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FOOTBALL HANDBOOK

SEASON 1956-57

DIRECTORS' FAITH IN PLAYERS WAS MORE THAN JUSTIFIED

THIS time last year we were all wondering whether the team that gained promotion for the Town would be good enough to hold its own in the First Division.

With no experienced additions to the playing staff, the Directors showed their faith in their players and, as events turned out, it was more than justified.

Not only did the Town keep well away from the relegation trouble that some people predicted for them before the season started, but they gained real distinction in the football world.

PRAISE FOR QUALITY FOOTBALL

They secured a place in the upper half of the First Division, and the quality of their football earned them high praise wherever they went.

Indeed, before Christmas, they were being named as the team of the year and were strongly fancied at that time to land either the championship or the F.A. Cup.

It was at this stage that things began to go wrong, mainly through injuries to key-men, the most serious of which was the mishap to the captain Sid Owen, which kept him out of the game for three months.

CUP DEFEAT SHOCK

That occurred on what was probably the most disappointing afternoon of the whole season when, at Kenilworth-road, the Town were dismissed from the F.A. Cup by Leicester City on their first appearance in the competition.

The margin was 4-0 against them, but two of those goals were scored after Owen had been led limping off the field with a badly torn thigh muscle.

Following that setback, there followed an extraordinarily

unsuccessful period during January and February when the team just could not find the winning path.

The rhythm of the side had been upset, not only by injuries to Owen and other players, but by a succession of bad grounds, caused by the weather, on which the Town found it impossible to play their streamlined type of football.

CAME BACK STRONGLY

Not until the beginning of March did the tide turn for them, and then they came back strongly to regain some of the leeway which had been lost during the bad weather period.

Lessons to be learnt from this first season in the highest circle? To me, the chief one is that the team that relies on pure football finds it easier to get on in the First Division than in Division II, and while these methods can be adhered to consistently, the Town should come to no harm in this exalted company.

There has been no spending spree during the close season, and the club, as the Chairman has often reiterated, is committed to a policy of developing their own resources and no-one can say that it has not paid dividends.

"We will follow that line until we are proved wrong," is the Chairman's assertion and, if weaknesses do arise which cannot be solved from among the present staff, then the Board will not be slow to try for a remedy in another direction.

GIVEN PLAYERS CONFIDENCE

What this policy has done is to give confidence to every member of the playing staff that he will get his chance when the opportunity arises, and the fact that seven youngsters were given their first run in League football last season, goes to prove this point.

Several of the younger players will have benefited from their experience of last season and should show a marked advance. So, despite the quiet close season so far as transfers are concerned, there seems no reason to view the coming season other than confidently, so long as the injury bogy does not arise again.

CHILTERN.

* Picture on the front cover is of a tussle in front of the Everton goal, with O'Neill punching away, watched by Gordon Turner and Jim Adam. Challenging O'Neill is another Town forward, whose legs can just be seen.

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



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TOWN PLAYERS APPEARANCES

DIVISION I.—R. Baynham 41, S. Dunne, W. Shanks each 40, R. Morton 39, G. Turner 33, M. Cullen 31, J. Adam 30, T. Aherne 29, S. Owen 27, G. Cummins 24, J. Pemberton 20, R. Pearce 19, P. MacEwan 17, R. Davies 16, T. Kelly, L. Jones, each 14, J. Groves 12, A. Gregory 7, A. McGuffie 3, A. Taylor 2, B. Streten, A. Thompson, A. Pounder, G. McLeod, each 1.

F.A. CUP-TIE.—R. Baynham, S. Dunne, T. Aherne, J. Pemberton, S. Owen, W. Shanks, M. Cullen, G. Turner, R. Morton, G. Cummins, R. Pearce, each 1.

OTHER MATCHES.—S. Dunne, R. Morton, W. Shanks, R. Pearce, J. Groves, J. Adam, each 6, M. Cullen 5, R. Baynham, J. Pemberton, G. Turner, each 4, T. Aherne, T. Kelly, each 3, B. Streten, A. Thompson, L. Jones, S. Owen, G. Cummins, each 2, A. Collier, B. McNally, R. Davies, A. McGuffie, W. Dallas, P. MacEwan, A. Pounder, G. McLeod, each 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—A. Thompson 36, B. Streten, R. Smith, each 34, G. McLeod 30, D. Allen 25, J. Groves 22, P. MacEwan, A. McGuffie, K. Hawkes, each 20, A. Pounder, L. Jones, each 19, W. Dallas, T. Kelly, A. Gregory, each 18, J. Pemberton 17, A. Taylor 16, R. Pearce 14, M. Cullen, R. Davies, A. Flint, each 11, T. Aherne 10, A. Collier, N. Brown, each 7, J. Adam, K. Underwood, each 4, G. Cummins 3, S. Owen, M. Collins, E. Duggan, L. Smith, each 2, G. Turner, B. Hawkes, M. Gibson, R. Legate, K. Broster, M. Henson, each 1.

GOAL-SCORERS FOR SEASON 1955-56

FIRST DIVISION.—G. Turner 19, R. Morton 10, P. MacEwan 8, M. Cullen, J. Adam, R. Davies, each 5, R. Pearce 4, G. Cummins, A. Gregory, each 2, J. Groves 1, opponents 5.

OTHER MATCHES.—J. Adam, J. Groves, each 2, G. Cummins, R. Pearce, J. Pemberton, R. Morton, P. MacEwan, each 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—A. Gregory 16, P. MacEwan 14, G. McLeod 9, D. Allen, J. Groves, each 8, M. Cullen, A. Taylor, each 6, R. Davies, A. Pounder, each 5, R. Pearce 4, G. Turner, K. Broster, J. Adam, each 2, J. Pemberton, K. Hawkes, G. Cummins, N. Brown, each 1, opponents 3.



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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. Stephenson, 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.

1955-56 : R. Baynham, B. R. Streten, A. Collier; S. Dunne, L. Jones, T. Aherne, A. Thompson, K. Hawkes; R. Morton, J. Pemberton, A. McGuffie, M. Collins, S. Owen, T. Kelly, W. Dallas, R. Bell, L. Hall, K. Underwood, W. Shanks, R. Smith; R. Davies, M. Cullen, A. Pounder, G. Turner, D. Allen, R. Pearce, P. MacEwan, A. Gregory, G. Cummins, J. Groves, E. Duggan, B. Hawkes, A. Loasby, G. McLeod, P. Clemitson, J. Adam, A. Taylor, N. Brown.

