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Season 1955-56

TOWN BANK ON YOUTH AT START OF THEIR GREAT ADVENTURE

Now, for the start of a great adventure and what looks certain to be the most eventful season in the history of the Town club.

After years of endeavour, and some disappointments, promotion was landed on the last day of last season, and there were few anywhere in football who would say that the prize was undeserved.

Throughout the long, arduous campaign, the Town staked their bid for success on constructive football, through which they earned the reputation of being as good a footballing team as there was in the Second Division.

NEGATIVE PLAY WAS OUT

From the start, it was decided that any sort of negative play was out and that the whole accent was to be on attack. There was, too, the ambitious plan of relying on a deeplying centre-forward in which role Jesse Pye was cast.

It was a severe blow to the whole structure of the tactics when Pye asked to be transferred and when he eventually moved on to Derby County. That the Club overcame this after some teething troubles, and without recourse to entering the transfer market, was a matter for self-congratulation and also a tribute to the quality of the players on the books.

Perhaps the essence of last season's success was contained in the fact that when vacancies occurred, or weaknesses cropped up, the Town did not suddenly plunge into the transfer market to acquire highly-priced stars, but gave the chance to their younger players.

FINE TEAM SPIRIT

Not only did this make the youngsters confident that an opportunity would come their way and that they were not facing a dead end, but it produced remarkable team spirit that was apparent right through the season.

The Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, who gained this outstanding success in his first year of office, along with his fellow-Directors, laid down this policy from the start, and it is one that will be adhered to this season.

There have been no spectacular signings during the summer and what new players there are have been recruited from within the county and have been stars in the youth football

firmament.

FUTURE LIES WITH YOUTH

Rightly, the Town feel that the future lies with youth and they should have no cause for worry for several years to come. However, the testing time will come within the first weeks, and we have the word of the Chairman that if any weaknesses do become apparent, the club will not hesitate to attempt to remedy them, within the limits of their resources.

But, there is confidence in the ability of the players on the staff, under the shrewd guidance of Dally Duncan, to

carry the Town safely through.

The attacking policy will again be adopted and it was a great tribute to the defence that they stood up so manfully

to the strain thrust upon them on many occasions.

For Sid Owen, the captain, who is now coach in addition to his playing duties, this was a season of triumph and, although it was essentially a team-work triumph, there must be mention of the brilliant opportunism of Gordon Turner, who broke the club's Second Division individual scoring record.

PRE-SEASON ENTHUSIASM

If support were often disappointing, there was compensation in the big gates drawn in the closing weeks, and judging from the pre-season enthusiasm and the fact that the number of season ticket-holders stands between 6,000 and 7,000 there should be no cause for complaint on this score.

Indeed, the inference is that the holding capacity of Kenilworth-road will be tested repeatedly and it may be that the question of limited accommodation will prove to be the Town's biggest problem, but it is one which they will tackle at the first opportunity.

CHILTERN.

* Picture on the front cover is of a tussle between Turner and Paul during the Cup-tie with Manchester City, with Cullen, Morton and Ewing watching anxiously.



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The League, Division II.—S. Dunne, T. Aherne, G. Turner each 42; R. Morton, W. Shanks each 39; S. Owen 36; R. Davies 33; G. Cummins 28; J. Pemberton 27, J. Adam 25; R. Baynham 23; B. Streten 19; M. Cullen 16; J. Groves 13; C. Watkins 11; J. Pye 8; P. MacEwan 6; T. Kelly, L. Hall each 3; R. Smith, B. Mitchell each 2; D Allen, L. Jones, R. Pearce each 1.

F.A. Cup.—Baynham, Dunne, Aherne, Pemberton, Owen, Shanks, Davies, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Cullen each 3.

Other matches.—S. Dunne, T. Aherne, R. Morton, W. Shanks, R. Davies, G. Turner, G. Cummins each 3; B. Streten, J. Adams, T. Kelly each 2; R. Baynham, L. Hall, J. Pemberton, J. Groves, M. Cullen, C. Watkins each 1.

Football Combination, Division I.—A. Thompson 27; T. Kelly 25; R. Smith 23; W. Dallas, P. MacEwan each 21; A. Taylor 18; K. Hawkes, M. Cullen each 17; L. Jones, R. Pearce, D. Allen, J. Groves each 16; B. Streten 14; C. Watkins, A. McGuffie each 12; G. McLeod 11; J. Adams 10; A. Collier 8; R. Baynham 5; G. Cummins 4; R. Cullis, L. Hall, J. Pemberton, N. Brown, P. Petersen each 3; N. Arnison 2; R. Bell, M. Collins, G. Norman, K. Underwood each 1.

Combination Cup.—J. Pemberton 14; D. Allen 12; R. Baynham, T. Kelly each 11; A. Thompson, P. MacEwan, A. Taylor each 10; W. Dallas, A. McGuffie each 8; L. Jones, R. Smith, C. Watkins, M. Cullen each 7; L. Hall, G. Cummins each 6; K. Hawkes 5; J. Scott 4; A. Collier, B. Mitchell each 3; J. Groves, N. Arnison each 2; N. Brown 1.

GOAL-SCORERS

The League, Division II.—G. Turner 32; R. Morton 14; R. Davies 10; J. Adam 9; G. Cummins, J. Pye each 4; P. MacEwan, C. Watkins, J. Pemberton each 3; J. Groves 2; T. Kelly, M. Cullen, B. Mitchell, opponent each 1.

F.A. Cup.-G. Turner 5; M. Cullen 3; G. Cummins 2.

Football Combination, Division I.—P. MacEwan 17; T. Kelly 13; J. Groves 6; A. Taylor, M. Cullen, D. Allen each 5; R. Pearce 3; N. Brown, G. McLeod, opponents each 2; R. Smith, J. Adam, N. Arnison, G. Cummins, P. Petersen each 1.

Combination Cup.—D. Allen 10; T. Kelly 7; P. MacEwan 5; M. Cuflen 4; opponents 3; G. Cummins, J. Scott each 2; N. Brown, C. Watkins, J. Groves each 1.

MEN WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR LUTON

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. Millar, 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. 1930-31: C. S. Banes, G. B. Harford; T. Hodgson, R. Kingham; W. Knox, D. Richards, E. Smith; A. Clark, C. R. Fraser, E. W. H. Gale, A. Hale, H. M'Ginnigle, J. B. Muir, J. E. Page, J. Richmond; J. Armstrong, W. Brown, R. S. Bryce, F. Dent, A. Heslop, G. M'Nestry, A. Rennie, W. Rickett, J. Slicer, P. Smart, J. Yardley.

1931-32: G. B. Harford, J. Imrie; T. Hodgson, R. Kingham, W. Knox, G. C. Wilson; W. Brown, R. S. Bryce, C. R. Fraser, E. W. Gale, A. Hale, V. Jones, F. W. Kean, H. M'Ginnigle, W. Miller; A. S. Black, W. Cupit, J. Chapman, A. Heslop, H. Loasby, G. M'Nestry, A. Rennie, D. Rowe, J. Slicer, T. Tait, G. Turner, A. Wales, J. Yardley.

1932-33: G. B. Harford, J. Imrie; S. A. Coote, T. Hodgson, A. Ives, R. Kingham, T. S. Mackey; W. Brown,

B. Diaper, C. R. Fraser, A. Hayhurst, F. W. Kean, H. M'Ginnigle; T. Alderson, W. Corkindale, W. C. Hutchison, A. Mills, A. Nelson, A. Rennie, J. Roberts, D. Rowe, T. Tait, R. S. Weaver, R Whalley.

1933-34: G. B. Harford, J. L. Mittell; S. A. Coote, J. S. Gibson, R. Kingham, T. S. Mackey, H. Reece; W. Beck, W. Brown, C. R. Fraser, F. W. Kean, H. Lawson, H. M'Ginnigle, J. Rennie, W. Seddon; S. Anderson, S. Bell, T. Bell, L. Hargreaves, F. Holbeach, D. Hutchison, D. Kirkwood, G. S. Martin, G. Pearson, A. Rennie, T. Tait.

