J. H. Foster, R. Millar, A. Brown, T. Parker; S. Hoar, G. Butcher, S. Reid, W. Clarkson, H. Higginbotham, R. Thompson, R. Hoten, T. Irvine, R. Reader, T. Cottingham, W. Henderson, C. Bonsall, J. Grubb.

1923-24: T. Gibbon, J. Orr, W. Shepherd; R. Anderson, R. C. Graham, J. Pearson, A. Tirrell, J. Till; J. H. Foster, W. Jennings, R. Millar, W. Molyneux, A. Roe, J. R. Walker; S. Hoar, W. Henderson, G. Butcher, J. Green, A. Kerr, S. Reid, R. V. Hoten, C. Bonsall, C. Danskin.

1924-25: G. H. Brookes, J. Orr; A. Anderson, R. C. Graham, J. Johnson, J. Till; T. Davies, W. Jennings, R. Millar, J. Mills, A. Roe, J. R. Butcher, E. S. Cockle, W. Keen, J. Shankley, A. Kerr, S. Reid, R. W. Tricker (amateur), R. V. Hoten, A. Brown, G. T. Dennis.

1925-26: H. Mingay, H. Purdy, R. Anderson, R. Graham, J. Till, S. Bedford, G. Richards, W. Jennings, J. R. Walker, R. Millar, S. Neal, A. Rennie, H. Roe, J. Miller, H. Moffat, N. Thomson, J. Shankley, S. Reid, J. Thompson, S. Littlewood, T. Love, W. Agnew, H. Rogers, G. Dennis, F. Robinson.

1926-27: W. Harper, W. E. Kaine, H. Mingay; R. C. Graham, J. Harkness, R. Kingham, R. M. Moir, D. Richards, J. Till, C. Wolstenholme; J. R. Black, C. R. Fraser, J. Fulton, J. Gordon, R. Millar, A. Rennie; W.



Agnew, J. Clark, G. Dennis, R. Gillespie, H. Keeling, A. S. Nunn, F. Panther, J. Pointon, S. Reid, N. Thomson, J. T. Thompson, E. Turner, H. Woods, J. Yardley.

1927-28: H. Abbott, J. Muir, P. Spence; R. C. Graham, J. Harkins, R. Kingham, D. Richards, J. Till; J. R. Black, C. R. Fraser, J. Fulton, J. Gordon, J. Lumsden, R. Millar, J. Ramage, J. Reynolds; J. Banks, A. S. Davies, G. T. Dennis, R. G. Galloway, A. S. Nunn, F. G. Panther, J. Pointon, J. Reid, S. Reid, A. Rennie, J. Sutton, H. Woods, J. Yardley.

1928-29: H. Abbott, C. S. Banes, P. Spence; W. Curwen, R. Kingham, R. Graham, B. Harris, R. Haggerty, D. Richards; J. R. Black, J. Bodsworth, A. Clark, J. Donnelly, A. Forbes, C. R. Fraser, J. Fulton, R. Lumsden, R. Miller, J. Reynolds; L. Bedford, W. Birch, R. Boylen, A. Craigie, J. Daly, G. T. Dennis, A. Hutchin, A. S. Nunn, A. Rennie, T. Roe, J. Scott, W. Sheldon, W. Vaughan, A. V. Walters, W. Winnell, H. Woods, J. Yardley.

1929-30: C. S. Banes, G. B. Harford; F. G. Barber, W. Curwen, R. Kingham, D. Richards, E. Smith, R. Walker; J. R. Black, A. Clark, C. R. Fraser, J. Fulton, E. W. H. Gale, R. Millar, F. G. Morgan, A. Smeaton; L. Bedford, W. Birch, R. Boylen, W. Brown, J. Daly, J. Drinnan, A. Harwood, A. Hutchinson, W. McInnes, A. Rennie, W. J. Rickett, W. Sheldon, W. Winnell, H. Woods, J. Yardley.

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1946-47: N. L. Bywater, B. R. Streten, G. E. Duke, M. Morrison, J. Palmer; W. Cooke, D. Beach, L. Lake, J. Sanderson; F. Soo, H. E. Gager, D. Gardiner, G. Brice, G. Goodyear, S. Kettley, R. Morton, J. Thompson, C. Garner, L. Hall; W. L. Waugh, A. Steen, A. Driver, H. J. Billington, E. J. Duggan, W. Bates, W. Wallbanks, M. Daniel, E. Connelly, W. Shanks, R. Hacking, D. Duncan, H. Lee, S. High, A. F. Scott, J. Ball.

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1948-49: B. R. Streten, G. E. Duke, I. Hughes; W. Cooke, J. Wilson, T. Aherne, L. Lake, D. Lindsay, J. Mulvaney; D. Gardiner, L. Hall, S. Owen, W. Gipton, W. Collins, R. Morton, C. Watkins, R. Ruffett, N. Day, J. Pemberton; P. Small, S. Nelson, W. Shanks, C. Burtenshaw, R. Brennan, J. W. Arnison, W. Burtenshaw, T. Kiernan, M. Daniel, E. J. Duggan, W. L. Waugh, J. Taylor, J. O'Brien, L. Lawton, N. Ronson, L. Slatter, A. Stevenson.

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1950-51: B. R. Streten, I. Hughes, D. Williams, E. Stibbards; W. Cooke, T. Aherne, L. Lake, J. Wilson, L. Jones, J. Pemberton, J. Thompson, A. Thompson, S. Dunne; C. Watkins, S. Owen, W. Shanks, P. McAuley, R. Morton, G. Turner, L. Hall, R. Smith, T. Kelly, W. Aherne, T. Wheeler, J. Whent, D. Gardiner, R. Horner; G. Stobbart, J. Taylor, B. Moore, W. Davie, W. Havenga, R. Wyldes, A. Taylor, M. Cullen, J. Groves, P. Baxter, A. Glover, J. Jinks, L. Lawton, L. Slatter, J. Stranaghan, W. Arnison, C. Corten, N. Ronson, R. Davies.

1951-52: B. R. Streten, R. Baynham, D. Williams, E. Stibbards; W. Cooke, T. Aherne, S. Dunne, L. Jones, J. Pemberton, A. Thompson, K. Hawkes; R. Morton, T. Kelly, W. Miller, S. Owen, L. Hall, C. Watkins, W. Shanks, R. Smith; T. Wheeler; R. Davies, M. Cullen, G. Turner, G. Stobbart, J. Scott, J. Groves, H. McJarrow, B. Moore, J. Taylor, D. Sexton, A. Taylor, W. Davie, D. Allen, B. Mitchell, W. Havenga, R. Wyldes.

1952-53: B. R. Streten, R. Baynham, D. Williams; L. Jones, S. Dunne, W. Cooke, T. Aherne, J. Pemberton, K. Hawkes, A. Thompson, J. Folwell; R. Morton, T. Kelly, W. Miller, S. Owen, L. Hall, W. Dallas, R. Bell, C. Watkins, W. Shanks, R. Smith; R. Davies, M. Cullen, E. Bennett, G. Turner, J. Groves, J. Pye, B. Moore, D. Sexton, H. McJarrow, G. Bradley, J. Scott, D. Allen, B. Mitchell, A. Taylor, N. Brown.

1953-54: B. R. Streten, R. Baynham, D. Williams; L. Jones, T. Aherne, S. Dunne, J. Pemberton, K. Hawkes, A. Thompson, J. Folwell; R. Morton, T. Kelly, W. Miller, S. Owen, L. Hall, W. Dallas, R. Bell, C. Watkins, W. Shanks, R. Smith; R. Davies, M. Cullen, E. Bennett, G. Turner, B. Moore, J. Downie, J. Groves, J. Pye, H. McJarrow, G. Bradley, J. Scott, D. Allen, P. MacEwan, G. Cummins, B. Mitchell, R. Adamson, A. Taylor, N. Brown, J. Adam, A. Loasby.



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## LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shefford Town	28	23	3	2	96	30	49
Baldock Town	28	20	3	5	84	34	43
Wootton Blue Cross	28	18	4	6	101	62	40
Amphill Town	28	16	5	7	72	49	37
Potton United	28	13	7	8	92	80	33
Biggleswade Town	28	14	4	10	69	55	32
Arlesey Town	28	14	4	10	83	67	32
Cranfield United	28	12	4	12	69	63	28
Kent's Athletic	28	10	3	15	60	74	23
Bedford Corinthians	28	7	6	15	55	85	20
Dunstable Town	28	9	1	18	62	83	19
Letchworth Town	28	8	2	18	51	79	18
Histon	28	6	6	16	51	87	18
Pear-tree O.B.	28	7	4	17	47	81	18
AC-Delco	28	4	2	22	47	110	10

### DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stotfold	30	22	1	7	90	30	45
Marston Shelton	30	21	3	6	89	38	45
Vauxhall Motors	30	19	4	7	95	49	42
Electrolux	30	17	6	7	93	56	40
B'etchley B.B.O.B.	30	14	6	10	79	64	34
Tickford Sports	30	16	2	12	93	97	34
Skefko Athletic	30	14	5	11	79	83	33
Langford	30	13	4	13	74	70	30
Eaton Bray United	30	14	2	14	87	85	30
Arlesey Town	30	12	4	14	67	76	28
B'etchley L.M.S.	30	11	4	15	70	75	26
Percival Athletic	30	7	8	15	64	104	22
Leighton United	30	7	7	16	56	92	21
Waterlow's	30	9	2	19	65	96	20
Houghton Rangers	30	7	1	22	61	90	15
Queen's Works	30	6	3	21	49	107	15

# SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE—Continued

## DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Davis Athletic	30	24	6	0	125	31	54
Elstow Abbey	30	20	5	5	110	51	45
Baldock Town	30	21	2	7	115	40	44
Rootes Sports	30	16	9	5	81	48	41
Bedford St. Cuthbert's	30	16	5	9	61	47	37
Kent's Athletic	30	16	3	11	83	65	35
Wootton Blue Cross	30	16	2	12	86	73	34
Stewartby Works	30	12	7	11	64	50	31
Flitwick Athletic	30	13	5	12	90	72	31
Bedford North End	30	9	6	15	52	80	24
Lynton Works	30	8	7	15	58	79	23
AC-Delco	30	8	4	18	50	91	20
Pear-tree O.B.	30	6	5	19	47	85	17
Marston Shelton	30	6	5	19	29	100	17
Britannia Works	30	5	4	21	45	120	14
Cranfield United	30	4	5	21	33	97	13

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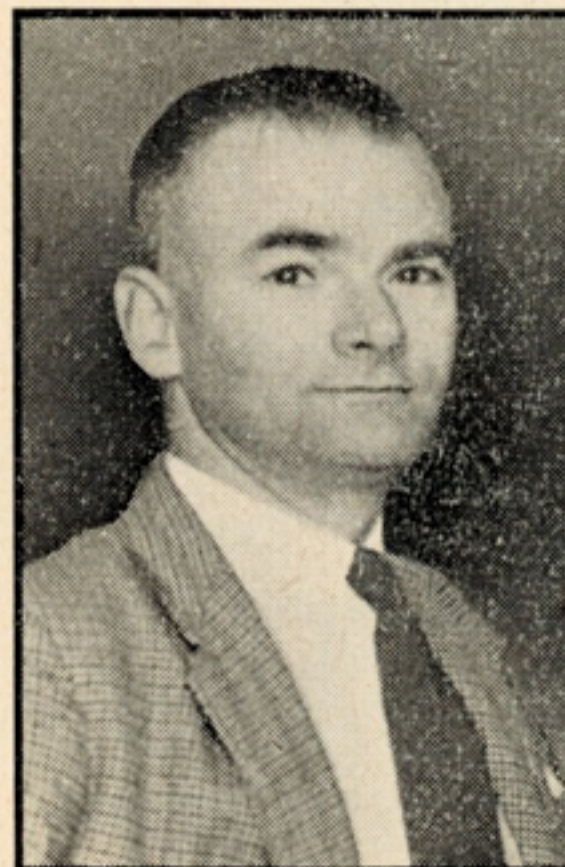
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**DALLY DUNCAN** (team manager). Gained fame for himself as a great player, and has now built up a reputation for being a shrewd, proficient manager by his part in making the Town the power they have been in the Second Division these last three seasons. Promotion to Division I remains as his first ambition, and he hopes that it will be achieved in this, his eighth season as team manager. Came to Luton in 1946 from Derby County as player-coach, was appointed player-manager on the departure of George Martin, and finally brought his playing career to an end during the 1947-48 season. Held down the outside-left position in Scotland's team for a long spell and toured America and Canada with them. His career was crowned when he earned a Cup-winner's medal with Derby County.