LUTON RESULTS IN F.A. CUP

1921-22	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
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	Round:	Folkestone	H	3—0
	Dec. 12—2nd	Round:	Aberdare	A	0—1
1926-27	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
1927-28	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
1928-29	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
1929-30	Nov. 30—1st	Round:	Queen's Park Rangers ...	H	2—3
1930-31	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
1931-32	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
1932-33	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
1933-34	Jan. 12—3rd	Round:	Arsenal	H	0—1
1934-35	Jan. 12—3rd	Round:	Chelsea	A	1—1
	Jan. 16—3rd	Round:	Chelsea*	H	2—0
	Jan. 26—4th	Round:	Burnley	A	1—3
1935-36	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
1936-37	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

LUTON RESULTS IN F.A. CUP—Continued

1937-38	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
1938-39	Jan. 7—3rd	Round:	Liverpool	A	0—3
1945-46	Jan. 5—3rd	Round:	Derby County	H	0—6
	Jan. 9—3rd	Round:	Derby County	A	0—3
1946-47	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
1947-48	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
1948-49	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
1949-50	Jan. 7—3rd	Round:	Grimsby Town	H	3—4
1950-51	Jan. 6—3rd	Round:	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:	Brentford*	N	3—2
	Feb. 23—5th	Round:	Swindon Town	H	3—1
	Mar. 8—6th	Round:	Arsenal	H	2—3
1952-53	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
1953-54	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
1954-55	Jan. 8—3rd	Round:	Workington	H	5—0
	Jan. 29—4th	Round:	Rotherham Utd.	A	5—1
	Feb. 19—5th	Round:	Manchester City	H	0—2
1955-56	Jan. 11—3rd	Round:	Leicester City	H	0—4

(N) At Highbury.

(V) At Villa Park.

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(W) At Molineux, Wolverhampton.

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1899-1900—Bury beat Southampton (4-0)
1900-01—Tottenham H. beat Sheffield Utd. (3-1 after a draw 2-2)
1901-02—Sheffield Utd. 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)
1915-19—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)
1949-50—Arsenal beat Liverpool (2-0)
1950-51—Newcastle Utd. beat Blackpool (2-0)
1951-52—Newcastle Utd. beat Arsenal (1-0)
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)
1955-56—Manchester City beat Birmingham City (3-1)

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DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manchester United	42	25	10	7	83	51	60
Blackpool	42	20	9	13	86	62	49
Wolverhampton Wanderers	42	20	9	13	89	65	49
Manchester City	42	18	10	14	82	69	46
Arsenal	42	18	10	14	60	61	46
Birmingham City	42	18	9	15	75	57	45
Burnley	42	18	8	16	64	54	44
Bolton Wanderers	42	18	7	17	71	58	43
Sunderland	42	17	9	16	80	95	43
LUTON TOWN	42	17	8	17	66	64	42
Portsmouth	42	16	9	17	78	85	41
Newcastle United	42	17	7	18	85	70	41
West Bromwich Albion	42	18	5	19	58	70	41
Charlton Athletic	42	17	6	19	75	81	40
Everton	42	15	10	17	55	69	40
Chelsea	42	14	11	17	64	77	39
Cardiff City	42	15	9	18	55	69	39
Tottenham Hotspur	42	15	7	20	61	71	37
Preston North End	42	14	8	20	73	72	36
Aston Villa	42	11	13	18	52	69	35
Huddersfield Town	42	14	7	21	54	83	35
Sheffield United	42	12	9	21	63	77	33

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sheffield Wednesday	42	21	13	8	101	62	55
Leeds United	42	23	6	13	80	60	52
Liverpool	42	21	6	15	85	63	48
Blackburn Rovers	42	21	6	15	84	65	48
Leicester City	42	21	6	15	94	78	48
Bristol Rovers	42	21	6	15	84	70	48
Nottingham Forest	42	19	9	14	68	63	47
Lincoln City	42	18	10	14	79	65	46
Fulham	42	20	6	16	89	79	46
Swansea Town	42	20	6	16	83	81	46
Bristol City	42	19	7	16	80	64	45
Port Vale	42	16	13	13	60	58	45
Stoke City	42	20	4	18	71	62	44
Middlesbrough	42	16	8	18	76	78	40
Bury	42	16	8	18	86	90	40
West Ham United	42	14	11	17	74	69	39
Doncaster Rovers	42	12	11	19	69	96	35
Barnsley	42	11	12	19	47	84	34
Rotherham United	42	12	9	21	56	75	33
Notts County	42	11	9	22	55	82	31
Plymouth Argyle	42	10	8	24	54	87	28
Hull City	42	10	6	26	53	97	26

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DIVISION III (SOUTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leyton Orient	46	29	8	9	106	49	66
Brighton and Hove Albion	46	29	7	10	112	50	65
Ipswich Town	46	25	14	7	106	60	64
Southend United	46	21	11	14	88	80	53
Torquay United	46	20	12	14	86	63	52
Brentford	46	19	14	13	69	66	52
Norwich City	46	19	13	14	86	82	51
Coventry City	46	20	9	17	73	60	49
Bournemouth and Boscombe	46	19	10	17	63	51	48
Gillingham	46	19	10	17	69	71	48
Northampton Town	46	20	7	19	67	71	47
Colchester United	46	18	11	17	76	81	47
Shrewsbury Town	46	17	12	17	69	66	46
Southampton	46	18	8	20	90	81	44
Aldershot	46	12	16	18	70	90	40
Exeter City	46	15	10	21	58	77	40
Reading	46	15	9	22	70	79	39
Newport County	46	15	9	22	58	79	39
Queen's Park Rangers	46	14	11	21	64	86	39
Walsall	46	15	8	23	68	84	38
Watford Town	46	13	11	22	52	85	37
Millwall Athletic	46	15	6	25	83	100	36
Crystal Palace	46	12	10	24	54	83	34
Swindon Town	46	8	14	24	34	78	30

DIVISION III (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Grimsby Town	46	31	6	9	76	29	68
Derby County	46	28	7	11	108	55	63
Accrington Stanley	46	25	9	12	92	57	59
Hartlepool United	46	26	5	15	81	60	57
Southport	46	23	11	12	66	53	57
Chesterfield	46	25	4	17	94	66	54
Stockport County	46	21	9	16	90	61	51
Bradford City	46	18	13	15	78	64	49
Scunthorpe United	46	20	8	18	75	62	48
Workington	46	19	9	18	75	63	47
York City	46	19	9	18	85	72	47
Rochdale	46	17	13	16	66	84	47
Gateshead	46	17	11	18	77	84	45
Wrexham	46	16	10	20	66	73	42
Darlington	46	16	9	21	60	73	41
Tranmere Rovers	46	16	9	21	59	84	41
Chester	46	13	14	19	52	82	40
Mansfield Town	46	14	11	21	84	81	39
Halifax Town	46	14	11	21	66	76	39
Oldham Athletic	46	10	18	18	76	86	38
Carlisle United	46	15	8	23	71	95	38
Barrow	46	12	9	25	61	83	33
Bradford	46	13	7	26	61	122	33
Crewe Alexandra	46	9	10	27	50	105	28

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DALLY DUNCAN (Team manager). One of the most popular and best-liked figures in football, and he has made as big a success of team management as he did of his long, distinguished playing career with Hull City and Derby County. Had the pleasure last season of seeing the team he helped to build consolidate their promotion-winning effort by holding their own with the best in the country. Always a believer in the policy of good football, the foundation of the Town's success, he gained wide publicity during the Town's best spell last season and was named as one of the most successful managers in the game. As the Town's team manager, he has had nine seasons and first joined the club late in 1946 as player-coach. Although a Scot and a holder of nine caps, he never played in Scottish League football,



PHIL COLEY (Secretary). Has now had ten years in the service of the club and, during that time, the administrative side has never been other than completely efficient. Often there are besetting snags and problems to be overcome, particularly when Cup-tie time comes along and the demand for tickets far exceeds the supply. This particular problem will be eased in the coming season by the extension to the Oak-road terrace which will make room for an additional 3,500 people. One of a number of Geordies on the Town's staff, he was born at Sunderland but has been here so long that he is almost regarded as a native now.