1934-35: J. L. Coen, G. B. Harford, C. Preedy; S. A. Coote, R. Kingham, T. S. Mackey, H. J. Preece, T. S. Smith; W. Beck, W. Brown, D. Colquhoun, C. R. Fraser, F. W. Kean, G. I. Kidd, H. M'Ginnigle, J. Payne, W. Thayne; J. Ball, S. Bell, T. Bell, C. Cook, W. Crompton, W. Haggar, H. Hackett, W. Harrison, D. Hutchison, G. S. Martin, L. Murphy, W. Pease, A. Rennie, F. Roberts, J. R.

Russell, G. Stephenson, J. T. Taylor.

1935-36: J. L. Coen, H. Dolman, H. McIntosh; H. Booton, S. C. Coote, A. Hubbard, R. Kingham, T. S. Mackey, T. S. Smith; D. Colquhoun, W. J. Fellowes, C. R. Fraser, W. P. B. Godfrey, H. Gooney, G. I. Kidd, H. M'Ginnigle, J. Nelson, W. Thayne; H. Andrews, J. Ball, F. E. Beresford, W. G. Boyd, C. Cook, W. Crompton, M. S. Crook, J. Hodge, G. S. Martin, J. Payne, L. Rich, F. Roberts, F. Sloan, G. Stephenson, R. Stevens, J. T. Taylor, G. Turner. 1936-37: J. L. Coen, H. W. Dolman; H. Booton, A. Hubbard, T. P. King, R. Kingham, B. R. Lutterloch, T. S. Mackey, T. S. Smith; C. Childs, W. J. Fellowes, J. Finlayson, W. P. B. Godfrey, W. H. Gooney, L. Hall, G. I. Kidd, H. M'Ginnigle, J. H. Nelson; J. T. Ball, F. E. Beresford, G. Cox, W. Crompton, E. Hancock, J. Hodge, F. Hogg, F. J. Hosier, G. S. Martin, H. Mills, J. C. Patrick, J. Payne, J. E. Harris, L. T. Rich, F. Roberts, F. Sloan, G. Stephenson, R. F. Stevens.

1937-38: J. L. Coen, H. W. Dolman, S. Mayberry; R. Carte, T. P. King, B. R. Lutterloch, T. S. Mackey, T. S. Smith; C. Childs, G. Dreyer, W. J. Fellowes, J. Finlayson, L. Hall, G. I. Kidd, J. Lewis, J. Loughran, N. V. McKay, J. Nelson, J. Strathie; E. Connelly, G. Cox, A. G. Dawes, C. Ferguson, H. E. Gager, E. O. Griffiths, E. Hancock, F. Hogg, J. E. Parris, J. Payne, W. J. Redfern, L. T. Rich, F. Roberts, G. H. Stephenson, R. F. Stevens, E. J. Vinall. 1938-39: J. L. Coen, H. W. Dolman, S. Mayberry; T. Dunsmore, T. P. King, B. R. Lutterloch, T. S. Smith,

R. Carte; J. Finlayson, J. Loughran, J. Nelson, G. Dreyer, J. Wale, G. Goodyear, J. Strathie, F. Roberts, D. Gardiner, J. Lewis, G. I. Kidd, R. Campbell; J. Carroll, W. J. Redfern, E. Connelly, H. J. Billington, E. J. Vinall, W. W. Burgess, H. E. Gager, F. Laing, C. Clark, C. Ferguson, G. H. Stevenson, R. F. Stevens, F. Hogg.

1939-40 (only three League matches played): J. L. Coen, S. Mayberry, G. E. Duke; T. Dunsmore, B. R. Lutterloch, C. J. Ladd, H. H. Fletcher; J. Finlayson, G. Goodyear, R. Campbell, G. Dreyer, P. J. Burke, E. Hindmarsh, F. Roberts, D. Gardiner, J. Carroll, C. Clark, W. W. Burgess, H. E. Gager, F. Laing, A. F. Scott, H. J. Billington, E. J. Vinall, C. Fullarton, E. J. Duggan, J. Gillespie, G. H.

Stephenson, F. Hogg, R. Stockill.

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.

1947-48: B. R. Streten, N. L. Bywater, G. E. Duke; W. Cooke, W. M. Hughes, L. Lake, J. Wilson, J. Sanderson, J. Pemberton; F. Soo, S. Owen, D. Gardiner, H. E. Gager, L. Hall, R. Ruffett, R. Morton, N. Day, W. Collins, S. Kettley; W. L. Waugh, R. Brennan, E. J. Duggan, H. J. Billington, M. Daniel, S. Ottewell, E. Connelly, A. Driver, W. Shanks, P. Small, W. Wallbanks, S. Nelson, M. Walker, S. High, C. Burtenshaw, D. Duncan, J. O'Brien, L. York.

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. Gripton, 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.

1949-50: B. R. Streten, I. Hughes, D. Williams; W. Cooke, T. Aherne, L. Lake, J. Wilson, J. Mulvaney, J. Pemberton, J. Thompson, A. Thompson; C. Watkins, S. Owen, W. Shanks, D. Gardiner, N. Day, R. Ruffett, L. Hall, W. Gripton, R. Morton, G. Turner, T. Kelly, W. Collins, W. Aherne, R. Horner, A. Smith; A. Glover, T. Kiernan, G. Stobbart, W. Arnison, J. Taylor, W. L. Waugh, P. Walsh, R. Wyldes,

J. Jinks, P. James, M. Cullen, P. Baxter, L. Lawton, L. Slatter, N. Ronson, P. Small, C. Burtenshaw, W. Burtenshaw. 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.

1954-55: B. R. Streten, R. Baynham; S. Dunne, T. Aherne, L. Jones, K. Hawkes, A. Thompson, R. Bell; R. Morton, S. Owen, W. Shanks, J. Pemberton, T. Kelly, R. Smith, A. McGuffie, W. Dallas, L. Hall, M. Collins, C. Watkins; R. Davies, M. Cullen, D. Allen, G. Turner, P. MacEwan, J. Pye, J. Scott, J. Groves, R. Pearce, G. McLeod, A. Taylor, G. Cummins, A. Loasby, J. Adam, N. Brown, B. Mitchell.

LUTON RESULTS IN F.A. CUP

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1921-22	Jan. 7—1st Jan. 11—1st Jan. 28—2nd	Round: Round:	Portsmouth* Aston Villa	AHA	$1-1 \\ 2-1 \\ 0-1$
1922-23	Jan. 13—1st	Round:	Bury	A	1-2
1923-24	Jan. 12-1st	Round:	Arsenal	A	1-4
1924-25	Jan. 10—1st	Round:	West Brom	A	0-4
1925-26	Nov. 28—1st Dec. 12—2nd	Round:	Folkestone	H	3—0 0—1
1926-27	Nov. 27—1st Dec. 11—2nd Jan. 8—3rd	Round:	London Caledonians Northfleet Chelsea	HHA	4—2 6—2 0—4
1927-28	¥ +0 + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	Round: Round: Round: Round:	Clapton H 5—0 Clapton* Norwich Bolton	(A H H A	ban.) 9—0 6—0 1—2
	Nov. 24—1st Dec. 8—2nd Dec. 13—2nd Jan. 12—3rd Jan. 16—3rd	Round: Round: Round: Round:	Southend Fulham Fulham* Crystal Palace Crystal Palace*	HAHHA	5—1 0—0 4—1 0—0 0—7
1929-30	Nov. 30—1st	and the same of th	Queen's Park Rangers	H	2-3
1930-31	Nov. 29—1st Dec. 4—1st Dec. 13—2nd	Round: Round:	Clapton Orient Clapton Orient* Watford	HAA	$\begin{array}{c} 2-2 \\ 4-1 \\ 1-3 \end{array}$
1931-32	Nov. 28—1st Dec. 12—2nd Dec. 16—2nd Jan. 9—3rd	Round:	Swindon Lincoln Lincoln* Wolves	A A H H	5—0 2—2 4—1 1—2
1932-33	Nov. 26—1st Nov. 30—1st Dec. 10—2nd	Round:	Kingstonians Kingstonians* Stockport County	H A A	2-2 3-2 3-2
	Jan. 14-3rd	Round:	Barnsley*	AH	0-0 2-0
	Jan. 28-4th	Round:	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-0
-	Feb. 18-5th Mar. 4-6th		Halifax Town	A	0-6
1933-34	Jan. 12—3rd	Round:	Arsenal	H	0—1
1934-35	Jan. 12—3rd Jan. 16—3rd Jan. 26—4th	Round: Round: Round:	Chelsea	A H A	1-1 $2-0$ $1-3$
1935-36	Jan. 11—3rd Jan. 15—3rd Jan. 25—4th	Round: Round: Round:	West Ham	AHA	2—2 4—0 1—2