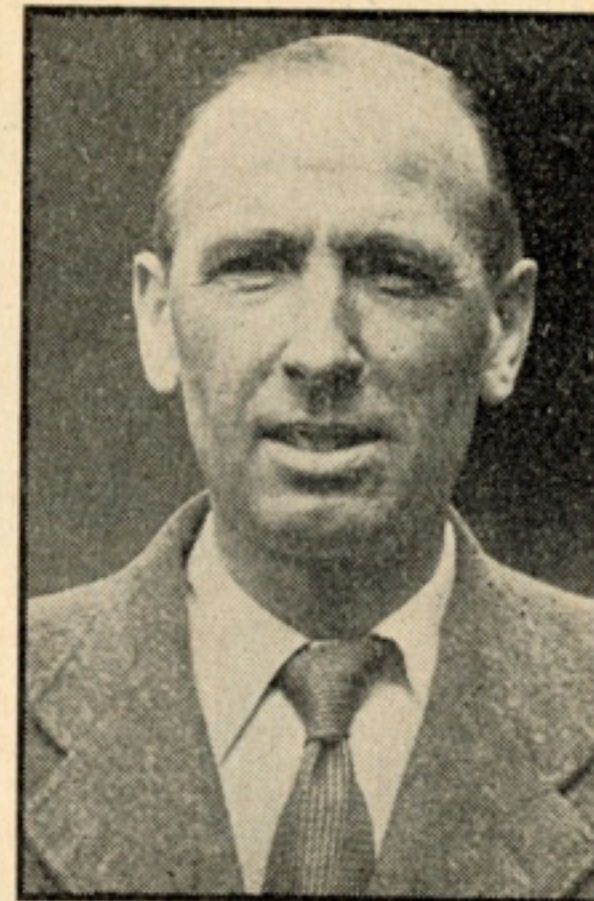


**PHIL COLEY** (secretary). New back to full health after having been worried by appendix trouble for a long time, and he at last found the time to have an operation during the close season between two of the drawn-out series of meetings of shareholders. Came to the Town eight years ago without previous experience of the running of a League club, but soon settled into the way of things and the secretarial side of things, with its manifold problems, is accomplished in a highly-efficient manner. Takes a keen interest in local football, in which he has served in an administrative capacity. Like many others on the Town's staff, he comes from the north-east of England, but has been in Luton for many years.



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**TIM KELLY** (assistant team manager and coach). Has now had two full seasons in this full-time capacity and has had the satisfaction of seeing all the club's teams reap a highly-satisfactory measure of success during this period. Previously, he served the Town in a part-time capacity as coach while retaining his employment with Vauxhall Motors, for whom he played after he ended his professional career with Fulham. Before he joined the paid ranks, he earned Irish amateur International caps. A most proficient and successful coach, he is still on the Football Association's panel. Spends a lot of time with the younger players on the Town's books, pinpointing their faults and trying to remedy them.



**HARRY WRIGHT** (trainer). A comparative newcomer to the staff, for he joined only last January after the departure of Ralph Hann to Derby County. Came to the Town from Walsall, and was recommended by Dally Duncan, whose team-mate he was at Derby County. With them, Harry had a longish spell during his playing career as a goalkeeper, his other clubs being Charlton Athletic, Aldershot and Colchester United. He was the Colchester goalkeeper during their phenomenal Cup run before they gained election to the Football League. A qualified F.A. coach, he had a season in Norway and then went as trainer-coach to Guildford City, after which he held a similar position with St. Albans City.



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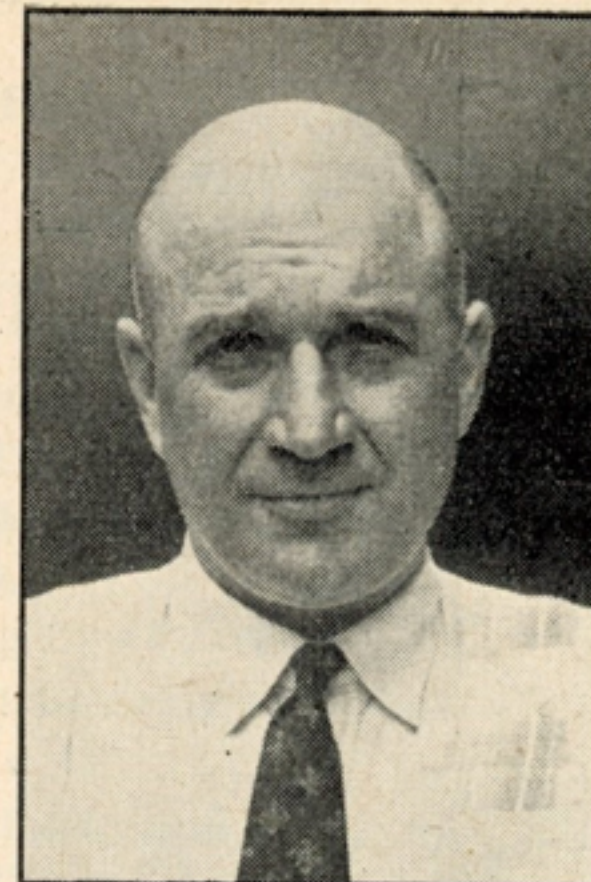
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**TOM MACKEY (trainer).** Needs no introduction to anybody, for he has been at Kenilworth-road for over 20 years and was rewarded for his long and faithful service with a benefit cheque during last season. It was in 1932 that the Town secured him as a centre-half from Sheffield Wednesday, and after a spell there he settled down as a most reliable, strong right-back. In this position he earned a promotion medal when the Town reached the Second Division in 1937, but a year later he hung up his boots to join the training staff. Despite the advance of time he is still fit enough to take an active part in the pre-season hectic spell of training. Comes from Cassop, and his first professional club was Hartlepool United. Has another string to his bow these days, for he keeps an inn at Silsoe.



**JOHN SANDERSON (groundsman).** Often enough the weather makes his a heart-breaking job, and it takes a deal of heavy, hard work to keep the pitch in reasonable trim throughout the winter. For him, it is an all-around-the-year task, for the close season is an important time, and he performs the annual "miracle" of bringing the badly-worn pitch around to perfection in the short time that is available to him. When a knee injury cut short his playing career with the Town, John looked around for a means of keeping in touch with football, and found it when he was offered this job. Quickly he learned what was required, and this softened the blow that the ending of his active career must have been to him. A full-back, he was with Wolves, to whom the Town paid a considerable fee soon after the war.



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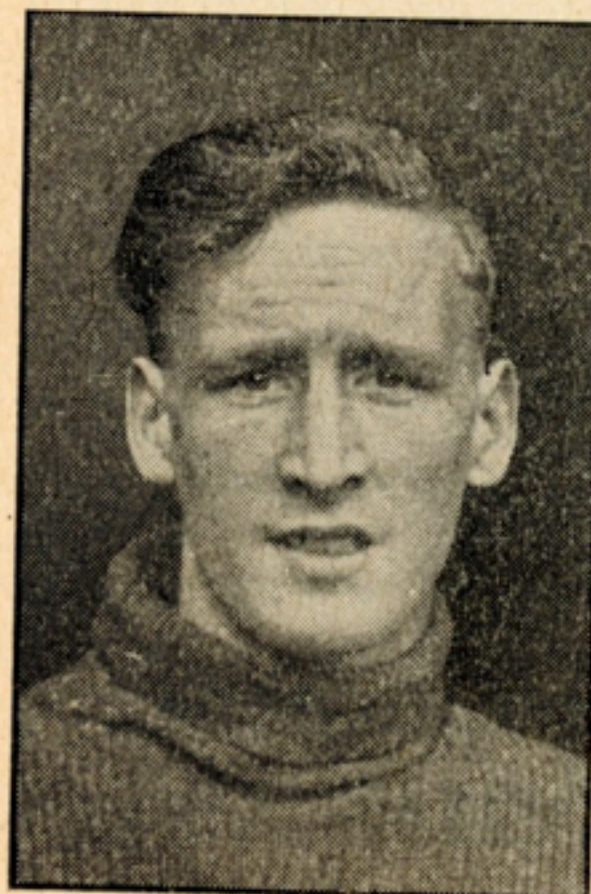
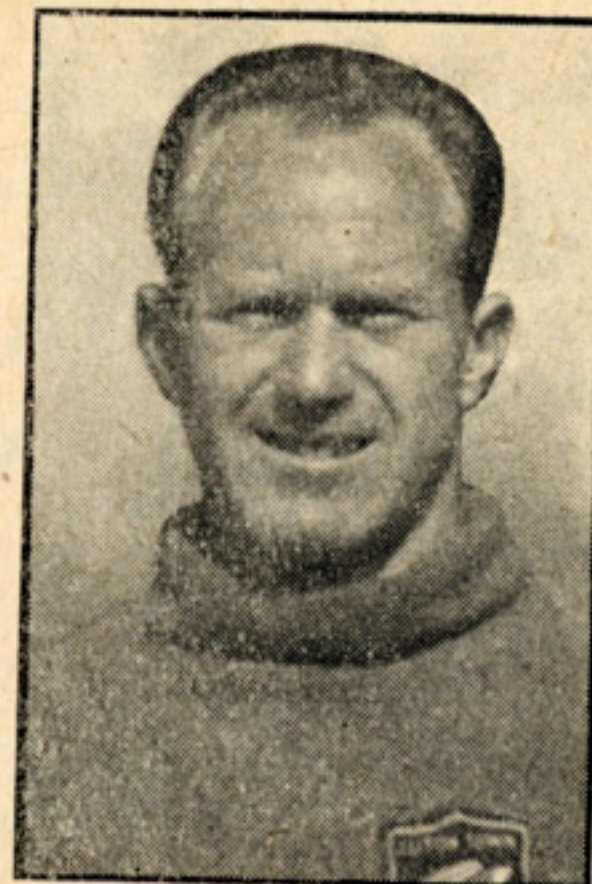
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**BERNARD STRETEN** (goal-keeper). Played as brilliantly and as confidently as ever last season, when he missed only five League matches and appeared in all the Cup-ties. His tally of League appearances for the Town now amounts to 237—a post-war record for the Club—and so consistent was he last season that many people thought he was rather unlucky not to be among the four goalkeepers who went on England's European tour. One of the comparatively few players to be capped as an amateur and to gain full honours as well, Streten has spent all his professional career with the Town and, in the first place, he joined them as an amateur from Shrewsbury Town, then in the Midland League. At that time he was a regular in the R.A.F.