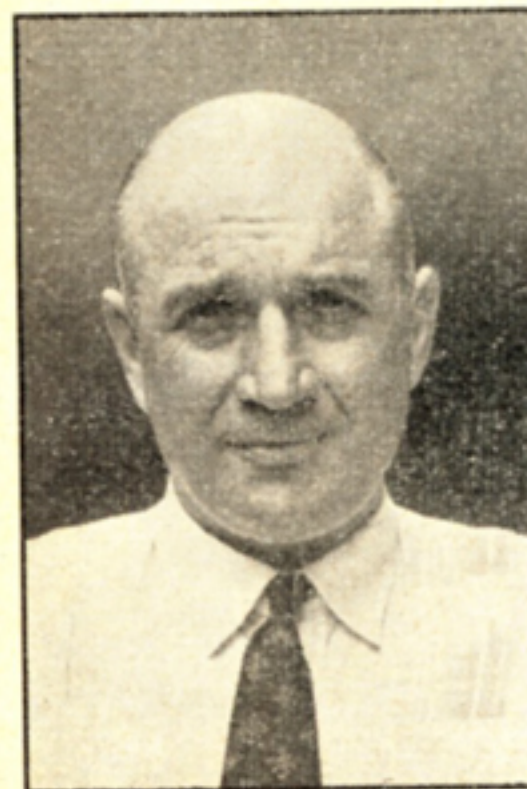


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HARRY WRIGHT (Trainer). A believer in keeping up with the times, Harry rarely misses an opportunity of extending his knowledge by attending Football Association courses. This summer he has been on two, and on one of them he was given the honour of 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 Hartlepool United, who transferred him to Sheffield Wednesday. When he moved to Luton he was successfully converted into a full-back 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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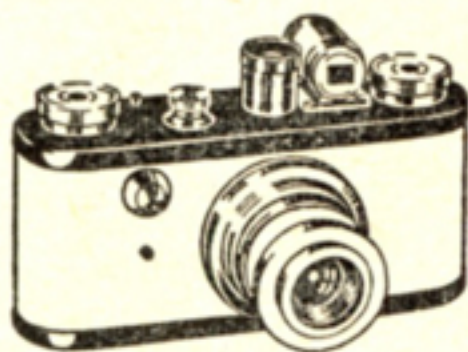
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JOHN SANDERSON (Groundsman). Another former player who preferred to stay with the club when his playing career ended prematurely through an unfortunate knee injury. At that time he had several seasons before him in League football, and the mishap was a blow to the Town, who had paid Wolves a substantial fee for this accomplished full-back. However, "Sandy" swallowed his disappointment, learnt as much as possible about a groundsman's duties, and how far he succeeded is proved annually by the way in which he gets the playing pitch around during the short close season. Does not confine his football activities to the ground, though, for he is hon. secretary of both the Bobbers' Stand Club and the Supporters' Club.

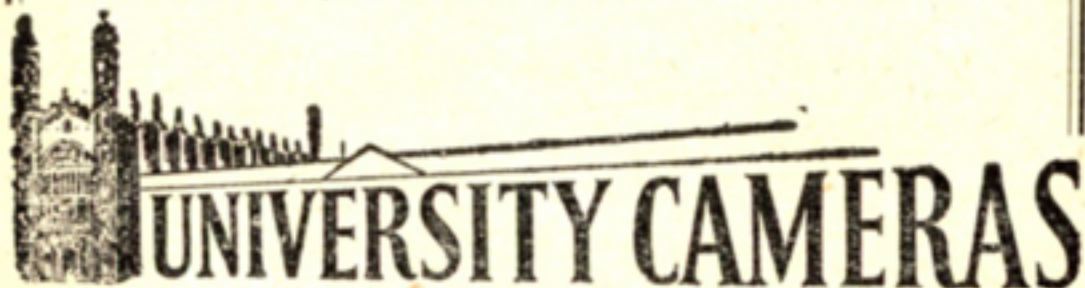


SID OWEN (centre-half). Much travelled and distinguished player who has gained many representative honours and who has been the club captain for several years. The Town certainly felt the pinch when he was seriously injured in the Cup-tie with Leicester City early in January and it was not until near the end of April that he was able to return to the team. Has spent the summer in South Africa as captain of the F.A. tourists, the third time he has been chosen for a trip of this sort, his previous journeys having been to the West Indies and Australia. In addition, he played for England in the last World Cup series and has also been honoured by the Football League. Combines his job as a player with the Town with that of club coach and he has been on the F.A. panel of coaches for some time.



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RON BAYNHAM (goalkeeper). One of the major surprises of England's close season tour of Europe was that Baynham was not included in the party. Although displaced by Reg. Matthews for the match against Scotland, after playing against Denmark, Ireland and Spain, it was confidently expected that he would at least be second choice. However, he seemed to shoulder some of the blame for the Football League's unexpected defeat at the hands of the Irish League and his claims were overlooked. Missed only one League match for the Town last season and was in magnificent form. Had a long time to wait before he could claim a regular League team place after being signed from Worcester City.



BERNARD STRETEN (goal-keeper). Another who has an England cap and several for the amateur team to bring him a reminder of big occasions. His full cap was gained against Ireland in 1950. It was not until 12 months last November that he lost a regular place to Baynham and, last season, he added only one to his total of 256 League appearances for the Town. This is the only club with which he has played as a professional, for the Town signed him in the first instance as an amateur when he was playing for Shrewsbury Town, then in the Midland League. During the war, he also played for Notts County and more than once turned out as a centre-forward. Has now been at Kenilworth-road for over 10 years.

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ALAN COLLIER (goalkeeper).
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follow in the path trodden by
Baynham and Streten and one
day wear the yellow England
jersey. Already, he has sampled
it as a schoolboy and in youth
Internationals and he is regarded
by good judges outside Luton as
one of the most promising
young goalkeepers in this
country. Unfortunately, his
career is likely to be interrupted
this season by the need to do
national service for which he is
expecting call up. Had several
outings in the Reserves last
season which proved that he has
reached maturity. Is a Markyate
boy, joined the Town ground
staff immediately he left school
and signed professional forms
when he became 17.