LUTON RESULTS IN F.A. CUP-Continued

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1936-37 Jan. 16-3rd Round:	District
	Blackpool H 33
	Blackpool* A 2-1
Jan. 30-4th Round:	Sunderland H 2-2
Feb. 3-4th Round:	Condestants to
1027 20 7	Sunderland* A 1—3
1937-38 Jan. 8-3rd Round:	Scarborough A 1-1
Jan. 12-3rd Round:	Casalana
Jan. 22-4th Round:	Scarborough* H 5—1
w	Swindon Town H 2-1
Feb. 12—5th Round:	Manchester City H 1-3
1938-39 Jan. 7-3rd Round	
1938-39 Jan. 7—3rd Round:	Liverpool A 0-3
1945-46 Jan. 5-3rd Round:	
- Tourie.	Derby County H 0-6
Jan. 9-3rd Round:	Doob G
1046 47 7	
1946-47 Jan. 11-3rd Round:	Notts County H 6-0
Jan. 25-4th Round:	Commence two
Feb. 8-5th Round:	
Feb. 11-5th Round:	Burnley H 0—0
	Burnley* A 0-3
1947-48 Jan. 10-3rd Round:	Di
Jan. 24-4th Round:	C
** .	Coventry H 3-2
· ·	Queen's Park Rangers A 1-3
1948-49 Jan. 8-3rd Round:	***
- Louing.	West Ham H 31
**	Walsall H 4-0
Feb. 12-5th Round:	Leicester City H 5-5
Feb. 19-5th Round:	Tolores City
1040 50 7	Leicester City* A 3—5
1949-50 Jan. 7—3rd Round:	Grimsby Town H 3-4
1950-51 Jan. 6-3rd Round:	
Tours,	Portsmouth H 2-0
Jan. 27-4th Round:	Bristol Rovers H 1-2
1951-52 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:	D
Feb. 23-5th Round:	
Mar. 8—6th Round:	Swindon Town H 3-1
	Arsenal H 2—3
1952-53 Jan. 10-3rd Round:	Disable P
	Blackburn Rovers H 6-1
To a contract of	Manchester City A 1-1
Feb. 4-4th Round:	Manchester City* H 5-1
Feb. 14—5th Round:	Bolton Wanderers H 0-1
1953-54 Jan. 9-3rd Round	
T	Blackpool A 1-1
Jan. 13-3rd Round:	Blackpool* H 0-0
Jan. 18-3rd Round:	Diagtonia
Jan. 25-3rd Round:	D1114
, and a second s	Blackpool* W 0-2
1954-55 Jan. 8-3rd Round:	Workington H 5-0
Jan. 29-4th Round:	Dark-st. vv. t
Feb. 19—5th Round:	Rotherham Utd A 5-1
reo. 19—3th Round:	Manchester City H 0-2
(N) At Highbury,	
	*Replay.
(V) At Villa Park.	(W) At Molineux, Wolverhampton.
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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 Utd. (2-0)

1905-06-Everton beat Newcastle Utd. (1-0)

1906-07-Sheffield Wednesday beat Everton (2-1)

1907-08-Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Newcastle Utd. (3-1)

1908-09-Manchester Utd. beat Bristol City (1-0)

1909-10-Newcastle Utd. 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 Utd. 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 Utd. beat Aston Villa (2-0)

1924-25-Sheffield Utd. 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 Utd. 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 Utd. (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 Ath. beat Burnley (1-0, after extra time)

1947-48-Manchester Utd. beat Blackpool (4-2)

1948-49-Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Leicester City (3-1)

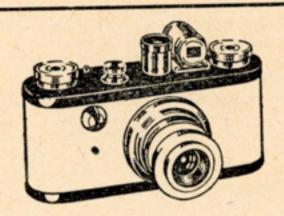
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1952-53-Blackpool beat Bolton Wanderers (4-3)

1953-54-West Bromwich Albion beat Preston North End (3-2)

1954-55-Newcastle Utd. beat Manchester City (3-1)



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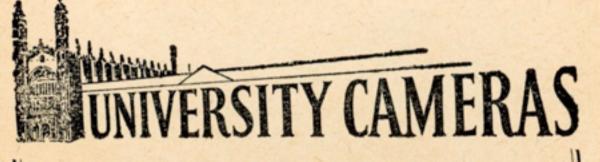
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DIVISION I

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Chelsea	42	20	12	10	81	57	52
Wolverhampton Wanderers	42	19	10	13	89	70	48
Portsmouth	42	18	12	12	74		
Sunderland	42	15	18	9	64	62	48
Manchester United	42	20	7	15		54	48
Aston Villa	42	20	7		84	74	47
Manchester City	42	18		15	72	73	47
Newcastle United	42		10	14	76	69	46
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Burnley	42	17	9	16	69	63	43
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Bolton Wanderers	42	13	13	16	62	69	39
Blackpool	42	14	10	18	60	64	38
Cardiff City	42	13	11	18	62	76	37
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Leyton Orient	46	26	9	11	89	47	61
Southampton	46	24	11	11	75	51	59
Gillingham	46	20	15	11	77	66	55
Millwall	46	20	11	15	72	68	51
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Scunthorpe United	46	23	12	11	81 -	53	58
York City	46	24	10	12	92	63	58
Hartlepools United	46	25	5	16	64	49	55
Chesterfield	46	24	6	16	81	70	54
Gateshead	46	20	12	14	65	69	52
Workington	46	18	14	14	68	55	50
Stockport County	46	18	12	16	84	70	48
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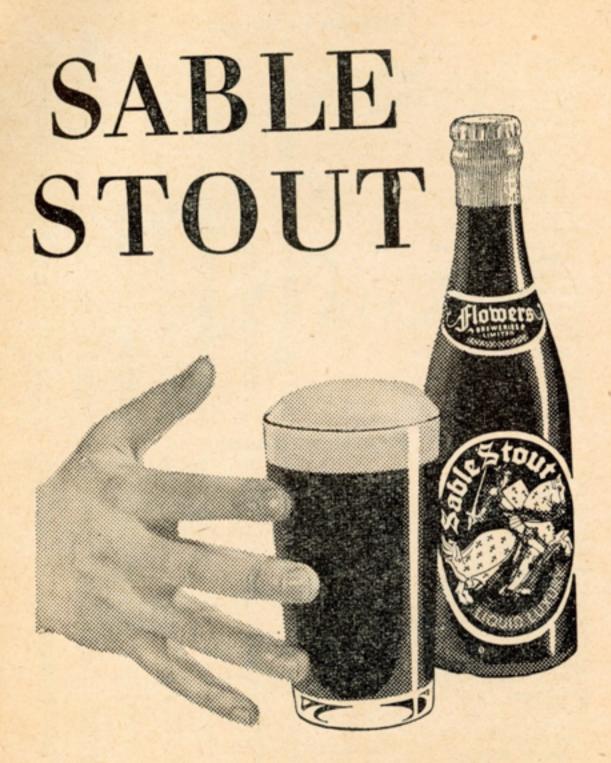
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DALLY DUNCAN (team Realised his ambition manager). to lift the Town into the First Division in his eighth season as team manager and, in doing so, gained the reputation of being one of the shrewdest managers in the game. In his playing days, he was one of football's great personalities, for he was con-sidered the best Scottish outsideleft in the game for a long time, gaining nine caps against the home countries and also touring America and Canada with the Scottish party. It was Hull City who gave him his chance in English football and then came a long spell with Derby County, culminating in the winning of a Cup medal in 1946. Later that year, he came to Luton as playercoach and was appointed playermanager and then team manager when he decided to hang up his boots in 1947-48.