**RON BAYNHAM** (goalkeeper). The "man in possession" during the latter part of the season before last, and he began in the first team last August, when he was one of those dropped after the sensational 4-4 draw with Oldham Athletic. Came back again and was just re-establishing himself when injury laid him aside, and the opportunity did not come his way again. A fine, safe goalkeeper whose services several other League clubs would welcome, and among those who were angling for his transfer last season were Arsenal. Thinking of the future, the Town refused to part with him, and he will again be a challenger for a senior team place this season. Birmingham-born, he came to the fore with Worcester City in the Southern League.



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**LESLIE JONES (right back).** Shared the job in the first team almost equally with Seamus Dunne, but was the regular choice in the second half of the season, when he came close to earning a Welsh cap. The Welsh F.A. went so far before one of their matches as to ask the Town if they were prepared to release the player. On that basis, plus the fact that Jones is still in his early twenties, International recognition should not be far away. He was born in Mountain Ash, but has spent nearly all his life in Luton, and attracted notice when playing for Craig Athletic in Luton and South Beds League. Splendidly built for the job, he has two good feet and always endeavours to make use of the ball.



**SEAMUS DUNNE (right back).** One of three Eire Internationals on the Town books, he has been capped in each of the last two seasons. Has always faced strong competition for the right-back position, but, even so, has made 50 Second Division appearances in the last two campaigns. Made his first team debut against West Ham on Boxing Day, 1951, and did so well that he remained in the first team for 14 consecutive matches. A hard-fighting player who has the great asset of being very quick in recovery, and he never knows when he is beaten. Before beginning his senior career with Drogheda United and, later, Shelbourne, to whom the Town paid a big fee for a comparatively inexperienced player, Dunne played for the Eire Youth XI.



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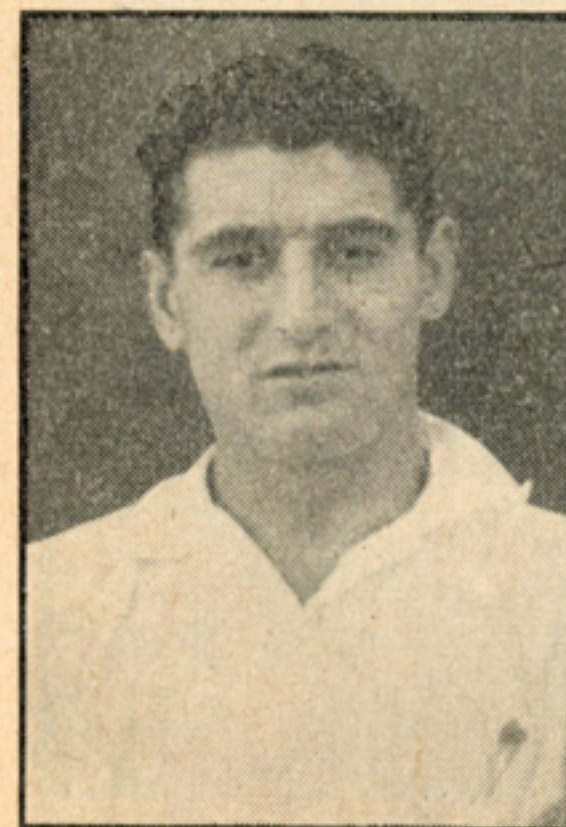
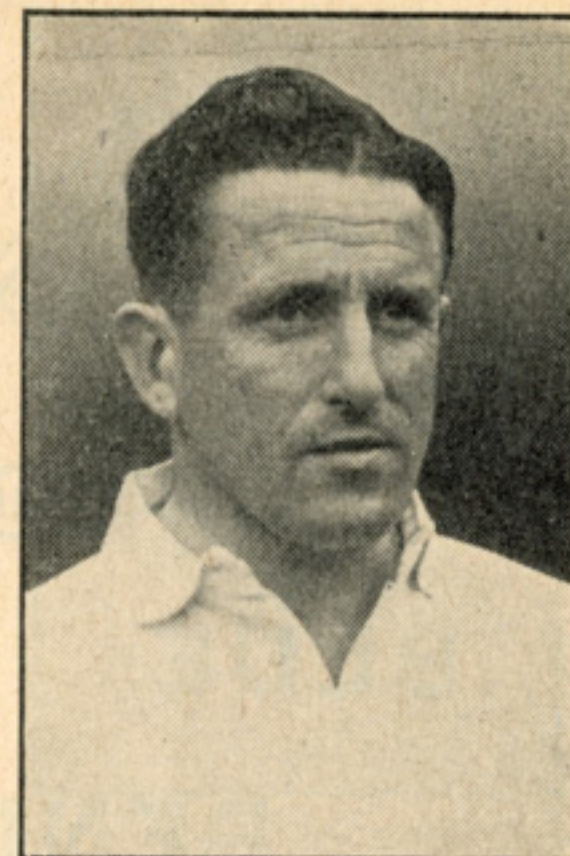
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**BUD AHERNE (left back).** A great-hearted player who has made 178 Second Division appearances for the Town, and, judging from the consistent form he showed last season, is good for a great many more. Luton picked him up at what proved to be the bargain basement price of £8,000 from the now defunct Belfast Celtic, most famous of the Irish League teams, and he qualified for a well-earned benefit towards the end of last season. Has been much in demand for representative matches and has played for Eire and Ireland since joining the Town. Last season he gained one Eire cap, but he deserved others on his displays. Is regarded as Owen's deputy for the captaincy, and led the side on a number of occasions last season.



**JIM PEMBERTON (left back).** Goes down for that position, but though he regards it as his best, he had spells in other berths, particularly at left-half for the Reserves, and he showed fine constructive skill. Played there in the senior side, too, as well as having outings at left-back and inside-right. One of the most useful players on the books, for he can turn in a good display anywhere, and he takes all the switches that come his way with the utmost cheerfulness. During the latter part of the season before last he was a regular for left-back, but lost that on the return of Aherne and had to be satisfied with only four League appearances last term. It is over six years since he came to Kenilworth-road from Stourbridge and he has had a benefit.





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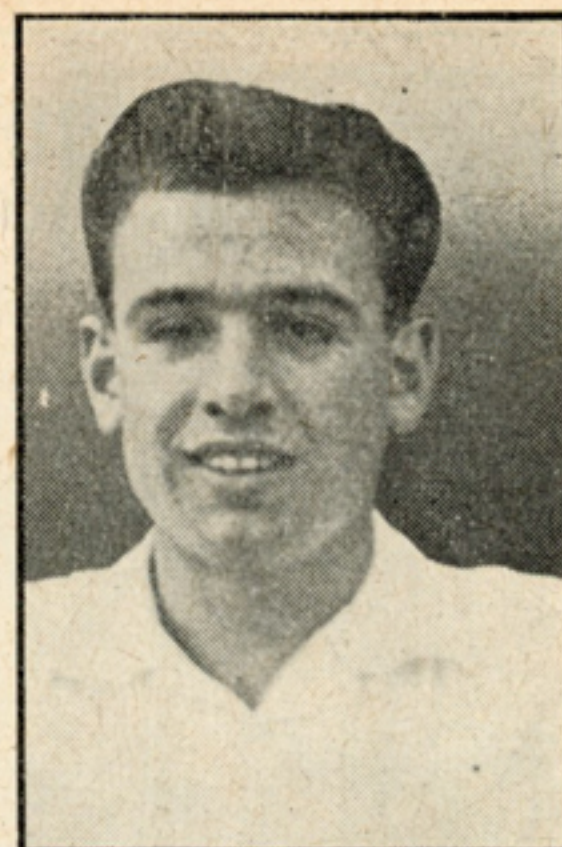


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**KEN HAWKES (left back).** Made considerable strides last season after being demobilised from the Army, and felt the benefit of full-time training to such an extent that he held down a regular place in the Reserve team for the greater part of the season. Was one of those who qualified for a runners-up medal in the Football Combination. Only 21, he is a solid, hard-tackling full back who has a real chance to make a name for himself in the game. One of the considerable north-eastern contingent at Kenilworth-road, he was spotted when playing for Shotton Colliery Welfare and made a big impression when playing a trial in a mid-week match. So well did he shape that he was put into the Combination side the following Saturday and offered terms as a professional.



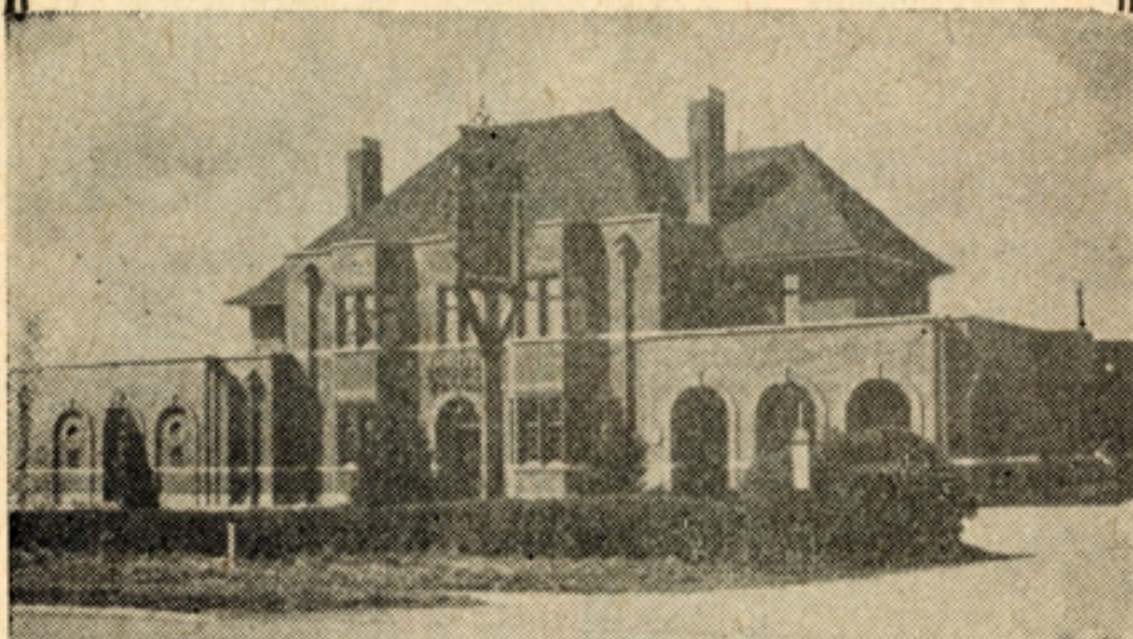
**ALAN THOMPSON (left back).** Unlucky enough last season to have his progress retarded by a serious injury that involved a fractured bone and which kept him out of the game for four months. Took time to regain his confidence, naturally, and figured mostly in the Metropolitan League team. With a summer's rest behind him he should be bidding for a place in the Reserves again. He is a local who made a name for himself with West Park and has been on the Town's books for quite a long spell. Because the Club have always been well covered for the full-back position he has not had so many chances as his ability deserved at times, but, if he can regain his earlier form, he should not lack opportunities.