SEAMUS DUNNE (right-back).
When he was omitted from the
last but one game of the
season, a great run of 82 con-
secutive League appearances by
this fast full-back was inter-
rupted. However, he had the
consolation shortly afterwards of
adding to his collection of Eire
caps by playing for his country
in Holland. Has proved a good
bargain for the Town during his
six years with them, even though
he cost what was regarded as a
sizeable fee for a comparatively
untried player when they secured
him from Shelbourne, the League
of Ireland club. Completed a
century of League appearances
for the club early last season
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LESLIE JONES (right - back). After holding down a regular first team place, Jones had the disappointing experience of having to be satisfied with reserve team service while Dunne and Aherne were enjoying an uninterrupted full-back partnership for over a season. When his chance at full-back came again, it was for one game only but, early this year, an injury to Bud Aherne gave him the opportunity to settle down in the side again at left-back and when fit Aherne could not regain his place. He came back for the last two matches though and Jones moved over to the right. Although he was born at Mountain Ash, he has lived in Luton almost since infancy and was a product of the Luton and District League. Is on the transfer list at his own request.



BUD AHERNE (left - back). Needs only one more match to complete 250 League appearances in the Town's colours and his remarkable consistency during the seven seasons he has been here has meant automatic selection, except during the latter part of last season when he had a spell in the reserves after recovery from injury. It cost an £8,000 fee to secure him from the now defunct Belfast Celtic. Has been vice-captain of the club for some time and led them on both their last tours when Sid Owen was on F.A. duty. Not quite so speedy as he used to be, but he has a wonderful positional sense and seldom mistimes his clearances. Has been well among the honours, having gained caps for Eire and Ireland and played for the Irish League on many occasions.

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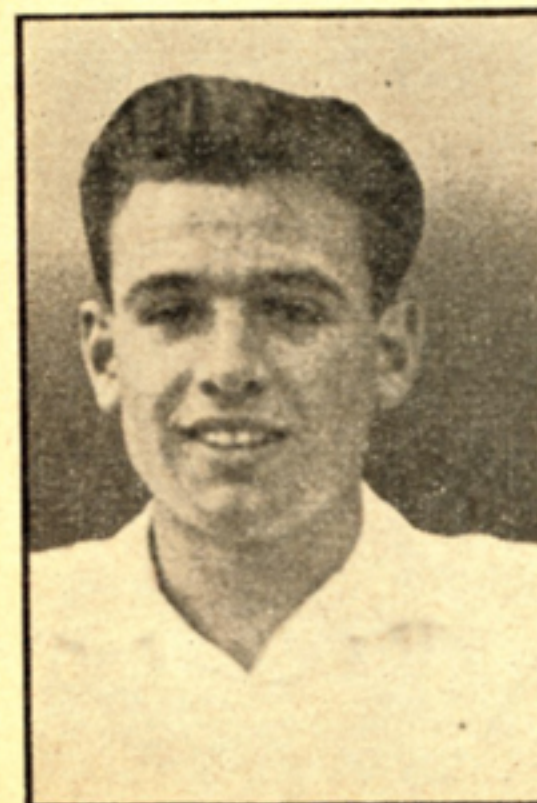
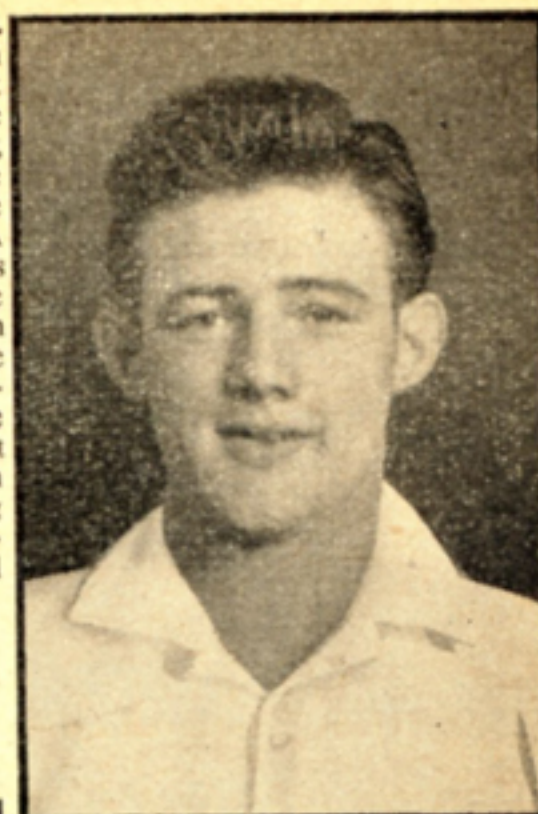
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ALAN THOMPSON (left-back). One of several who were given the chance to make their first appearances in the League side during last season. Yet, generally, he did not quite maintain the vast improvement he made during the previous campaign. A quick-tackling player who believes in clearing his lines with the minimum of delay, Thompson can still make the League grade though competition for the full-back positions is likely to be lively this season. When he first joined the Town it was as an amateur when he was playing with West Park in local football, but he was soon offered professional terms.



KEN HAWKES (left-back). Although he made 20 appearances in the Football Combination team, there were times last season when Hawkes had to be content with "A" team service. At 23, he is still awaiting his first chance in the League side, and this could come his way, judging from the form he was showing in the Reserves in the closing weeks of the season. On occasions, he has shown signs that he might develop into a useful wing-half and it may be that there will be some disposition to try this experiment again. Hails from the north-east where he played for Shotton Colliery Welfare and was signed after a trial for the Town when they were in the London Mid-Week League.

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BRENDAN McNALLY (full-back). It will be interesting to see whether this 21-years-old new signing by the Town will develop sufficiently to follow the example of Aherne and Dunne and earn himself Eire caps. Good judges in and around Dublin think he can and there were many who deemed him unlucky last season not to have gained at least one outing for the League of Ireland. Curiously, his previous first-class career has been spent with Shelbourne, the club from which the Town secured Dunne and they will be satisfied that a four figure fee has not been spent in vain if he turns out to be in the same mould as his new club-mate. Already, Town officials have had a first-hand sample of what he can do in English football, for he has played in a friendly match at Fulham.



GERALD KING (left-back). Son of a former Luton stalwart, Tom King, who was transferred here from Bournemouth before the war. Like many other ex-Town players, Tom settled down here and his son has given every indication that he can follow in his father's footsteps. Gerald first caught attention when he was playing for Luton School-boys, then as an outside-left, but he gained Bedfordshire youth honours last season at full-back and this is probably the position in which the Town will use him most. Not yet 18, he will be brought along gradually and, for the moment, has signed as a professional on a part-time basis only.