PHIL COLEY (Secretary), Promotion has come as a mixed blessing to him, for it has meant the busiest summer ever for both him and his office staff in dealing with the flood of applications for season tickets. In the past, his biggest problem has been in coping with demands for tickets for big Cup-ties, but there has never been such a sustained rush from the thousands wishing to make certain of their places in the coming season as he has had to face ever since the last season ended. However, like all good secretaries, he likes to see the money come in and he has the satisfaction of knowing that the club start their great new adventure with nearly seven times as many ticket-holders than ever before in their history. Has held the job for nine years and is most able and efficient.



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HARRY WRIGHT (Trainer). A believer in keeping up with the times, Harry rarely misses an opportunity of extending his knowledge by attending Football Association courses. This summer he has been on two, and on one of them he was given the honour of making an address on the opening day. Has acted as trainer to England's "B" team and, the summer before last, went to the West Indies as trainer to the F.A. tourists. As a player, he was a goalkeeper with Charlton Athletic, Derby County, Aldershot and Colchester United. Then followed a spell as a coach in Norway, after which he was trainer-coach to Guildford City and St. Albans City. He came back into League football with Walsall, from whom he joined the Town on Ralph Hann's departure to Derby County.





TOM MACKEY (Trainer). No club has had a more loyal servant than Tom, who has now spent 24 years at Kenilworth-road, during which time he has seen the club rise from a humble Third Division club to one in the First Division. It was as a centre-half that he first came to the fore with Hartlepools United, who transferred him to Sheffield Wednesday. When he moved to Luton he was successfully converted into a fullback and he earned a promotion medal with them in 1937. A year later he hung up his boots and joined the training staff. In addition to his football duties, he is now the popular landlord of a picturesque inn in Silsoe.

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JOHN SANDERSON (groundsman). As a player, fortune did not deal kindly with him, for a bad knee injury ended his career when he could reasonably have expected to have remained in the top class for several years. However, he determined to remain in the game in some capacity and the club helped him by giving him his present job. In this, he has made himself most proficient, as supporters who will see the fine condition of the turf on the opening day of the season will testify. Also has an honorary job in football, for he is secretary to both the Bobbers' Stand Club and the newly-formed Supporters' Club. He came to Luton soon after the war as a full-back from Wolves to whom the Town paid a considerable fee.





SID OWEN (coach and centre-Appears in this dual capacity this season, for he was appointed coach to the club when Tim Kelly left to take over at Bedford in April, This was a most popular appointment, for Sid has given the club tremendous service during his eight seasons with them, Deservedly, the highest honours have come his way and. 12 months ago, was a member of England's World Cup party, Before that, he had played on two occasions for the Football League and, during the summer, was further honoured when he was chosen to captain the West Indies touring party. When the Town secured him from his native Birmingham at a bargain basement fee, they made probably their biggest-ever bargain, though it was not until he was converted from a left-half to a centre-half that he emerged as star-class material.

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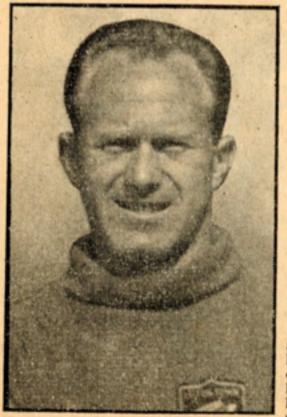
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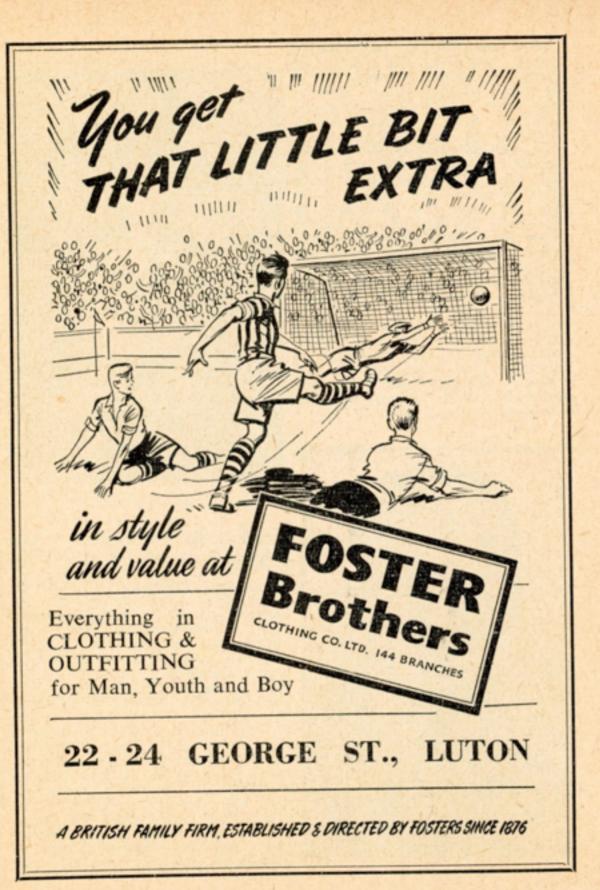
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and at LONDON (Gulliver 1085) RON BAYNHAM (goalkeeper). Waited patiently for 13 long months to regain his place in the first team, during which time at least three First Division clubs, including Arsenal, were vitally interested in his future. The Town, however, never showed the slightest disposition to part with him and their judgment was amply justified, for, when Baynham did get into the side in November, he remained a fixture except for a short spell of absence caused through injury and was recognised as one of the most capable goalkeepers in the Second Division. Was born in Birmingham, but had to go to nearby Worcester City for his first professional chance. As a result of what former Luton players at Worcester told him and on the evidence of his scouts and his own eyes, Dally Duncan made a four-figure bid for him.





BERNARD STRETEN keeper). One of the most agile and best-known goalkeepers in the game, Streten has had the somewhat rare distinction of earning caps both as an amateur and a professional, and his appearance for the full England side was against Ireland at Maineroad. Manchester, in 1950. Has had a distinguished career with the Town, for whom he has made 256 appearances in the Second Division and he has never been a professional with any other club. for he joined them from Shrewsbury Town when he was still an amateur. In the first team, he has had several long runs of consecutive appearances and, when he lost his place in November, had completed half-a-century of successive League matches and Cup-ties.



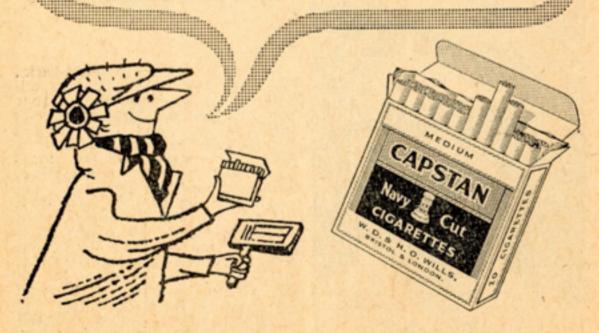
ALAN COLLIER (goalkeeper.) His first outing in the coming season will mark his debut as a professional, for he did not join the paid ranks until mid-May. Reason for the hold-up of some weeks after his 17th birthday was that he was required for duty, not only with Bedfordshire, the eventual winners of the F.A. County Youth Championship, but also with the England youth team for whom he won caps to go with those he gained as a schoolboy. A goalkeeper of remarkable maturity considering his age, he had a deal of experience in the Football Combination side last season and acquitted himself so well that the Town had no worries about the position even when they had one of their two experienced goalkeepers injured. Hails from Markyate and joined the Town's ground staff immediately after he left school.