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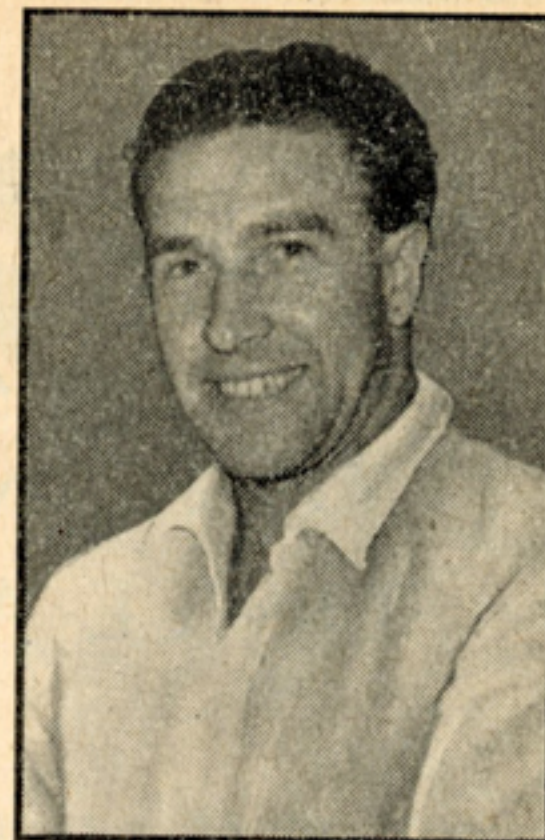
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**BOB MORTON (right-half).** During the past two or three seasons Bob has earned the tag of being one of the strongest and most consistent wing-halves in the Second Division, and there have been times when good judges have wondered why the England selectors have ignored his claims. Nearest he has been to honours so far is to play for an F.A. XI., and he was also in the Football Combination team that played in Holland last season. There were times last year when he was playing under the handicap of an injury, not serious enough to keep him out, but troublesome for all that. Yet he missed only two League games. Many times he was called upon to switch to centre-half as deputy for Owen. Bob is a local and a one-club man, for he has been with the Town since his teens.



**TERRY KELLY (right-half).** An attack of pneumonia soon after Christmas kept him out of football for some weeks, cost him his place in the Reserve team and deprived him of a Combination medal. Before that unfortunate experience he showed that he was gaining rapidly in experience and will be expected to make strides this campaign. There is still a feeling among Town officials that centre-half, the position for which he was signed from Vauxhall Motors, may prove to be his best in the end, and he played there for the "A" team on several occasions late in the season. Another local, he has a chance of making a name for himself in cricket, for he earned a first team place with the Town C.C. during the summer and had a trial run for Bedfordshire.



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**SID OWEN (centre-half).** For some years Town fans have felt that Owen is as good a player in this position as there is in the country, a fact which the England selectors acknowledged, somewhat belatedly, this summer, when he went on the Continental tour and played against Yugo-slavia and Hungary and was also a member of the World Cup team. In April he played for the Football League against the Scottish League, and 12 months previously he had been in the League side in Copenhagen. Has had seven seasons at Luton since Birmingham let him go for a moderate fee, and it was a shrewd move that converted him from a left-half to his present position, in which he has played many brilliant, dominating games for the Town, whom he captains.



**LESLIE HALL (centre-half).** Because of Owen's consistency, plus the fact that Morton has shown a real aptitude for the position, Hall's first team chances in the last few seasons have been somewhat limited, but, whenever he has been in, he has never let the side down. To his steadying influence much of the success of the Reserves, who were Combination (Division II) champions and Division I runners-up in consecutive years, can be traced, and he has been a grand servant to the Club, which he first joined in 1942. Nearly a local, for he hails from St. Albans, Hall has never taken up the game on a full-time basis, but has retained his job in St. Albans and does his training there in the evenings. Is captain of the Reserve team.



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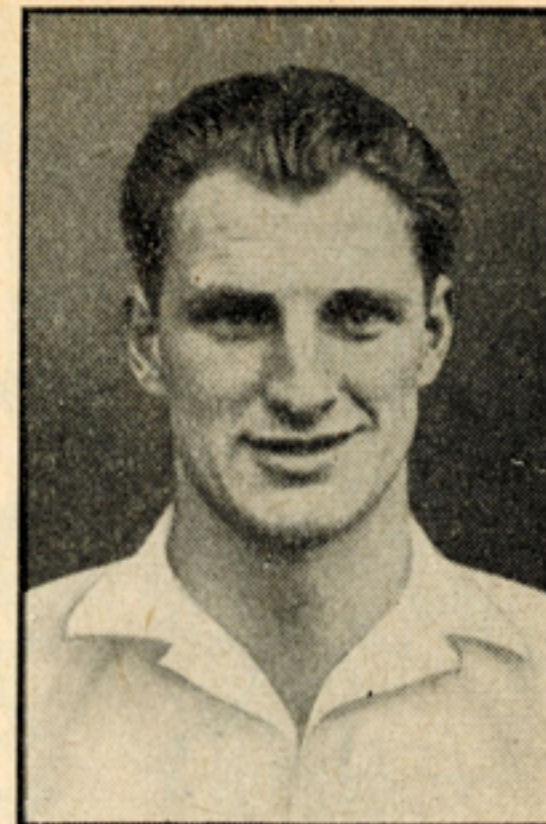
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**WILLIE DALLAS (centre-half).**  
One of the younger school who has  
to be content mainly with "A"  
team service, though he has done  
well when called upon by the  
Reserves, and showed distinct  
promise at right-back towards the  
end of last season. This is not  
the only position other than his  
own that Dallas has sampled, for  
he has had some experience at  
centre-forward, where his thrust  
and strength make him quite a  
lively, dangerous opponent. A  
splendidly-built player who came to  
the Town from a Glasgow junior  
club on the recommendation of  
Charlie Watkins, the Town feel  
that he will make the grade, and,  
with past experience behind him,  
more should be seen of him this  
season.



**RAYMOND BELL (centre-half).**  
Is unlikely to be available regularly  
this season, for he is due for  
National Service, and the Town  
will have to wait a while to see  
whether he will develop into the  
rugged type of centre-half they  
hoped he would when they signed  
him from Langley Juniors, a north-  
eastern club. Has had only one  
chance in the Reserves since he  
was signed and that was an un-  
fortunate day for him, for he was  
injured and spent half the match  
on the wing as a passenger. Was  
not in the Combination side at all  
last season, but did some sterling  
work for the "A" team, and he is  
one of the young players for whom  
the Town are prepared to wait and  
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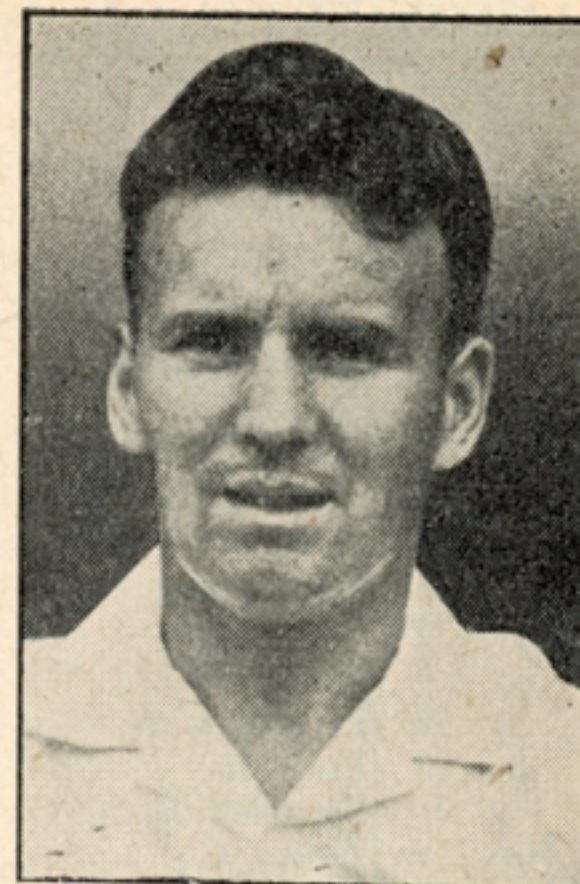
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**CHARLIE WATKINS (left-half).**

One of the six players on the books who have received maximum benefits from the Town and is third in line in the matter of League appearances with 207 to his credit in nearly six seasons. Was in tip-top form last season until an injury at the end of February laid him aside, and he did not play again. Muscle trouble, probably aggravated by playing on heavy grounds, was the reason for his long lay-off, and treatment continued well into the close season. However, Watkins hopes that there will be no recurrence and that he will be able to add substantially to his quota of appearances this season. A clever ball player who had a most successful spell at inside forward during the season before last. Watkins arrived at Luton from Glasgow Rangers.



**WALLY SHANKS (left-half).**

A fine, whole-hearted player who, because of the good form of Watkins, had spells out of the first team last season, but came in repeatedly on either flank to give splendid displays, and injury cost him other chances, too. Did not make his customary number of Cup-tie appearances, for he was on twelfth-man duty with the team throughout the series of matches with Blackpool, but when Watkins was injured he had his most regular spell and appeared in the last 11 League games. In all, he was in the first team 25 times and brought his total number of League outings for the Town to 157. Has had over seven seasons with the Club, which he joined originally on trial after a short spell with Chelsea, and it was Joe Payne who recommended him.





# LUTON TOWN F.C. 1st XI FIXTURES, 1954-55

## DIVISION II

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals		Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against				For	Against
1954					1955				
Aug. 21	Nottm. Forest	H (0—1)			Jan. 1	Ipswich T.	H (—)		
„ 24	Bury	A (1—0)			„ 8	F.A. Cup, Third Round			
„ 28	Ipswich T.	A (—)			„ 15	Birmingham C.	A (1—5)		
Sept. 1	Bury	H (3—2)			„ 22	Middlesbrough	H (—)		
„ 4	Birmingham C.	H (2—0)			„ 29	F.A. Cup, Fourth Round			
„ 8	Lincoln C.	A (1—1)			Feb. 5	Stoke C.	A (1—1)		
„ 11	Middlesbrough	A (—)			„ 12	Rotherham Utd.	H (1—1)		
„ 15	Lincoln C.	H (1—0)			„ 19	(5) Derby Co.	A (2—1)		
„ 18	Stoke C.	H (0—1)			„ 26	Bristol R.	H (1—1)		
„ 25	Rotherham Utd.	A (1—2)			Mar. 5	Plymouth A.	A (2—2)		
Oct. 2	Derby Co.	H (2—1)			„ 12	(6) Fulham	H (1—2)		
„ 9	Bristol R.	A (3—3)			„ 19	Swansea T.	A (1—1)		
„ 16	Plymouth A.	H (2—1)			„ 26	Notts Co.	H (2—1)		
„ 23	Fulham	A (1—5)			Apl. 2	Liverpool	A (—)		
„ 30	Swansea T.	H (2—0)			„ 8	Leeds Utd.	H (1—1)		
Nov. 6	Notts Co.	A (2—1)			„ 9	West Ham	H (3—1)		
„ 13	Liverpool	H (—)			„ 11	Leeds Utd.	A (1—2)		
„ 20	(1) West Ham	A (0—1)			„ 16	Blackburn R.	A (0—2)		
„ 27	Blackburn R.	H (2—1)			„ 23	Port Vale	H (—)		
Dec. 4	Port Vale	A (—)			„ 30	Doncaster R.	A (3—1)		
„ 11	(2) Doncaster R.	H (2—0)							
„ 18	Nottm. Forest	A (1—2)							
„ 25	Hull C.	H (3—1)							
„ 27	Hull C.	A (2—1)							

The figures in parentheses are results of corresponding matches last season. Middlesbrough and Liverpool take the places of Leicester C. and Everton, promoted to the First Division, and Ipswich T. and Port Vale replace Brentford and Gillingham Ath., relegated to Division III.