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BOB MORTON (right-half). Only the start of the season will show whether the Town will decide to use him in the middle line or whether he will again be called upon to do a stint at centre-forward as he has in each of the last two seasons. Altogether, he occupied four different positions last season, taking each switch cheerfully and in his stride and he was leading the front line when the Town were having their best spell. Had he not been on the short list for the right-half berth in the England team, his move into the attack would probably have been made sooner. As things turned out, the nearest he came to a cap was to be travelling reserve to the team for the match with Ireland. Later, he played for England "B" and was a member of the F.A. party which toured South Africa



JIM PEMBERTON (right-half). Another player who will cheerfully do a turn anywhere, from full-back to outside-left, but he has been most successful in the first team when he has been brought in to fill the gap when Morton has been moved into the front line. A brilliant distributor of the ball, seen at his best when pushing on an attack, he also has an uncanny knack of interception, and he had a good run in the first team last season during which he chalked up 20 First Division appearances. Has held a regular place at left-back, too, and played at outside-left in the last three vital matches, which were all won, as the result of which the Town gained promotion. Came here from Stourbridge for a modest fee over eight years ago and has given the club great service.



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ALWYN McGUFFIE (right-half). A 19-years-old who has already had a sample of First Division football and acquitted himself so well that he will be a definite candidate for the position if Morton is called upon to lead the attack. His League debut came at Cardiff on April 14 and he did so well that he was chosen for the next two League games and was also taken on the Iron Curtain tour. A clever ball player in the true Scottish tradition with an eye for an opening, McGuffie was recommended to Luton by Charlie Watkins when he was only 16½. Was apprenticed to a Luton firm and after at first declining to sign professional forms when he became 17, changed his mind later. In the meantime, he earned a regular place in the Bedfordshire youth team



TERRY KELLY (centre-half). His big chance came last January when Owen was laid aside through injury and it was unfortunate that his arrival in the side coincided with the worst spell the Town encountered last season. However, it was generally conceded that the fault could not be laid at his door, for he did his job ruggedly and efficiently. At the same time, it must have been a relief for him when the team suddenly got out of the slough into which they descended in the mud of January and February. Again he was the stand-in for Owen on the close season tour during which he enhanced his reputation against players of international class. Was originally a centre-half with Hitchin Town and Vauxhall Motors and the Town signed him for that position.

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KEITH UNDERWOOD (centre-half). Competition for the centre-half position limited his appearances in the Reserves to only four last season, but he gave the "A" team valuable service. A local product, he joined the Town as an amateur almost as soon as he left school and was developed gradually through their junior teams. Strong and forthright in his methods, Underwood was captain of Bedfordshire when they won the F.A. County Youth Championship the season before last and Town officials had ample opportunity to see his rich promise for the future. Was given a Combination outing whilst still an amateur and the Town were quick to offer him professional terms once Bedfordshire had achieved their object.



RAYMOND BELL (centre-half). In the last two years, Bell has been available only rarely because of Army service, much of it in Germany. Now demobilised, he has re-signed as a part-time professional because he wishes to complete his apprenticeship. During spells of leave, he made six appearances in the "A" team last season, but he has had some experience in the Reserves. At times he has been experimented with as a full-back, a position to which he may prove to be suited. A product of the North-eastern nursery, he was spotted by the Town's scout in that area whilst playing for Langley Juniors and he was offered professional terms after a trial outing.

LUTON TOWN F.C. 1st XI FIXTURES, 1956-7

DIVISION I

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against
1956				
Aug. 18	Sunderland	H (8-2)		
" 22	Wolves	H (5-1)		
" 25	Charlton Ath.	A (2-2)		
" 29	Wolves	A (2-1)		
Sept. 1	Manchester City	H (3-2)		
" 5	Aston Villa	H (2-1)		
" 8	Blackpool	A (2-3)		
" 15	Everton	H (2-2)		
" 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A (1-2)		
" 29	Leeds United	H (—)		
Oct. 6	Newcastle United	A (0-4)		
" 13	Sheffield Wednesday	H (—)		
" 20	Birmingham City	A (0-0)		
" 27	West Bromwich	H (1-3)		
Nov. 3	Burnley	A (—13)		
" 10	Preston North End	H (2-1)		
" 17	(1) Chelsea	A (0-0)		
" 24	Cardiff City	H (3-0)		
Dec. 1	Manchester United	A (1-3)		
" 8	(2) Arsenal	H (0-0)		
" 15	Sunderland	A (2-1)		
" 22	Charlton Athletic	H (2-1)		
" 25	Portsmouth	A (0-0)		
" 26	Portsmouth	H (1-0)		
" 29	Manchester City	A (2-3)		

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Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against
1957				
Jan. 5	F.A. Cup, Third Round			
" 12	Blackpool	H (3-1)		
" 19	Everton	A (1-0)		
" 26	F.A. Cup, Fourth Round			
Feb. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	H (2-1)		
" 9	Leeds United	A (—)		
" 16	(5) Newcastle United	H (4-2)		
" 23	West Bromwich	A (1-3)		
Mar. 2	(6) Birmingham City	H (0-1)		
" 9	Arsenal	A (0-3)		
" 16	Burnley	H (2-3)		
" 23	(S.F.) Preston North End	A (1-2)		
" 30	Chelsea	H (2-2)		
Apr. 6	Cardiff City	A (0-2)		
" 13	Manchester United	H (0-2)		
" 19	Bolton Wanderers	A (0-4)		
" 20	Sheffield Wednesday	A (—)		
" 22	Bolton Wanderers	H (0-0)		
" 27	Aston Villa	A (0-1)		
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LEONARD SMITH (centre-half).

A very promising player who signed part-time professional forms on the last day of June, Smith hails from Toddington and made a big name for himself in the Town's Metropolitan League side last season. He did so well that he was promoted to the Reserves and was by no means outclassed in that company. He is tall and well built and is extremely strong in the tackle. Is 21, has completed his National Service and is expected to make big strides this season.



WALLY SHANKS (left - half).

Enters his tenth season of loyal service to Luton, his only League club apart from a trial period with Chelsea as an outside-right. It was for that position that the Town signed him on the recommendation of Joe Payne and he ran the whole gamut of forward line positions before discovering that the half-back line suited him right down to the ground. Since his conversion, he has never looked back and once he took it up in the first team, he was an automatic choice. His 40 appearances last season brought his grand total for the club in League football to 236 and he has missed only five League games during the last two seasons. Twice he has met with serious injuries but, each time, he has come back as resourceful and hard-working as ever.

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RAY SMITH (left-half). A useful rugged type of player and a good clubman who has rather been kept in the background through the Town's strength at wing-half and his first team outings have been limited to a mere handful. But through his 6½ years at Kenilworth-road, he has given valuable service to the reserve team for which he played 34 times last season. Another member of the considerable north-eastern colony there is here, Smith was discovered when playing for Evenwood Town. A player who never knows what it is to give up trying, he thoroughly earned the reserve team benefit he was awarded over 12 months ago, and he would have made more progress had his distribution matched in accuracy, the ruggedness of his defensive work.