SEAMUS DUNNE (right-back). The first half of the Town's all-Eire full-back partnership, Dunne had his best-ever season, playing in all League and Cup matches and he was so consistent that he kept the stylish Leslie Jones completely in the background. Wonder was that Eire did not call upon him as they have done in the past, for he was in great form throughout the season. Has had five seasons with the Town, who made something of a gamble when they paid a hefty fee to Shelbourne, League of Ireland club, for a player who had still to prove himself. Prove himself Dunne has, and his speed, terrierlike tackling and remarkable powers of recovery have made him a power in the Luton defence and he needs only three more games to complete a century of League appearances for the club.

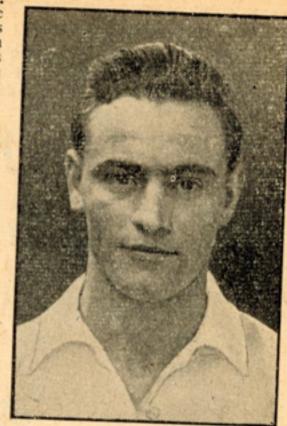
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LESLIE JONES (right-back). For Jones, last season was one of those unsatisfactory affairs during which the chances for him just did not crop up. This was partly due to the fact that he was injured during the vital early weeks of the season when he was expected to make a keen bid for the position. When he did get in the senior team it was not in his usual position, but as centre-half deputy for Sid Owen at Plymouth. This match turned out to be unlucky for him, for he damaged a knee which proved to be cartilage trouble and there had to be an operation before he was fit again. From this he made a remarkable recovery and was a last-minute inclusion in the party to tour Denmark, Welsh-born, tho gh he has spent nearly all his life in Luton, he has more than once been on the verge of earning an International cap.





BUD AHERNE (left-back). real stalwart, who has proved himself a great club-man during his stay of six seasons at Kenilworth-road and he has been worth every penny of the £8,000 fee that the Town paid to the now defunct Belfast Celtic club. Like Dunne. he made the maximum number of appearances in the senior team last season and his full tally of League games for the Town now stands at 220. He is a player with an almost uncanny positional sense which enables him to shut out wingers who have the beating of him for speed, and he is known as one of the best volleyers of a ball in football. Is a muchcapped player, who has appeared for Ireland, Eire and the Irish League and, for some time now, he has taken over the captaincy of the Town whenever Owen has been absent.

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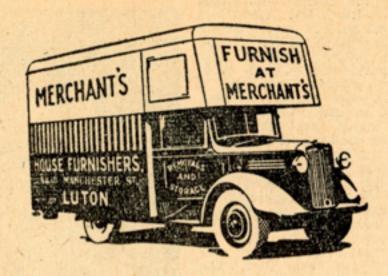
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ALAN THOMPSON (left-back). Is perhaps the player who made the greatest strides last season and he developed so well that although there was a "thin red line" look about the back division after Jones's injury, the Town were content to regard him as a capable first-team deputy. In fact, he has yet to make his debut in a League match, but this should not be long delayed if he maintains his progress during the coming season. His improvement was all the more commendable in that he had the memory of a serious injury during the previous season to overcome and he is a player of the tenacious type. A local, he first came to the fore when playing for West Park. The Town had him on their books in the first instance as an amateur, but were quick to offer him professional terms when they noted his promise.





HAWKES (left-back). Another of the youngsters in whom the Town are pinning their faith for the future and another who is still waiting for his League baptism although he has had considerable experience in the Reserves and qualified for a runners-up medal in the Combination in the season before last. A product of the prolific north-eastern nursery, he came down for a trial in a mid-week match when he was with Shotton Colliery Welfare and he made such an impression that he was put straight into the reserve team on the following Wednesday. Is still only 22 and, like Thompson, is a hard and tenacious tackler. There were times last season when, with the full-back position in the second string adequately covered, he was put in at left-half where he showed considerable promise, too.



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BOB MORTON (right-half). A one-club-man and a club-man in the finest sense of the word. This was proved last season when, with the Town faced with a centreforward problem, Bob cheerfully forsook what is undeniably his best position and took over the leadership with the result that he finished as second leading scorer with 14 goals. Even then his wanderings were not ended, for he was called upon to move back to centre-half when another problem cropped up there, and, again, he was more than adequate. However, in the closing matches of the season he was back at right-half, and this is undoubtedly the position in which we shall see him in the coming season. A strong, thrustful type of player, with a liking for coming through with the ball, he is regarded as unlucky not to have received higher honours than playing for an F.A. XI and for the Football Combina-





JIM PEMBERTON (right-half). Jim seems to appear in this handbook in a different position every season, which is not surprising, since he gets a variety of roles. Last season it was at right-half that the club pinned their faith on him when it was necessary to move Morton into the attack, and he did a great job. Then, when the out-side-left berth became a source of anxiety in the closing weeks of the season, he switched there, and now it would come as little surprise to Jim if he were asked to keep goal one of these days. Has had a regular spell in the team at leftback, has also played at insideforward, and it is a matter of some difficulty to recall just what was his original position. A capture from Stourbridge, the Birmingham League c'ub, for a modest fee. Jim has been at Kenilworth-road for over seven seasons and has given the club great service.

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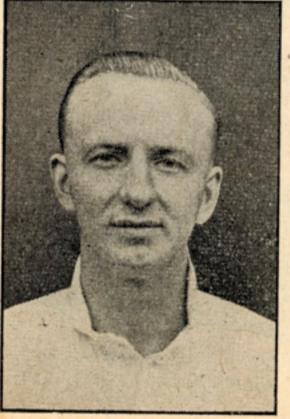
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TERRY KELLY (right-half or centre-half). Another player whom it is difficult to pin down to one set position, for, although he began last season at right-half, he had a spell at centre-forward, including three first team outings there, and finished the campaign at centre-half in the Reserves. So well did he play there during the Danish tour that he may well have qualified for the role of deputy to Sid Owen. and, after all, this was the position for which he was signed from the amateur ranks when he was with Vauxhall Motors. A son of the former Town assistant-manager and coach, Tim Kelly, he has football in his blood and he is yet another local who is on the way to making good. A cricketer of merit, he has had a trial with Bedfordshire.



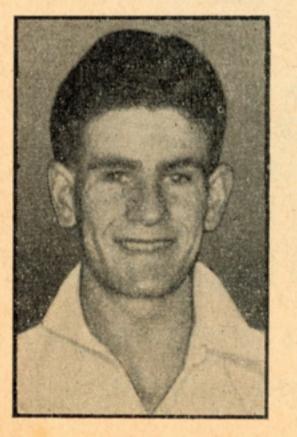


LESLIE HALL (centre-half). The Town's longest-serving player whose main role in the future will be to bring along the young players in the "A" team. It was in this side that Hall appeared mainly last season, and it is a job with which he is very much content. More than one League club would have liked to sign him during the years that he was kept in the background so long, but Hall was content to play a secondary part at Luton, the only club he has been with since he joined them from St. Albans City during the war. Has never been a full-time professional, but has continued working and training in St. Albans. Had much to do with the success of the Reserves when they won the Combination (Division II) championship and then finished as runners-up in Division I. and he has never let the first team down when he has been called upon.



WILLIE DALLAS (centre-half). A rugged Scot, who was recommended to the Town by Charlie Watkins, that very fine wing-half who has now left the club to settle in South Africa. Tall, well-built, and determined, Willie has had a mixture of Reserves and "A" team service since he was signed as a professional, and he is a useful man to have around, for he can also take a turn at right-back, has led the third team attack with success, and also played at insideright. However, it is probably at centre-half that his future lies. Was playing for a junior club in Glasgow before he came south to join the Town.