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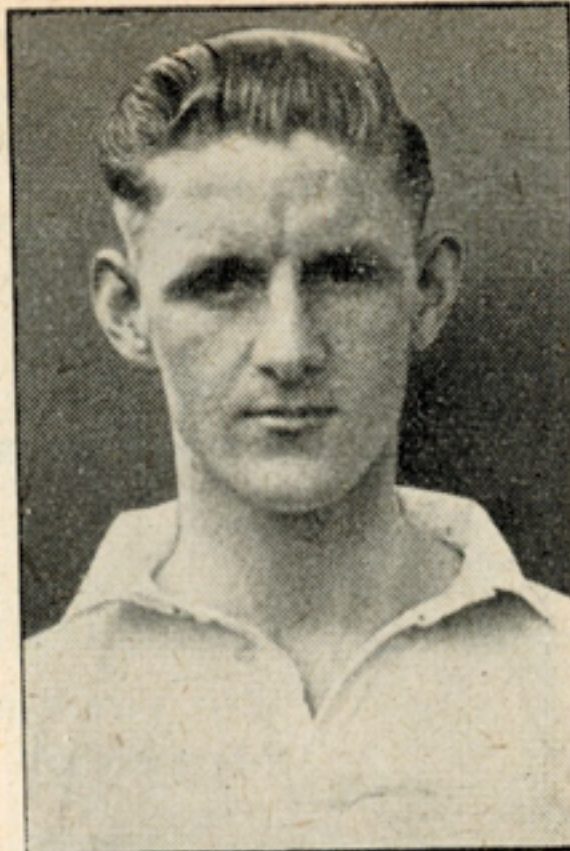
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**RAY SMITH (left-half).** In many ways, last season was an unlucky one for this forceful player, who, on the basis of his showing in the last match of the previous campaign, was expected to be a live contender for a first team place. Ear trouble worried him early on, and, when he was finding his true form, a knee injury set him back, with the result that the only first team service he got was in one friendly match. Nevertheless he played some grand games for the Reserves and was one of those who qualified for a runners-up medal. With better luck this season, he may again make a strong bid for League team recognition, and his rugged, hard tackling is one of his biggest assets. Has now completed four years service with the Town, who signed him from Evenwood Town.



**ROY DAVIES (outside-right).**

One of two South Africans on the Town's books, Davies, despite the fact that he has had to combat the handicap of severe injuries, has been the most successful occupant of this problem position for a very long time. Fast and direct, Davies is a worker who never hesitates to go back to challenge and to help the defence. A two-footed player, he has deputised ably for Mitchell on the other wing. During the summer he has been prominent in cricket circles when playing for Luton Town and Bedfordshire, and is the fastest bowler in the county. Came to this country originally for a trial with Manchester City, but eventually threw in his lot with Clyde, from whom the Town secured him, and he is now beginning his fourth season here.



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**MICHAEL CULLEN** (outside-right). Might very well have made more than eight appearances in the League team but for an injury in the home match with Birmingham, when he dislocated his shoulder, and that kept him out of the game for a longish spell. A member of the young Reserves' forward line, from which much is expected in the future, Cullen is a very clever manipulator of the ball who sometimes tends to hold up things by over-elaboration. At 22 he has quite considerable football experience behind him, and there seems no reason, with a little more directness, why he should not reach the top flight. Has been with the Town since he was 17, being signed from a Scottish junior club on the recommendation of Doug. Gardiner, then the Town's captain.



**GORDON TURNER** (inside-right). Was not always on the target with his shooting last season, when he had a period during which little would go right in his finishing, but, even so, he was the leading scorer with 16 League goals, and also scored 11 in friendly matches. Of the latter, seven were obtained during the Eire tour, when he scored three times in each of the games with Blackburn Rovers. Was one of the players who was asked to try to solve the problem left by the injury to Jesse Pye but did not settle down in the middle, for he is more suited to the open spaces at inside forward, and the experiment is unlikely to be repeated. Undoubtedly a match-winner, Turner, who was born at Doncaster and whose father played for the Rovers and Hull City, is a convert from right-half.



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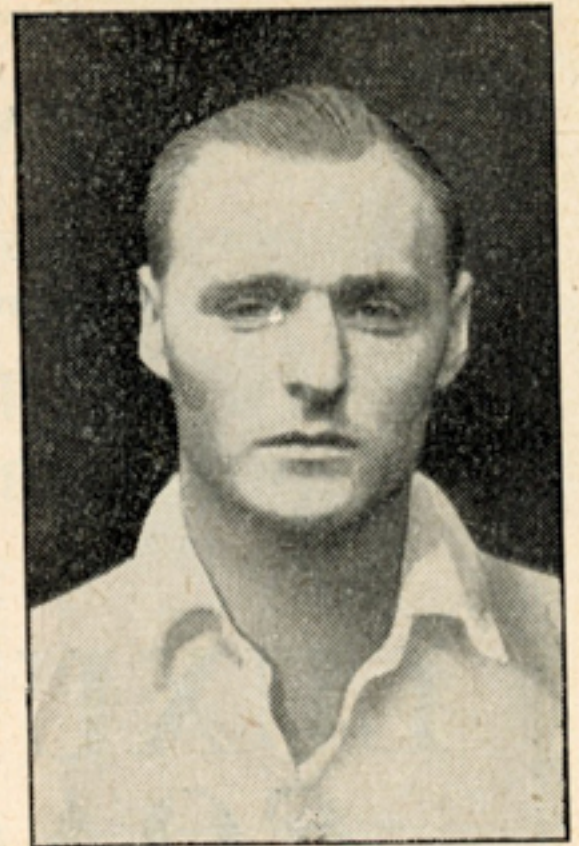
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**DEREK ALLEN** (inside-right). This industrious inside man made quite an advance last season when he gained a regular place in the reserve team and made sufficient appearances to qualify for a runners-up medal. Always working, he uses the ball well, too, and is usually there or thereabouts when goal-scoring chances crop up. First joined the Town as an amateur from Alton Town, for whom he was playing in the Hampshire League, although he was living in Luton. Gained Hampshire county honours, but signed for the Town later as a part-time professional and, eventually became full-time. A very useful player who can also take a turn at wing-half in an emergency.



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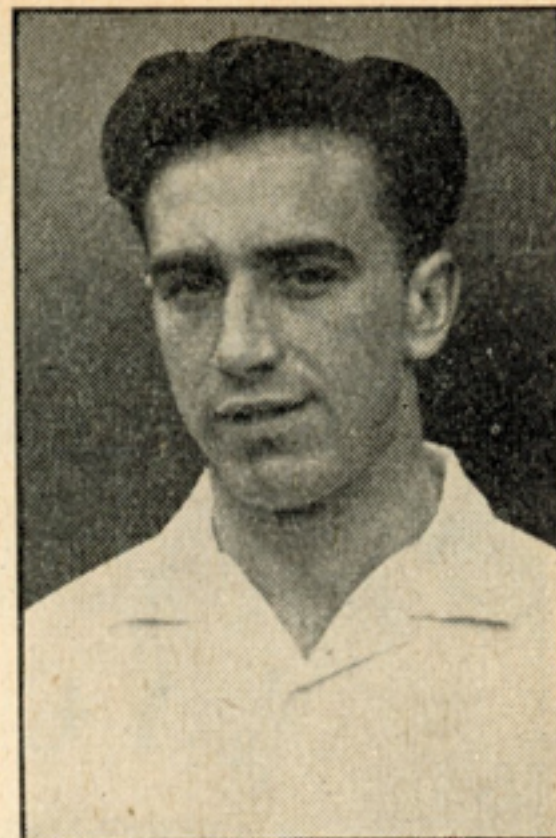
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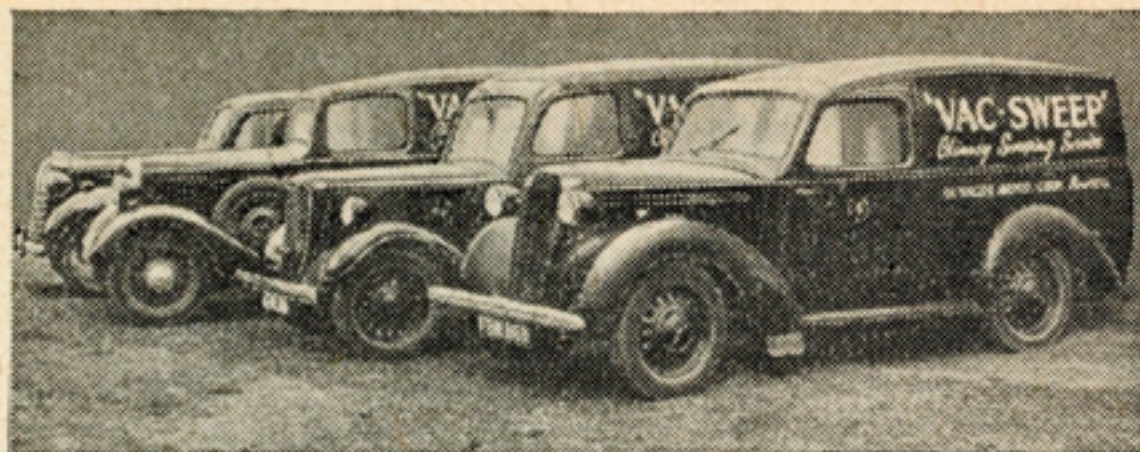
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**JOE SCOTT** (inside - right). Because he has been something of a wanderer so far as positions on the field are concerned, it is difficult to pin Scott down to one, but inside-right is the one he prefers. Yet, most of his first team outings have been either at outside-right or centre-forward in each of which he had a run last season. There were hopes that his dash and persistence would enable him to take over in the middle when Pye was injured, but he himself was injured during the Christmas programme and, afterwards, found his opportunities somewhat limited. Hails from the north-east and was signed by the Town for quite a substantial fee from Spennymoor. Before that, he had a spell with Newcastle United.



**JESSE PYE** (centre-forward). All Luton hopes that he will be able to make a quick come-back in the first team after his enforced lay-off since last December with a fractured ankle sustained at Oldham. Without him, the attack never functioned so smoothly and he was badly missed for the remainder of the season. Was passed as fit again just after the season ended and has continued his training throughout the summer. In the first season after joining the Town from Wolves, he equalled the club's Second Division record by scoring 28 goals. Born near Sheffield, he was with United for a short spell as a youth, but it was with Notts County that he came to the fore. After he went to Wolves, he gained England caps and earned a Cup-winners' medal.