MICHAEL COLLINS (wing-half). One of the several players on the Town's books who earned county youth honours, Collins gained his with Northamptonshire, of whose team he was captain. So much promise did he show that he was chosen, along with Alan Collier, for an International trial. For some time before his seventeenth birthday, the Town had him on their books as an amateur, and he turned professional immediately after it. A tall, strong player who can also take a turn at centre-half, his experience so far has been mostly limited to the Metropolitan League, but he had two reserve team outings last season. He comes from Wellingborough.

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ROY DAVIES (outside-right). Now that Peter MacEwan has returned home, Roy is the only South African remaining with the Town as a professional. In May he completed five years' service with the club and was awarded a maximum benefit. Knee trouble kept him out of the team after the first two matches of last season, and it was not until near the end of October that he was able to have a test in the Reserves. With the senior team in winning vein, he had to wait until Christmas before he made a return to First Division football. Then followed a further short spell on the injured list, and it was the middle of February before he gained a regular place. When he first came to this country, he had a trial period with Manchester City, but eventually signed for Clyde, from which club the Town secured his transfer.



MICHAEL CULLEN (outside-right). The club's most recent International, for he was capped by Scotland against Austria at Hampden Park on May 2, at a time when he had been mostly figuring in the Town's reserve team. First honour that came his way was to play for Scotland "B" against England "B" on February 29, when he was one of the big Scottish successes. Although, apart from the Easter matches, he had little first team service in the last two months of the season, he made 31 Division I appearances. At different times, he has had successful spells at outside-left and, on occasion, filled the inside-right position last season. A clever ball player, he has been at Luton since he was 17, having been signed on the recommendation of former club skipper, Doug Gardiner.



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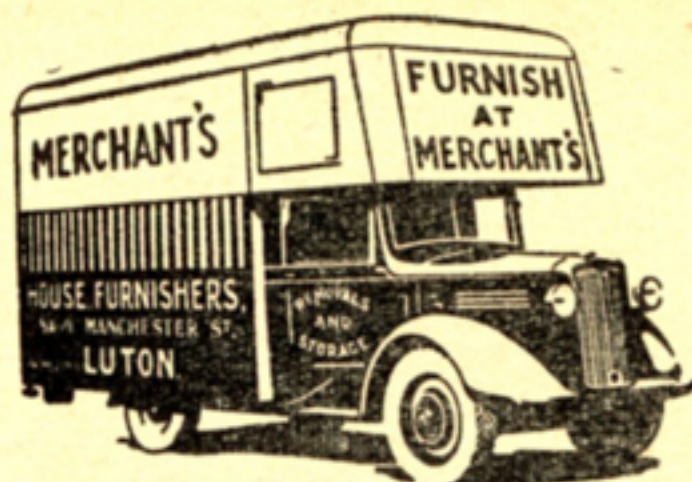
TONY POUNDER (outside-right).

In his future the Town were closely interested for some months before they eventually persuaded him to sign professional forms in a Sheffield hotel on Boxing Day. A native of Sheffield, he was seen by the Town's scout in that area playing for Atlas Sports, a local works club. During the season before last, he turned out for the "A" team several times as an amateur, and before last Christmas was given reserve team outings in which he was impressive enough to suggest that he would be an asset as a full-time professional. After that he progressed sufficiently to be given a First Division chance against Portsmouth on April 7. A fast, direct player, he likes the ball in front of him so that he can use his speed.



GORDON TURNER (inside-right)

Leading scorer for the club in the last three seasons and he would have scored more than 19 goals had he not been troubled by injury. In the closing weeks of the season, his damaged ankle was a big handicap and now, with the summer behind him, he should strike the form that earned him selection for the Football League against the Scottish League at Hillsborough, Sheffield, last October. There was a time when the Town were at the top of their form, when Turner was fancied for an England cap. His previous honour, also at Sheffield curiously enough, was to be chosen as one of the travelling reserves to England "B" against Germany "B" in the season before last. A fine marksman who has not missed from the spot since he began taking penalties.



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REG. PEARCE (inside-right). At least that is what he considers his rightful position, but he had to sample six others in the first team before he was given his first chance there. Proved to be a big asset last season, especially during Cummins's absence through injury, for he filled the inside-left berth splendidly. His League debut was at outside-right, and he afterwards sampled all the forward positions and also played on either flank at wing-half. On the close season tour, the Town used him as a centre-forward, and they may be disposed to continue that experiment. Is beginning his second full season here, and the Town paid a fairly modest fee for him to Winsford United, the Cheshire County League club. Former manager, George Martin, did the preliminary watching and finally signed him at his home in Liverpool.



TONY GREGORY (centre-forward or inside-left). Made a meteoric rise last season, his first as a professional, from "A" team football to the First Division in which he made his debut at centre-forward at Sunderland on March 7. Was retained in the team for seven consecutive matches, scoring two goals and generally giving the impression that he will be able to solve this problem permanently, given more experience and possibly, the benefit of full-time training. The latter will not come for some time, for he is completing his apprenticeship and trains only in the evenings. A local, he gained youth international honours, was a member of Bedfordshire's championship winning youth team and also played for the county's senior side in the Southern Counties Amateur Championship.

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TED DUGGAN (centre-forward). Is in his second spell at Kenilworth-road, his first having begun well before the war when he was taken on the ground staff when in his early teens. Was later signed as a professional and was developing along the right lines when the war interrupted his career. A knee injury whilst playing in the Army handicapped him for a time, but he returned to the Town on demobilisation, won a first team place and looked one of the finest prospects on the books. Unfortunately, he was dogged by injury, and eventually was transferred to Queen's Park Rangers for a substantial fee. He later joined Bedford Town, who released him last season in order that he could join Luton to lend experience to their "A" team, of which he is coach.