KEITH UNDERWOOD (centrehalf). One of the most promising players that local football has produced in recent years. As captain and centre-half of the Bedfordshire youth team, he had much to do with their triumph in the championship, for his strong play welded the defence into a fine, cohesive unit, and he was outstanding in match after match. Is a tribute to the coaching scheme of the Town club, for he has been with them almost since he left school and has been gradually brought along through their junior teams until he won a regular place in the Metropolitan League side. Last season the Town took the step of blooding him in the Reserves, and he turned in a most impressive performance. However, there will be no disposition to rush him along, but he is one of the bright hopes for the future.



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RAYMOND BELL (centre-half). It is unlikely that Town fans will see much of him this season, as he is serving with the Army in Germany, and made only fleeting appearances last campaign during his periods of leave. So far his experience has been limited to Metropolitan League football, with the exception of a couple of outings in the Combination team. Is another who hails from the northeast and he was playing for Langley Juniors when the Town's scout in that area spotted him and he was signed as a professional after a successful trial.





WALLY SHANKS (left-half). Joe Payne did the Town a good turn when he recommended them to sign this player who had just competed a trial period with Chelsea as an outside-right, which position the Pensioners finally decided that they had adequately covered. After an extended trial the Town signed him and it was one of the best day's work they have ever done, for, after occupying every position in the forward line at one time or another, Wally found his true berth when he switched to left-half. Has now made 196 League appearances in over eight seasons with the club and missed only three games, through injury or illness, during last season. Strong and resourceful, his covering in defence is always a big asset and his work of co-ordination is badly missed when he is absent.

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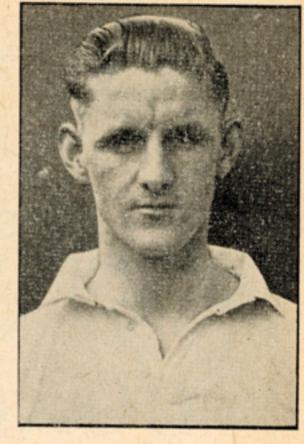
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RAY SMITH (left-half). Earlier this year completed the prescribed five years' service with the club and received a reserve team benefit. Another player who bears witness to the watchfulness of the Town's north-eastern scout, who sent him for a mid-week trial with Luton when he was playing for Evenwood Town. The Town did not take long before deciding that he would be a welcome addition to their paid staff and he soon gained a regular place in the Reserves. So far, his chances in the first team have been rather few and far between, but he was in on a couple of occasions during last season. A strong, determined player and a rugged tackler, he has the great virtue of not knowing when he is beaten.





ALWYN McGUFFIE (wing-half). It was Charlie Watkins who was the means of bringing this highly talented player to Luton when he was still too young to be offered professional terms. When only 16½ he was holding down a regular place in the Reserves, and the Town made him an offer to join the paid staff immediately he reached his seventeenth birthday at the end of the season before last. At that time he declined to forsake his amateur status, but changed his mind early last season. That decision cost the Bedfordshire youth team one of their star players, for he quickly became an automatic choice for them. Still only 18, he has a great deal of experience behind him and he is a natural ball player in the true Scottish style.

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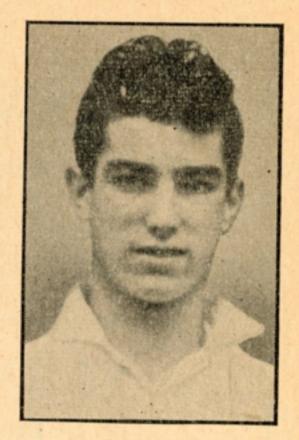
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MICHAEL COLLINS (winghalf). Yet another to whom youth football honours have come his way though, in the case of Collins, they were not secured with Bedfordshire He comes from Wellingborough and was captain of Northants' youth side last season. The Town signed him as a professional a few days after his seventeenth birthday and he had been on their books as an amateur for some time before that. In the "A" team, he has shown abundant promise of developing into a strong, constructive winghalf and he can also take a turn at centre-half. Along with Alan Collier, he played in the youth international trial at Leicester in January, but, apparently, did not catch the eye of the selectors.





ROY DAVIES (outside-right). An all-rounder who has gained a Bedfordshire cap at cricket as a fast bowler and who is an excellent golfer, on which game he has been concentrating during the summer, with the result that he has not been seen on the cricket field. A South African, the Town secured him from Clyde four seasons ago and, before joining the Scottish club, he had a short trial period with Manchester City. Last season was his best with the Town, from the point of view of goals, for he reached double figures for the first time. A speedy, two-footed player, he can also take a turn at outside-left in case of necessity and has done so on several

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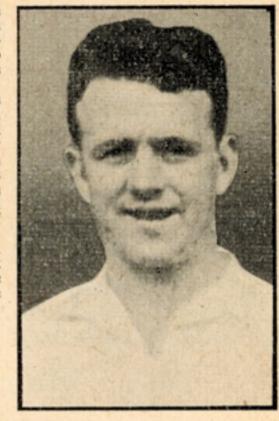
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MICHAEL CULLEN (outsideright). A product of Scottish junior football, he first ioined Luton at the age of 17, on the recommendation of the then club captain, Doug. Gardiner. He was quickly offered professional terms. At one time and another, he has had quite considerable first team experience with the Town and held down the outside-left position for a longish spell last season when, in all, he played in 16 League games and all three Cup-ties. He was in the side during the long unbeaten run and gained the reputation of being something of a lucky mascot. Three of the four goals he scored last season came in Cup-ties, but few chances came his way in the closing weeks. Is one of the cleverest ball players on the books.





GORDON TURNER (insideright). Hero of last season's promotion-winning bid, for he broke the club's individual scoring record since their promotion to the Second Division and, with five Cup goals, his total was 37. Now, that the team are in the top flight, representative honours may well come his way, for he was on the fringe of them last season when he was chosen as one of the travelling reserves to the England "B" team against Germany "B" at Hills-borough. Completed five years with the Town and was awarded a maximum benefit in March. Curiously, it was not as an insideforward, but as a wing-half that he was signed as an amateur when he was serving in the Royal Navy. His liking for coming through with the ball persuaded the Town to experiment with him in the front line and this son of a former Doncaster Rovers and Hull City player, has developed remarkable powers of opportunism.

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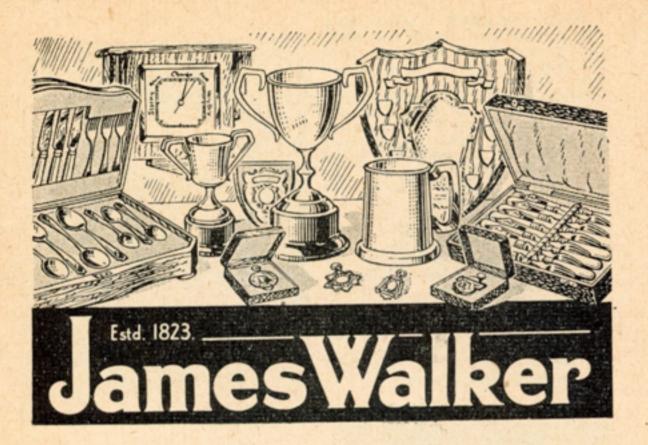
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REG. PEARCE (inside-right). One of only two players for whom the Town paid a transfer fee during last season and that was a modest sum to Winsford United, the Cheshire County League club. Preliminary survey of his ability was left to the former Town manager. George Martin and, after Manager Dally Duncan, together with members of the Board, had also run the rule over him, George was given the "go-ahead" signal to complete the deal. Born in Liverpool, he was on that club's books as an amateur at the age of 19 and, meanwhile, was playing for crack amateur team, Liverpool Marine and earning Lancashire county honours. Was one of the successes of the Danish tour during which he played a couple of excellent games at centre-forward, a position in which he may find himself in the coming season.