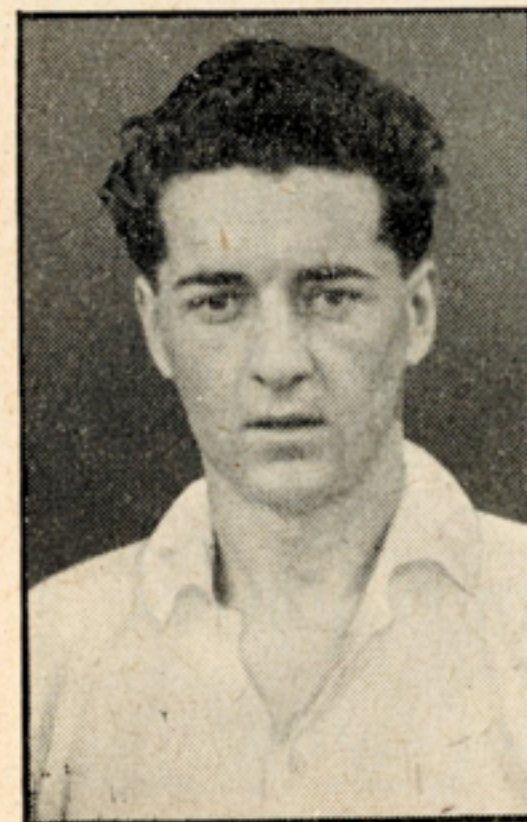
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**PETER MacEWAN** (centre-forward). A South African who had the somewhat unfortunate experience of leaving summer weather in his own country to come here in the middle of the iciest spell of our winter. Only 24 hours after arriving here he went into the Town's first team for their friendly match with Hajduk and did well enough in the first half to ensure his selection for the vital match at Leicester the following week. There he had a good match, but, in the next, faced quagmire conditions for the first time and then sampled Reserve football. In the Combination he scored two brilliant hat-tricks, and at 21 is a real prospect for the future. Had another first team outing at Leeds and went on the Eire tour. Was recommended by Billy Arnison.



**GEORGE CUMMINS** (inside-left). Third of the Town's Eire Internationals, who was capped for the first time last season after joining the Town from Everton for a fee verging on £12,000. Only 23, he could very easily develop into a really great player, for he has brilliant footwork, but tends to spoil much of his work by holding the ball too long and trying to beat one opponent too many. After an uncertain start he played some excellent games for the Town and, although he came with no sort of reputation as a marksman, obtained both their goals in the Cup-ties with Blackpool. His first goal for the Town was his first in League football. Is a real worker who does much fetching and carrying and, with last season's experience behind him, he might well be a brilliant success this term.





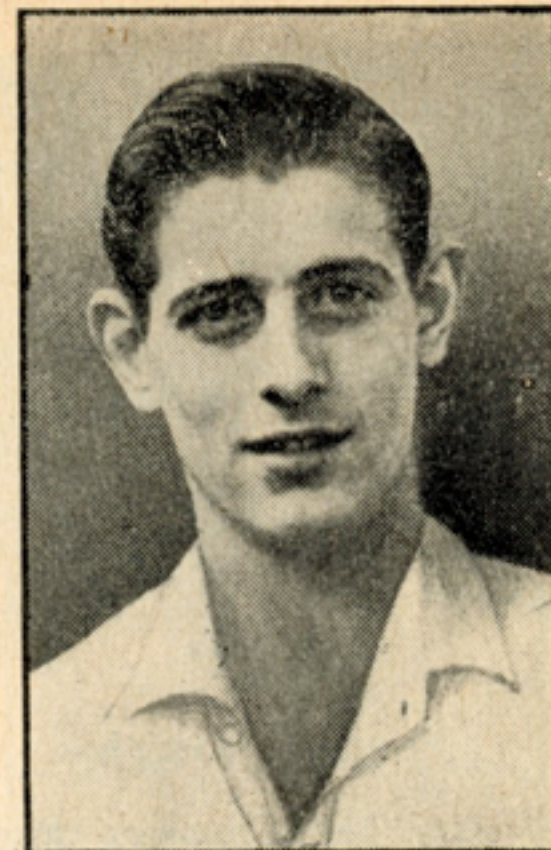
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**ALAN LOASBY** (inside - left). Signed as a part-time professional at the age of 17 only last April after playing for the Town's "B" and "A" teams for a considerable spell as an amateur. Comes from the Wellingborough district and played for Northants in the County Youth Championship. Is the nephew of a former Town centre-forward, Harry Loasby, and can also play in this position himself. In fact, he did lead the "A" team attack on occasion last season. He is another whose development will be a matter of a long-term policy.



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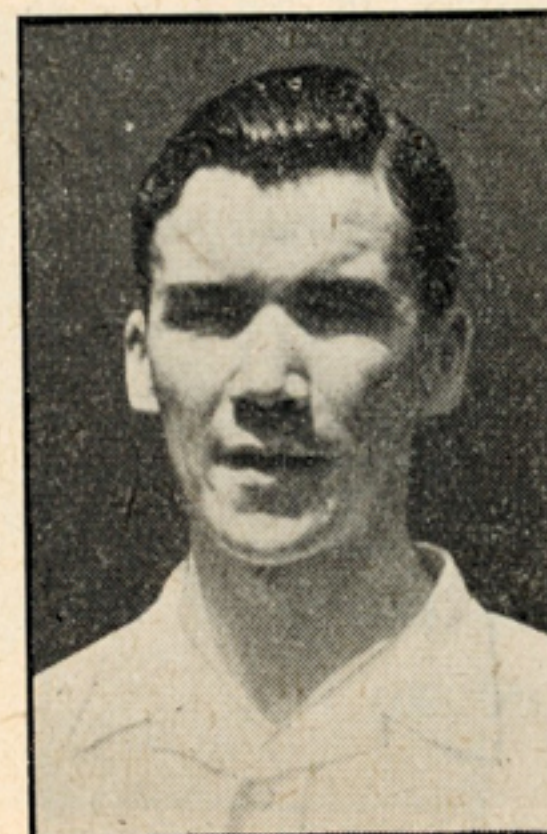
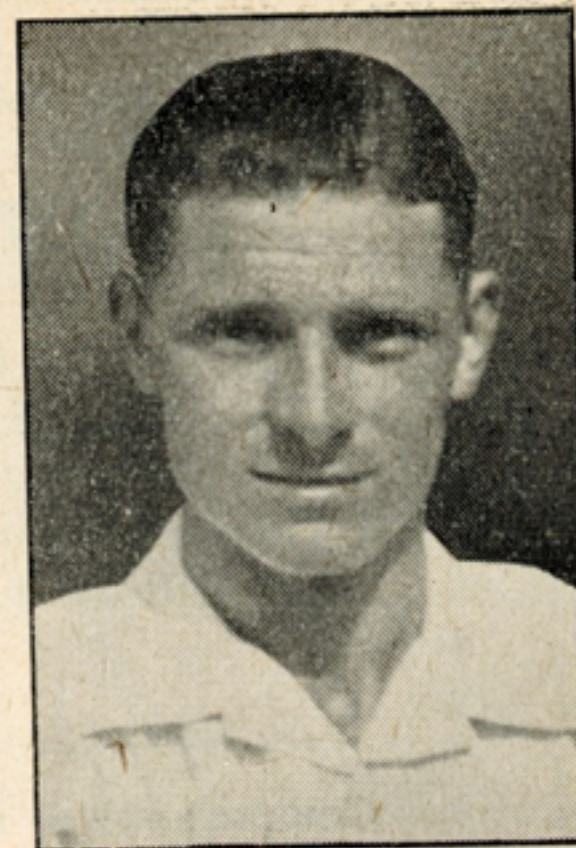
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**BERT MITCHELL (outside-left).** Had a most unlucky season, for, just before the start of it, he suffered the loss of his wife, who had been ill for some time, and he missed the opening games. Then he had a spell of ill-health himself and, naturally, in the circumstances, he took some time to settle down to his normal game. Yet he appeared in 30 Second Division games and, for the third season in succession, reached double figures in goals. During one stage he found the net in five consecutive matches, and is the most prolific scoring winger the Town have had for some time. A deadly hitter of the ball, he has yet to miss from the penalty spot since joining the Town from Northampton three years ago. Before that he was with Kettering, Blackburn Rovers and Stoke City.



**JIM ADAM (outside-left).** Did not have to wait long for his introduction to League football, for he went in as Mitchell's deputy in the first match of last season. Was one of several on whom the axe fell after that disappointing performance against Oldham, and had to wait until March for his next chance. His third came at Leeds when the Town re-cast their forward line, and his display in that match was his best of the three. A Scot, he arrived at Luton via Spennymoor, and it needed a lot of persuasion to induce him to join Luton. A couple of Scottish clubs and several English managers were keen to sign him, but the Town's perseverance paid in the end and the North-Eastern League club collected a four-figure fee.



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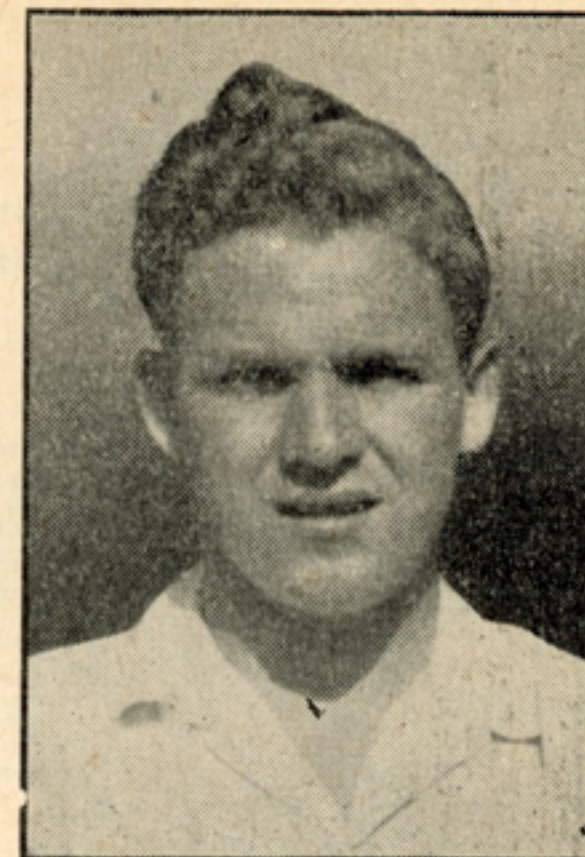
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**ARTHUR TAYLOR** (outside-left). Had a mixed sort of fourth season with the Club, for he had first team chances early on, of which he did not make quite the use expected and, afterwards, had to be content with service in the Reserve and "A" teams. He was one of those who gained a runners-up medal but, on the whole, did not make the progress expected. In the previous season he made a sensational debut in the senior side by scoring with his first kick of the ball in the Cup-tie with Blackburn Rovers and scored twice in the first 17 minutes. When he was signed originally from Glentoran, the Irish League club, for quite a substantial fee, he was an inside-forward, but was converted fairly quickly into a winger, where he showed go-ahead notions and some powerful shooting.



**NEVILLE BROWN** (outside-left). The Town will have to wait a little while to discover what progress this winger has made, for he has been with the Army in the Middle East for the last 12 months, and, of course, made only a handful of appearances in the "A" team last season. Is expected to be demobilised in a matter of weeks, and then the Town are hoping that he will show that he has developed the high promise he displayed when they signed him from Histon Institute, for whom he was playing in the Spartan League. During his time as an amateur he was a member of Cambridgeshire's team in the Southern Counties Amateur Championship, and he has the build and the natural ability to make the grade as a professional.