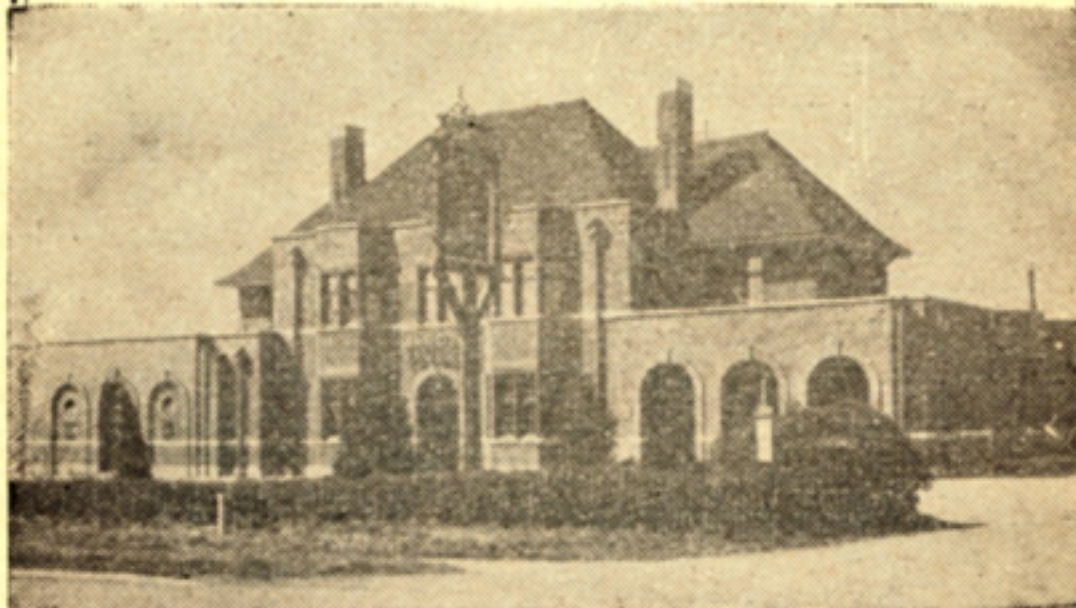


GEORGE CUMMINS (inside-left). Had his best spell since joining the Town for a £12,000 fee from Everton three years ago, during the early part of last season and, in that form, was considered to be one of the best inside forwards in the country. The co-ordination he was doing in midfield, combined with his accurate distribution, had much to do with the striking power of the front line, and he was an automatic choice for Eire. Unfortunately, knee trouble developed after he had played for his country against Spain on November 27, and it was not until the end of December that he returned to the team. After that, he never quite regained his previous form and eventually, the trouble having recurred, he had to have a cartilage operation.

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JOHN GROVES (inside-left). Tall, brainy player who likes to hold the ball and can do so to advantage. Has football in his blood, for his father, Arthur Groves, was a first-class inside forward with Derby County, and it was through the father's friendship with Dally Duncan that John came to Luton as a youngster. As soon as he reached 17, he was signed as a professional, and did well in his 12 outings in the first team last season. At one time there was a disposition to try him at wing-half, where he shone in the Reserves, but shortage of inside forwards, due to injuries, caused the experiment to be abandoned. Has occupied all the forward positions, including centre-forward, where he plays the deep-lying type of game.



GEORGE McLEOD (inside-left). Was one of seven young players to whom the Town gave first chance in League football during last season and his one appearance was at Cardiff where the team as a whole was unimpressive. In the Reserves, he gave many good displays and scored nine goals in 30 appearances for them. A fearless, forthright type of player, he will do better when he learns to have more confidence in his right foot. Aged 22, he is a Scot from Inverness where he played for Clachnacuddin and, following a recommendation from a Scottish source, the Town sent their north-eastern scout to watch him. As a result, a deal was done and he shows a lot of promise.



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BARRY HAWKES (inside-forward)

Younger brother of Ken, the full-back, he threw in his lot with the Town as an amateur when his family moved south. Eventually, the Club offered him professional terms, but they are unlikely to see a lot of him this season because he is due for National Service. So far, apart from one appearance in the Reserves, his experience has been confined to Metropolitan League football. Is a ball player of some merit and is young enough to develop into a most competent inside-forward.



ALAN LOASBY (inside-forward).

Like Collins, he was a member of the Northants youth team, for he was born in Wellingborough and is a nephew of a former Luton centre - forward, Harry Loasby. Last season, he was available to the "A" team only on rare occasions during spells of leave from the forces and he still has a considerable slice of his National Service to do. Now 19, he was signed as a professional immediately he became old enough and the full extent of his development will not be seen until he is demobilised. Is something of a utility player and, on occasions, has been used as a centre-forward.

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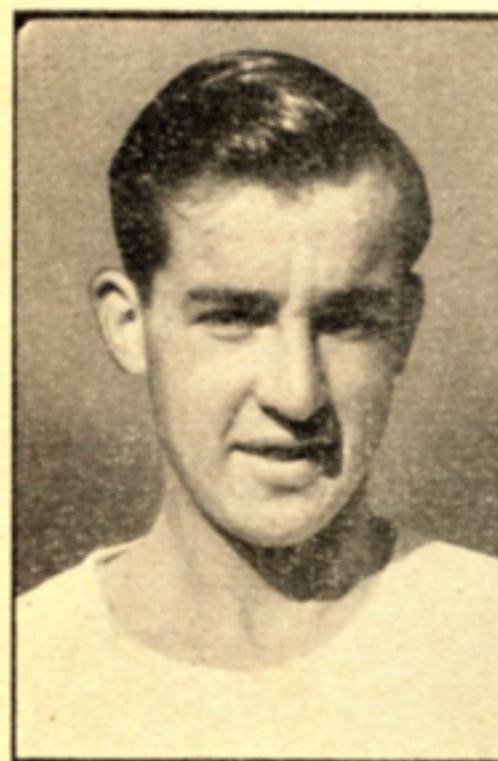
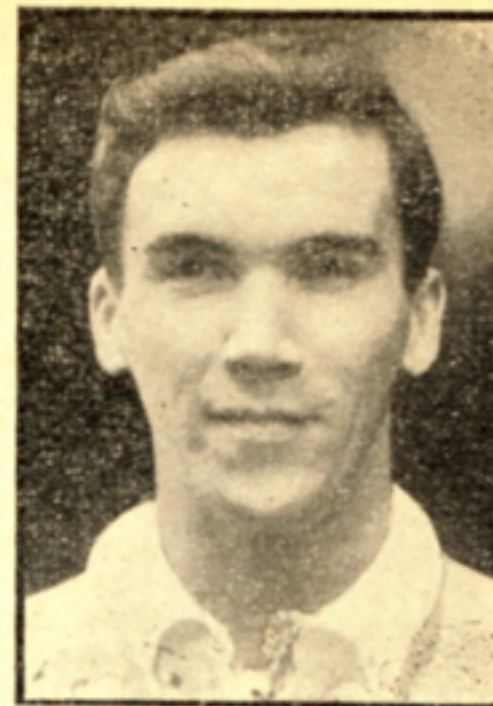
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JIM ADAM (outside-left). Persistent throat trouble worried him for quite a time last season and he had an operation for the removal of his tonsils during the close season. The regular occupant of the outside-left position in the first team, he is capable of real brilliance and has the speed and ability to run any full-back off his feet. Could his finishing but match his approach work, he would be among the most dangerous wingers in the country but, as it is, a lot of his work tends to be wasted through an inaccurate last pass. Now begins his third season with the Town whom he joined from Spennymoor, North-Eastern League club, in exchange for a four figure fee.