PETER MacEWAN (centre-forward). When the Town persuaded him to leave his native South Africa some 18 months ago, he made his debut for them in arctic conditions in a friendly match only 24 hours after stepping off the plane. Former Town centre-forward, Billy Arnison, recommended him to the Town and he has much of Billy's dash and shooting power. Played a notable part in the last three vital matches of last season and he ended on a top note by scoring twice in the final game at Doncaster. There were times during last season when he had trouble with his back, which recurred when he was in Denmark, but he has been playing cricket regularly during the summer and has reported no further ill-effects. He is only 22, and will be a strong candidate to begin the season as the first team leader.



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GEORGE CUMMINS (inside-Is easily the Town's most expensive player for they paid a fee of £12,000 for him to Everton two years ago. Since then, he has gained honours for Eire and was in their party that made a short European tour at the end of May, scoring twice in the match against Norway. Is on the transfer list at his own request-for the second time in less than 12 months because he wants to move to a club within easy reach of Liverpool. Had a fine spell in the middle of last season during the time that the Town were enjoying their long, unbeaten run, but he lost his form and his place towards the end of the campaign.





JOHN GROVES (inside-left). A young player who may well reach the highest honours in the game and, indeed, there will be a few good judges surprised if he does not do so. Combines good ball control with the ability to beat an opponent and most accurate distribution of the ball. Makes an admirable foil for the thrustful Turner and played no mean part in the Town's success last season, for he occupied three different positions in the first team forward line. The Town feel that the experience he gained then will stand him in good stead in the coming campaign and he is bound to make a firm bid for a place in the League side. A son of Arthur Groves, who was a stylish insideforward with Derby County.



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DEREK ALLEN (inside-right). Something of a utility forward and his one outing in the League team so far was at outside-right when he played at Derby in atrocious conditions which gave no one any chance of assessing his value there. No further opportunity came his way, though there might have been later on but for the fact that he badly damaged his shoulder during a reserve match and was out of action for well over a month. Is a local who first came to the fore when playing for Alton Town in the Hampshire League whilst he was in the army. The Town gave him a trial and then put him on the wage role, and he has proved a most energetic and hard-working inside-forward who is frequently among the goals.



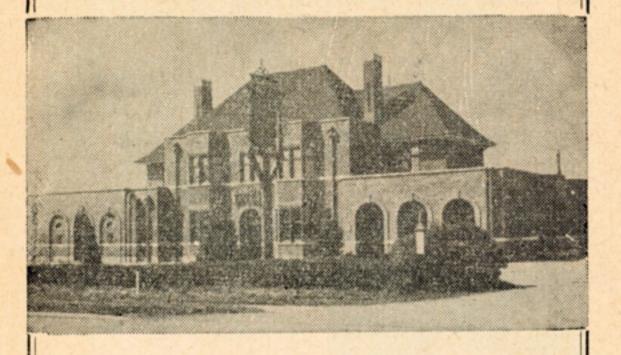


A 21-years-old Scot, who was signed by the Town's north-eastern scout after giving an impressive display for Inverness Clachnacuddin. Born in Inverness, he quickly settled down at Luton, earning for himself a place in the reserve team. A strongly built, forceful type of player whose footwork is neat, he is thought to have a bright future and he is another who forms an integral part of the Town's long term plan. With more experience, he might well become a challenger for a place in the League side.

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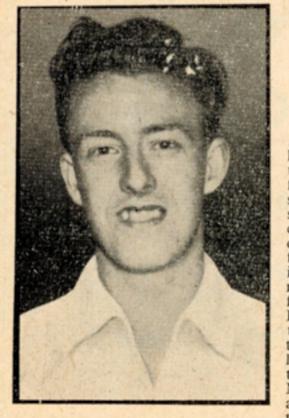
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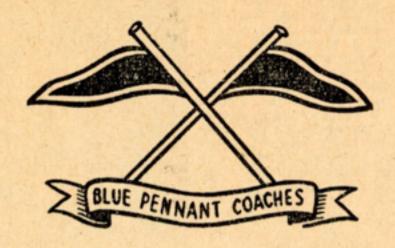
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ALAN LOASBY (inside-left). Was kept almost exclusively on "A" team service last season, his first as a full-time professional, but he made substantial progress and scored quite a number of goals. There were times when he was used as a centre-forward, the position that his uncle, Harry Loasby used to occupy with the Town. Comes from the Wellingborough district and was a member of the Northants youth team when he was first spotted by the Town who offered him professional terms immediately he reached 17.





TONY GREGORY (inside-left). A local and the third member of last season's Bedfordshire youth team to sign professional forms for the Town. It was not without strong competition that the Town secured his signature, for several clubs had interviews with him and offered him terms, but he plumbed for his home town club. A youth international, he was a regular member of the county youth team for two years and also played for Bedfordshire in the Southern Counties Amateur Championship. Although he spent his early days after leaving school as an amateur with the Town, it was with Vauxhall Motors that he came to the fore and he earned a regular place in their Spartan League team.



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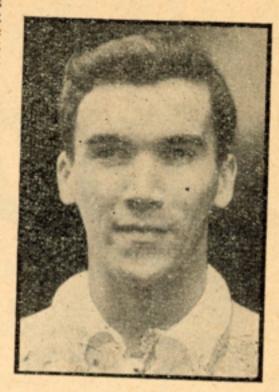
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JIM ADAM (outside-left). Hopes are that this speedy winger will hit immediately the splendid form he showed in the first half of last season. Until he was injured at Port Vale early in December, Jim was often a match-winner and was proving a great asset as a goalscorer. However, the injury took longer to heal than was expected and there was a further setback caused by a mishap in training and he never really regained his previous good form. The summer's rest should have put him right and restored his confidence. He has had two seasons with the Town who paid a four figure fee for him to Spennymoor and secured him in the face of opposition from First Division clubs and at least a couple of Scottish clubs who were keen to persuade him to return to his native country.





ARTHUR TAYLOR (outsideleft). Has now completed five seasons with the club and, for most of the time, has played on the wing, though it was as an insideforward that he was signed from Glentoran, the Irish League club. Did not receive a single chance in the first team last season, though he made four appearances in the previous campaign. His most notable feat was to score in the opening minute of his first team debut in a Cup-tie with Blackburn Rovers in January, 1953, and he followed up this with a second goal when the game was only 17 minutes old. A clever player with direct ideas, he has earned the reputation of being something of an opportunist.



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NEVILLE BROWN (outsideleft). Ran into bad luck last season for, shortly after his demobilisation from the army and becoming a full-time player, he suffered a knee injury and had to have a cartilage operation. This kept him out of the game for some weeks. but he did well in the second half of the season, though it was mostly in the "A" team that he played. Was playing with Histon Institute in the Spartan League when the Town persuaded him to take the professional ticket after a successful trial in the Reserves and he had been a member of Cambridgeshire's team in the Southern Counties Amateur Championship competition. Given reasonable luck, he will be expected to make substantial progress this season.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

For Against 1956	Date	Opponents Ground	Goals	Date Opponents Ground	Goals
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PREMIER DIVISION

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Shefford Town	24	21	1	2	86	22	43
Potton United	24	19	1	4		400	-
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	24	12	2	10	64	67	26
Cranfield United	24	11	4	9	60	67	26
Dunstable Town	24	11	3	10	61	59	25
Stotfold	24	9	5	10	62	59	23
Wootton Blue Cross	24	9	5	10	52	61	23
Marston Shelton	24	10	2	12	63		
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	24	8	5	11	74	67	21
AC-Delco	24	8	4	12	58	62	20
Kent's Athletic	24	8	3	13	40	55	19
Peartree Old Boys	24	7	2	15	47	70	16
Biggleswade Town	24	3	3	18	31	78	. 0