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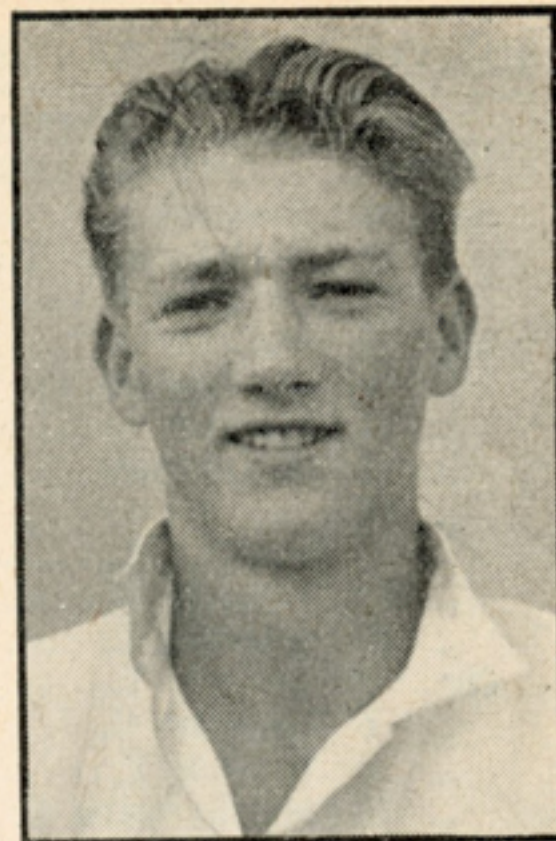
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**ALWYN McGUFFIE** (wing-half).

In the normal course, amateurs do not appear in this picture gallery, but young McGuffie has earned inclusion by his sterling displays for the Reserves during their successful season. For one so young he shows remarkable ability, for he is a natural ball player whose distribution of the ball is so accurate that it would do justice to a player with far more experience than he has. At 16½ he was holding down a regular place in the Combination team, and the Town would have liked to sign him as a professional immediately after his seventeenth birthday. This offer McGuffie declined, however, but he re-signed as an amateur, and his progress will be closely watched. A Scot from Glasgow, he was brought here by Charlie Watkins, and he is apprenticed at a local works.



**BOB READHEAD** (in charge of "A" team). Much of the smoothness with which the "A" team has been run since they first joined the Metropolitan League has been due to the unremitting work of Bob Readhead, who has been associated with the Club on a part-time basis for 24 years. There are times when difficulties crop up, especially in the constitution of the team when the injured list is lengthy, but, consistently, the Town "A" gain a highly-respectable position in the League table, despite the fact that the vast majority of their matches have to be played on opponents' grounds. A popular figure in Metropolitan League circles, Bob has been a member of the Management Committee since 1950 and was re-elected for the coming year.



# LUTON TOWN F.C. 2nd XI FIXTURES, 1954-55

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against
1954 COMBINATION CUP				
Aug. 25	Coventry C.	H		
„ 28	Northampton T.	H		
„ 30	Coventry C.	A		
Sept. 4	Watford	A		
„ 8	Birmingham C.	H		
„ 11	Watford	H		
„ 15	Birmingham C.	A		
„ 18				
„ 22	Norwich C.	A		
„ 25	Leicester C.	A		
„ 29	Norwich C.	H		
Oct. 2	Ipswich T.	A		
„ 6	Leicester C.	H		
„ 9	Ipswich T.	H		
„ 14	Northampton T.	A		
FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIVISION I				
Oct 16	Charlton Ath.	A		
„ 23	Norwich C.	H		
„ 30	Bournemouth	A		
Nov. 6	Arsenal	H		
„ 13	West Ham	A		
„ 20	Coventry C.	H		
„ 27				
Dec. 4	Portsmouth	H		
„ 11	Tottenham H.	A		

# FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against
" 18	Birmingham C.	H		
" 25	Norwich C.	A		
" 27	Bristol C.	A		
<b>1955</b>				
Jan. 1	Brighton	A		
" 8	Charlton Ath.	H		
" 15	Cardiff C.	H		
" 22	Portsmouth	A		
" 29	Millwall	H		
Feb. 5	West Ham	H		
" 12	Arsenal	A		
" 19	Bournemouth	H		
" 26				
Mar. 5	Birmingham C.	A		
" 12				
" 19	Tottenham H.	H		
" 26				
Apl. 2	Bristol C.	H		
" 8	Coventry C.	A		
" 9				
" 11	Leicester C.	H		
" 16	Chelsea	H		
" 23				
" 30	Millwall	A		
May 7	Leicester C.	A		
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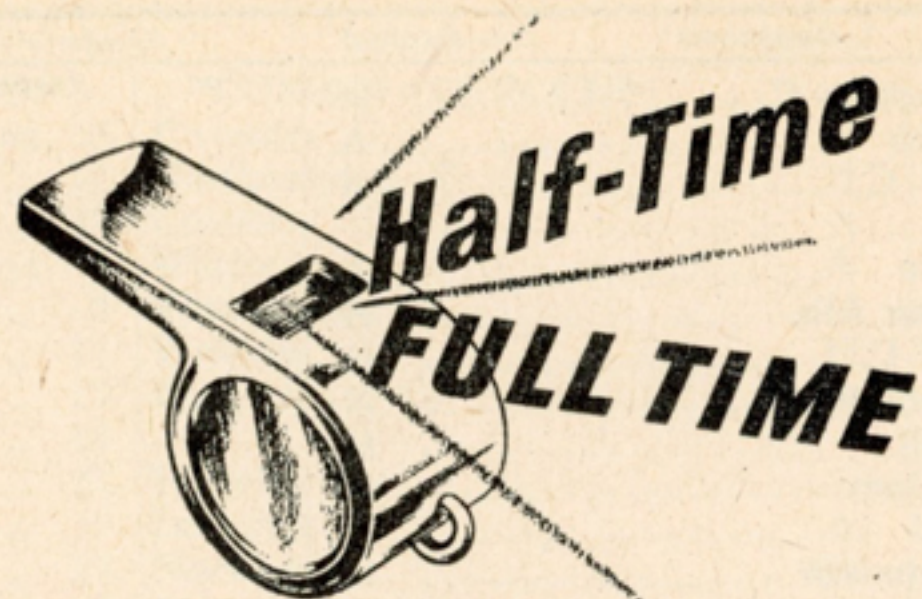
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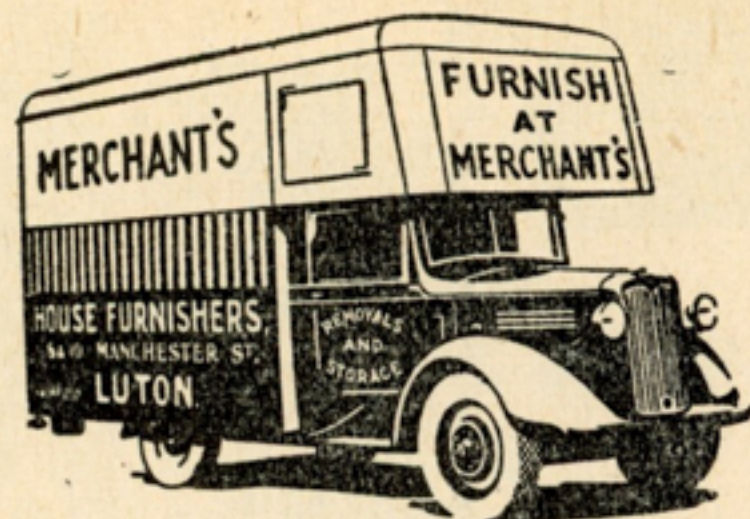
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### LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

#### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Napier Sports .....	20	16	2	2	64	37	34
Shillington .....	20	14	3	3	74	22	31
Barton Rovers .....	20	13	2	5	65	40	28
Caddington .....	20	12	1	7	75	45	25
Stopsley .....	20	11	3	6	65	49	25
Glendale .....	20	7	2	11	59	53	16
Toddington .....	20	5	5	10	46	76	15
Totternhoe .....	20	5	3	12	43	81	13
Dagnail .....	20	5	3	21	39	77	13
Pioneer Corinthians .....	20	5	1	14	49	71	11
Luton Social .....	20	3	3	14	28	54	9

#### DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woburn Athletic .....	24	19	4	1	97	38	42
Luton B .....	24	18	4	3	101	31	38
Bells Park .....	24	17	2	5	115	51	36
Leagrave Legion .....	24	15	3	6	71	44	33
Leagrave Athletic .....	24	11	4	9	72	60	26
Shillington "A" .....	24	11	4	9	61	49	26
Luton O.B. ....	24	12	2	10	80	73	26
Chaul End .....	24	7	7	10	68	72	21
Laporte .....	24	8	3	13	56	72	19
West Park .....	24	6	3	15	39	89	15
Electrolux .....	24	5	2	17	45	104	12
Stopsley Res .....	24	5	1	18	45	98	11
R.A.F. Association .....	24	3	1	20	41	110	7



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hockliffe .....	24	18	5	1	104	31	41
Lilley Rangers .....	24	18	3	3	111	35	39
St. Andrew's .....	24	14	7	3	99	41	35
Davis Athletic .....	24	15	5	4	82	39	35
Warden Hill .....	24	15	0	9	69	56	30
Eaton Bray Res. ....	24	10	3	11	70	69	23
Glendale .....	24	9	2	13	54	53	20
Harlington .....	24	8	4	12	59	69	20
Luton Social Res. ....	24	9	2	13	56	92	20
Old Lutonians .....	24	7	1	16	55	93	15
Luton United .....	24	6	2	16	47	76	14
Skefko Athletic .....	24	5	1	18	43	117	11
Percival Athletic .....	24	4	1	19	43	121	9

## DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sundon Park .....	26	22	2	2	169	29	46
Caddington "B" .....	26	20	3	3	122	40	43
English Electric .....	26	16	3	7	103	66	35
Hayward Tyler .....	26	15	3	8	85	39	33
Walcot Athletic .....	26	14	2	10	91	72	30
Leagrave British Legion "A" ....	26	14	1	11	77	71	29
B.B.O.B. ....	26	12	5	9	75	81	29
Barton Rovers .....	26	10	5	11	87	73	25
Alliance Foundry .....	26	10	1	15	78	117	21
Bidwell .....	26	8	4	14	60	100	20
Leagrave Athletic Res. ....	26	8	3	15	59	89	19
Sundon O.B. ....	26	8	3	15	65	115	19
Luton Brewery .....	26	2	5	19	42	117	9
Crescent United .....	26	3	0	23	41	151	6

## DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shaw and Kilburn .....	22	19	0	3	95	34	38
Percival Apprentices .....	22	17	2	3	112	33	36
Cockernhoe .....	22	16	2	4	92	35	34
Rootes Res. ....	22	14	1	7	78	49	29
Lumoco Sports .....	22	13	3	6	68	43	29
Totternhoe Res. ....	22	9	2	11	63	51	20
Wilsden Athletic .....	22	8	3	11	43	69	19
Luton O.B. Res. ....	22	7	2	13	53	75	16
Villa Rovers .....	22	6	2	14	41	70	14
Hexton .....	22	5	4	13	44	80	14
Barton Woodworkers .....	22	2	4	16	33	97	8
Laporte Res. ....	22	3	2	17	18	104	8