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Vauxhall Motors	30	16	4	10	111	76	36
Tickford Sports	30	15	3	12	112	101	33
Skefko Athletic	30	15	3	12	67	66	
Bletchley Boys' Brigade Old Boys	30	14	4	12			33
Houghton Rangers	30		-		73	65	32
Foton Dear Triber		10	6	14	86	77	26
Platchlay T M C	30	11	4	15	55	71	26
Davie Athletic	30	10	1	19	55	96	21
Dootes C.	30	8	4	18	67	99	20
Rootes Sports	30	6	3	21	44	112	15
Queen's Works	30	6	2	22	47	88	
Elstow Abbey	30	2	4	24	55		14
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Shillington	28	20	4	4	109	50	44			
Bedford St. Cuthbert's	23	15	4	9	83	69				
Bletchley Centre	28	13	i	14	64	-	34			
Bedford North End	28	10	5	13		73	27			
Flitwick Athletic	28	8	2		65	83	25			
Stewartby Works	28	7	0	18	61	112	18			
Lynton Works	28	4		21	45	97	14			
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Potton United	24	20	1	3	96	30	43			
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Wootton Blue Cross	24	15	0	6	90	31	36			
Peartree Old Boys			3	6	87	46	33			
Kent's Athletic	24	13	2	9	64	56	28			
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Marston Shelton	24	6	3	15	45	91	15			
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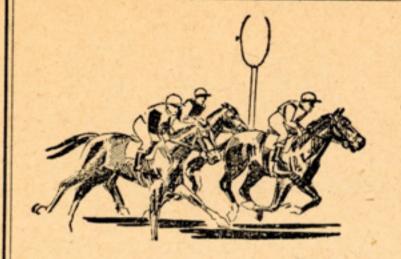
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28, A. Loasby; 27, G. Norman; 25, A. Flint; 16, A. Collier, N. Collins, R. Mead; 14, K. Hawkes, A. Taylor; 13, N. Brown, L. Hall, A. McGuffie; 12, H. Clark, A. Rowkins; 11, A. Cummings, V. Moody; 9, N. Arnison, R. Fitzpatrick, K. Underwood; 8, A. Thompson, T. Godman, P. Petersen; 7, M. Gibson; 6, W. Dallas, A. Tottingham; 5, R. Bell, T. Kelly, G. McLeod, D. Archell; 4, D. Allen, R. Wheelhouse; 3, L. Jones, R. Pearce, E. White; 2, J. Adam, P. MacEwan, C. Watkins, K. Battersby, F. Flavell, D. Loveday, J. Wilkinson; 1, J. Groves, R. Smith, B. Streten, B. Andrews, G. Coy, B. Johnson, D. Nelson, A. Pounder, K. Richardson, F. Smith, B. Sumner, R. Wheatley.

Total number of players: 21 Professional; 31 Amateur.

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PREMIER DIVISION

Stopsley		PW	L		F	A	P
Caddington	_	2 17	3	2	94		37
Pionear Carina		2 16	4	_ 2	105	33	36
C1-1-1		2 15	4	3	, 84		34
Water		2 13	3	6	86		29
D	2		2	9	49		24
Tuton C.	2		0	11	68	60	22
	2	_	3	10	54	55	21
Was P-1	2		2	12	60	76	18
T-44:	2:		2	14	59	85	14
Pater P	2		3	15	46	108	11
Monion C	22		3	15	47	116	11
Napier Sports	22	2 3	1	18	40	112	7
DIVIS	IO	NI		-	40	112	,
21,13	P		-				
Bells Park	24		D	L	F	A	P
Leagrave Athletic			2	3	115	36	40
Luton Town "C"	24		2	3	121	34	40
Laporte	24		3	7	75	49	31
Shillington Asta 2	24		4	. 7	74	44	30
lillow Dane	24		5	7	60	48	29
Hockliffe	24	12	3	9	105	64	27
Planted	24	11	5	8	62	59	27
English Plants	24	10	2	12	58	62	22
Stonelou D.	24	9	3	12	68	74	21
Dritials Y	24	7	2	15	53	85	16
Wast Dant	24	5	3	16	58	95	13
Luton United Hospitals	24	4	4	16	43	103	12
Dalla	24	2	0	22	**		
Bells Park defeated Leagrave Athletic	in	nlav-off	to d	anid-			
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DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F		
Sundon Park	22			-	L	A	P
St Andram's D II	22	18	4	0	141	23	49
Clandel	22	16	3	3	105		
Glendale	22	14	_	-		39	35
1 3/1/11/0/for 11D11			2	6	65	43	30
Sketke Ashlai	22	13	3	6	91	59	29
League P	22	9	4	9	71		
Leagrave Press	22	10	2	-		67	22
Warden Hill			4	10	73	90	22
	22	10	1	11	61	64	21
Hunting Paris	22	8	2	12	49	62	
Hunting Percival Athletic	22	6	4				18
Confidate Athletic			4	12	25	90	16
Spandit Court	22	5	1	16	55	97	11
	22	4	2	16	36		
Old Lutonians	22	5				71	10
		3	0	17	43	110	10

DIVISION III

Luton Sporton	P	W	D	L	F	A	p
Luton Spartans B.B.O.B.	22	20	1	1	126	35	41
Hayward Tyler	22	16	1	5	96	38	33
Bidwell	22	16 13	1	5	106	41	33
Hunting Percival Apprentices	22	10	4	0	102	57	-28
Postor Willelle	22	10	3	9	89 56	60	24
Sundan Old D	22	8	6	8	62	59 65	23
Barton Rovers	22	10	1	11	69	94	21
Alliance Foundry	22	8	2	12	58	79	18
Luton Brewery	22	4 2	4	14	43	121	12
Napier Apprentices	22	1	2	18 19	29	91	6
			die .	19	23	119	A

Boys' Brigade O.B. defeated Hayward Tyler in play-off to decide runners-up.

DIVISION IV

C	P	W	D	T	F		n
Sundon Park Reserves	26	25		-		- A	P
Lumoco Sports		25	0	1	147	21	50
Walden Dans	26	22	1	3	149	33	45
Wiledon Athlasia	26	17	4	5	103	46	
Toddington P	26	14	5	7			38
roddington Reserves	26	14	2		83	46	33
Rootes Reserves			4	10	. 73	96	30
Lilley Rangers Reserves	26	12	2	12	67	86	26
Laporte Reserves	26	11	2	13	74	103	24
Gidan Ashlai	26	10	3	13			
Gidan Athletic	26	9	4		89	101	23
villa Kovers		7	4	13	77	83	22
	26	1	4	15	58	108	18
Luton Old Boys Reserves	26	7	3	16	66	79	17
English Flores Reserves	26	7	1	18	55	106	
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Totternhoe Reserves	26	2	2	18	49	119	14
	20	3	3	20	49	110	9

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Norwich City	30	15	6	9	58	45	36		
Leicester City	30	15	2	13	61	56	32		
West Ham United	30	12	8	10	63	66 -	32		
Brighton	30	12	6	12	63	66	30		
LUTON TOWN	30	11	7	12	65	51	29		
Portsmouth	30	8	8	14	53	66	24		
Millwall	30	10	4	16	48	67	24		
Coventry City	30	8	8	14	35	64	24		
Bournemouth	30	8	7	-15	47	64	23		
Cardiff City	30	5	11	14	35	54	21		
Charlton Athletic	30	6	7	17	35	64	19		
DIVISION II									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Swansea Town	30	19	5	6	65	37	43		
Bristol Rovers	30	18	3	9	76	44	39		
Southampton	30	16	3 7	7	50	32	39		
Reading	30	16	7	7	64	44	39		
Leyton Orient	30	15	8	7	57	44	38		
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Northampton Town	30	12	3	15	51	56	27		
Plymouth Argyle	30	11	4	15	41	53	26		
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Watford	30	5	7	16	43	70	17		
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
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