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#### SENIOR

Preliminary Round .....	October	23
First Round .....	November	20
Second Round .....	January	1
Semi-Finals .....	February	12

#### INTERMEDIATE

Preliminary Round .....	October	2
First Round .....	November	6
Second Round .....	December	4
Third Round .....	January	8
Semi-Finals .....	February	5

#### JUNIOR

Extra Preliminary Round .....	September	18
Preliminary Round .....	October	9
First Round .....	November	13
Second Round .....	December	4
Third Round .....	January	1
Semi-Finals .....	January	29

#### YOUTH CUPS (Under 18)

Preliminary Round .....	October	2
First Round .....	October	30
Second Round .....	November	20
Third Round .....	January	1
Semi-Finals .....	January	29

#### (Under 16)

Preliminary Round .....	September	18
First Round .....	October	23
Second Round .....	November	13
Third Round .....	December	11
Semi-Finals .....	January	22





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## LEAGUE TABLES 1953-54

### 14/18 DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	P
Luton Town Youth XI	12	11	1	0	23
Limbury "A"	12	10	1	1	21
Skefko Athletic	12	8	1	3	17
Limbury "B"	12	8	1	3	17
Vauxhall Juniors	12	7	1	4	15
Langley Rangers	12	7	0	5	14
Poynters Road	12	5	0	7	10
Luton Hotspur	11	5	0	6	10
Houghton Rangers	11	4	0	7	8
Old Bedford Road	12	3	1	8	7
Biscot Mill	12	2	0	10	4
Leighton Hotspur	12	2	0	10	4
Farley Hill	12	1	0	11	2

### 14/16 DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	P
Luton Hotspur	14	10	3	1	23
Vauxhall Minors	14	9	3	2	21
Old Bedford Road	14	8	2	4	18
Biscot Mill	14	6	3	5	15
Poynters Road	14	6	0	8	12
Flitwick	13	4	2	7	10
Luton Boys' Club	13	2	4	7	8
Limbury	14	1	3	9	5

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G. Bradley, D. Williams 29, R. Bell 27, D. Archell 23, E. Bennett 22, R. Adamson, W. Dallas 21, D. Allen, J. Folwell 20, A. Thompson 19, J. Adam, G. Ingle 16, A. Taylor 12, A. Loasby, A. McGuffie, G. Norman 9, J. Groves 8, W. Miller 7, J. Wilkinson 6, R. Henry, T. Kelly 5, N. Brown, R. Fitzpatrick, R. Smith 4, A. Collier, K. Hawkes, R. Wheelhouse, E. White 3, R. Archell, M. Cullen, G. Clare, K. Underwood, A. Rowkins 2, G. Hill, S. Owen, F. Mott, B. Moore, H. McJarrow, D. Nelson, D. Rackley 1.

## DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton Wanderers	42	25	7	10	96	56	57
West Bromwich Albion	42	22	9	11	86	63	53
Huddersfield Town	42	20	11	11	78	61	51
Manchester United	42	18	12	12	73	58	48
Bolton Wanderers	42	18	12	12	75	60	48
Blackpool	42	19	10	13	80	69	48
Burnley	42	21	4	17	78	67	46
Chelsea	42	16	12	14	74	68	44
Charlton Athletic	42	19	6	17	75	77	44
Cardiff City	42	18	8	16	51	71	44
Preston North End	42	19	5	18	87	58	43
Arsenal	42	15	13	14	75	73	43
Aston Villa	42	16	9	17	70	68	41
Portsmouth	42	14	11	17	81	89	39
Newcastle United	42	14	10	18	72	77	38
Tottenham Hotspur	42	16	5	21	65	76	37
Manchester City	42	14	9	19	62	77	37
Sunderland	42	14	8	20	81	89	36
Sheffield Wednesday	42	15	6	21	70	91	36
Sheffield United	42	11	11	20	69	90	33
Middlesbrough	42	10	10	22	60	91	30
Liverpool	42	9	10	23	63	97	28

## DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester City	42	23	10	9	97	60	56
Everton	42	20	16	6	92	58	56
Blackburn Rovers	42	23	9	10	86	50	55
Nottingham Forest	42	20	12	10	86	59	52
Rotherham United	42	21	7	14	80	67	49
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>
Birmingham City	42	18	11	13	78	58	47
Fulham	42	17	10	15	98	85	44
Bristol Rovers	42	14	16	12	64	58	44
Leeds United	42	15	13	14	89	81	43
Stoke City	42	12	17	13	71	60	41
Doncaster Rovers	42	16	9	17	59	63	41
West Ham United	42	15	9	18	67	69	39
Notts County	42	13	13	16	54	74	39
Hull City	42	16	6	20	54	66	38
Lincoln City	42	14	9	19	65	83	37
Bury	42	11	14	17	54	72	36
Derby County	42	12	11	19	64	82	35
Plymouth Argyle	42	9	16	17	65	82	34
Swansea Town	42	13	8	21	58	82	34
Brentford	42	10	11	21	40	78	31
Oldham Athletic	42	8	9	25	40	89	25



# DIVISION III (SOUTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	46	27	10	9	82	51	64
Brighton and Hove Albion	46	26	9	11	86	61	61
Bristol City	46	25	6	15	88	66	56
Watford	46	21	10	15	85	69	52
Northampton Town	46	20	11	15	82	55	51
Southampton	46	22	7	17	76	63	51
Norwich City	46	20	11	15	73	66	51
Reading	46	20	9	17	86	73	49
Gillingham	46	19	10	17	61	66	48
Exeter City	46	20	8	18	68	58	48
Leyton Orient	46	18	11	17	79	73	47
Millwall	46	19	9	18	74	77	47
Torquay United	46	17	12	17	81	88	46
Coventry City	46	18	9	19	51	56	45
Newport County	46	19	6	21	61	81	44
Southend United	46	18	7	21	69	71	43
Aldershot	46	17	9	20	74	86	43
Queen's Park Rangers	46	16	10	20	60	68	42
Bournemouth and Boscombe Ath.	46	16	8	22	63	70	40
Swindon Town	46	15	10	21	67	70	40
Crystal Palace	46	14	12	20	60	86	40
Shrewsbury Town	46	14	12	20	65	76	40
Colchester United	46	10	10	26	50	78	30
Walsall	46	9	8	29	40	87	26

# DIVISION III (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Port Vale	46	26	17	3	74	21	69
Barnsley	46	24	10	12	77	57	58
Scunthorpe United	46	21	15	10	77	56	57
Gateshead	46	21	13	12	74	55	55
Bradford City	46	22	9	15	60	55	53
Chesterfield	46	19	14	13	76	64	52
Mansfield Town	46	20	11	15	88	67	51
Wrexham	46	21	9	16	81	68	51
Bradford	46	18	14	14	77	68	50
Stockport County	46	18	11	17	77	67	47
Southport	46	17	12	17	63	60	46
Barrow	46	16	12	18	72	71	44
Carlisle United	46	14	15	17	83	71	43
Tranmere Rovers	46	18	7	21	59	70	43
Accrington Stanley	46	16	10	20	66	74	42
Crewe Alex.	46	14	13	19	49	67	41
Grimsby Town	46	16	9	21	51	77	41
Hartlepool United	46	13	14	19	59	65	40
Rochdale	46	15	10	21	59	77	40
Workington	46	13	14	19	59	80	40
Darlington	46	12	14	20	50	71	38
York City	46	12	13	21	64	86	37
Halifax Town	46	12	10	24	44	73	34
Chester	46	11	10	25	48	67	32

# SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	30	20	3	7	72	29	43
Hearts	30	16	6	8	70	45	38
Partick Thistle	30	17	1	12	76	54	35
Rangers	30	13	8	9	56	35	34
Hibernian	30	15	4	11	72	51	34
East Fife	30	13	8	9	55	45	34
Dundee	30	14	6	10	46	47	34
Clyde	30	15	4	11	64	67	34
Aberdeen	30	15	3	12	66	51	33
Queen of South	30	14	4	12	72	58	32
St. Mirren	30	12	4	14	44	54	28
Raith Rovers	30	10	6	14	56	60	26
Falkirk	30	9	7	14	47	61	25
Stirling Albion	30	10	4	16	39	62	24
Airdrieonians	30	5	5	20	43	92	15
Hamilton	30	4	3	23	29	94	11

# DIVISION "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	30	21	3	6	109	43	45
Kilmarnock	30	19	4	7	71	39	42
Third Lanark	30	13	10	7	78	48	36
Stenhousemuir	30	14	8	8	66	58	36
Morton	30	15	3	12	85	65	33
St. Johnstone	30	14	3	13	80	71	31
Albion Rovers	30	12	7	11	55	63	31
Dunfermline	30	11	9	10	48	57	31
Ayr United	30	11	8	11	50	56	30
Queen's Park	30	9	9	12	56	51	27
Alloa	30	7	10	13	50	72	24
Forfar Athletic	30	10	4	16	38	69	24
Cowdenbeath	30	9	5	16	67	81	23
Arbroath	30	8	7	15	53	67	23
Dundee Utd.	30	8	6	16	54	79	22
Dumbarton	30	7	8	15	51	92	22

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# FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	30	19	3	8	68	45	41
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>
Chelsea	30	15	6	9	68	36	36
Norwich City	30	14	7	9	64	49	35
Tottenham Hotspur	30	13	9	8	56	45	35
Arsenal	30	13	8	9	56	36	34
Bournemouth and Boscombe Ath.	30	13	8	9	45	34	34
Leicester City	30	15	4	11	76	63	34
Millwall	30	13	3	14	49	53	29
Portsmouth	30	9	8	13	40	46	26
Charlton Athletic	30	10	6	14	53	61	26
Cardiff City	30	7	11	12	44	57	25
Reading	30	8	8	14	45	55	24
Plymouth Argyle	30	7	8	15	42	74	22
Ipswich Town	30	8	4	18	42	81	20
Fulham	30	7	5	18	40	77	19

# FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP—SECTION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester City	14	11	1	2	36	17	23
Norwich City	14	7	2	5	22	19	16
Watford	14	7	2	5	23	21	16
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>
Coventry City	14	5	3	6	26	25	13
Northampton Town	14	6	1	7	17	18	13
Ipswich Town	14	4	1	9	18	33	9
Birmingham City	14	3	2	9	18	33	8

# METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Headington	34	24	2	8	91	45	50
Hastings	34	23	3	8	119	55	49
<b>Luton Town "A"</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>46</b>
Tonbridge	34	19	5	10	94	63	43
Windsor and Eton	34	19	5	10	93	76	43
Guildford City	34	14	10	10	71	59	38
Tottenham "A"	34	16	5	13	73	67	37
Gravesend	34	12	11	11	56	52	35
Chelsea	34	13	9	12	46	55	35
Brighton "A"	34	14	5	15	58	65	33
<b>Dunstable Town</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>31</b>
Newbury Town	34	9	11	14	71	80	29
Horsham	34	11	6	17	59	63	28
Dartford	34	10	7	17	53	64	27
Vickers	34	7	11	16	38	71	25
West Ham "A"	34	9	6	19	56	84	24
Haywards Heath	34	7	7	20	52	97	21
Southwick	34	6	6	22	37	82	18

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