ROWLAND LEGATE (outside-left). Seventeen years-old newcomer to the professional ranks which he joined only on May 4, this year. Previously, he had been on amateur forms and working on the ground staff. Comes from nearby Arlesey for whom he played in the Parthenon League and he was also a member of the Bedfordshire youth team. Several clubs, apart from the Town, were noting his progress carefully, and it was not without some difficulty that Luton managed to get his signature. Has already made his debut in the Football Combination and he opened the eyes of officials by the quality of his display on his first appearance for the Reserves at Southend in the last match of the season.

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals	
			For	Against
1956				
Aug. 18	Queen's Park Rangers	A		
" 25	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
" 29	West Ham	H		
Sept. 1	Crystal Palace	A		
" 8	Bristol City	H		
" 15	Plymouth Argyle	A		
" 22	Southend United	H		
" 29	Reading	A		
Oct. 6	Chelsea	H		
" 13	Bournemouth	A		
" 20	Arsenal	H		
" 27	Watford	A		
Nov. 3	Swindon Town	H		
" 10	Brentford	A		
" 17	Portsmouth	H		
" 24	Ipswich Town	A		
Dec. 1	Leicester City	H		
" 8	Leyton Orient	A		
" 15	Queen's Park Rangers	H		
" 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
" 25	Birmingham City	H		
" 26	Birmingham City	A		
" 29	Crystal Palace	H		

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Date		Opponents	Ground	Goals	
				For	Against
1957					
Jan.	5	Coventry City	A		
"	12	Bristol City	A		
"	19	Plymouth Argyle	H		
"	26	Coventry City	H		
Feb.	2	Southend United	A		
"	9	Reading	H		
"	16	Chelsea	A		
"	23	Bournemouth	H		
Mar.	2	Arsenal	A		
"	9	Watford	H		
"	16	Swindon Town	A		
"	23	Brentford	H		
"	30	Portsmouth	A		
Apr.	6	Ipswich Town	H		
"	13	Leicester City	A		
"	19	Norwich City	H		
"	20	Leyton Orient	H		
"	22	Norwich City	A		
"	27	Swansea Town	A		

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Preliminary Round	October	20
First Round	November	17
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INTERMEDIATE

Preliminary Round	September	29
First Round	November	3
Second Round	December	1
Third Round	January	5
Semi-Finals	February	2

JUNIOR


Extra Preliminary Round	September	15
Preliminary Round	October	6
First Round	November	10
Second Round	December	1
Third Round	December	29
Semi-Finals	January	26

YOUTH CUPS (under 18)

Preliminary Round	September	29
First Round	October	27
Second Round	November	17
Third Round	December	29
Semi-Finals	January	26

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Preliminary Round	September	15
First Round	October	20
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LEAGUE TABLES, 1955-56

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bletchley	26	20	4	2	104	38	44
Stotfold	26	17	2	7	77	39	36
AC-Delco	26	16	3	7	82	57	35
Hunting Percival Athletic	26	14	4	8	79	68	32
Electrolux	26	14	2	10	58	59	30
Shillington	26	13	3	10	79	63	29
Kent's Athletic	26	14	1	11	64	59	29
Marston Shelton Rovers	26	11	3	12	67	60	25
Amphill Town	26	7	8	11	53	57	22
Langford	26	9	4	13	45	55	22
Leighton United	26	8	5	13	59	65	21
Skefko Athletic	26	7	4	15	41	74	18
Peartree Old Boys	26	5	4	17	46	80	14
Cranfield United	26	2	3	21	37	99	7

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Luton Town " B "	24	19	4	1	134	22	42
Barton Rovers	24	18	3	3	137	44	39
Vauxhall Motors	24	15	4	5	85	38	34
Waterlow's	24	15	3	6	87	42	33
Houghton Rangers	24	13	4	7	65	53	30
Bletchley B.B.O.B.	24	13	2	9	81	47	28
Eaton Bray United	24	13	1	10	82	61	27
Bletchley L.M.S.	24	9	3	12	61	87	21
Bletchley Centre	24	8	3	13	64	87	19
Rootes Sports	24	5	4	15	48	80	14
Queen's Works	24	5	2	17	46	86	12
Davis Athletic	24	4	3	17	36	86	11
Flitwick Athletic	24	1	0	23	11	203	2

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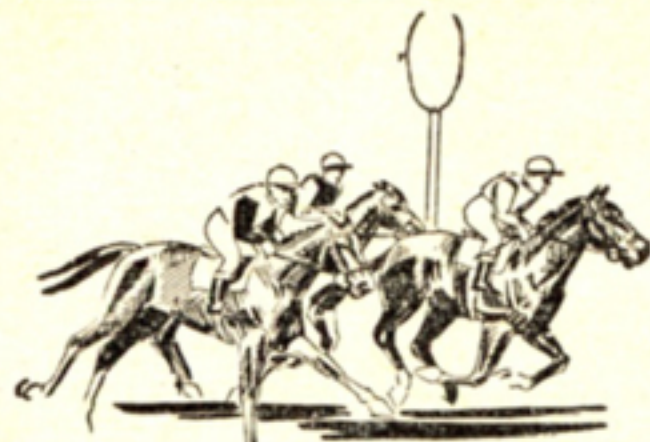
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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bletchley	22	16	3	3	111	37	35
Hunting Percival Athletic	22	15	4	3	86	36	34
Barton Rovers	22	15	3	4	84	49	33
Stotfold	22	15	2	5	76	35	32
AC-Delco	22	11	3	8	79	57	25
Kent's Athletic	22	11	2	9	75	48	24
Bletchley B.B.O.B.	22	7	3	12	50	74	17
Shillington	22	6	4	12	41	71	16
Amphill Town	22	7	1	14	49	79	15
Peartree Old Boys	22	5	4	13	47	74	14
Cranfield United	22	4	3	15	36	94	11
Marston Shelton Rovers	22	2	4	16	39	114	8

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tottenham Hotspur	42	34	2	6	143	46	70
Chelsea	42	28	7	7	116	49	63
Portsmouth	42	26	6	10	104	53	58
Bristol Rovers	42	24	8	10	105	61	56
Bristol City	42	21	13	8	66	43	55
West Ham United	42	24	3	15	116	69	51
Brentford	42	23	5	14	100	79	51
Birmingham City	42	19	10	13	87	58	48
Arsenal	42	19	8	15	96	76	46
Leicester City	42	17	12	13	103	88	46
Cardiff City	42	19	7	16	89	71	45
Norwich City	42	18	9	15	71	66	45
Watford	42	20	5	17	83	91	45
Fulham	42	19	6	17	85	71	44
Brighton	42	17	8	17	79	82	42
Crystal Palace	42	18	5	19	78	74	41
Charlton Athletic	42	16	8	18	76	73	40
Queen's Park Rangers	42	18	4	20	62	86	40
Southend United	42	14	11	17	75	86	39
Southampton	42	15	8	19	75	73	38
Ipswich Town	42	18	2	22	88	98	38
Bournemouth	42	15	8	19	65	77	38
Swansea Town	42	15	7	20	68	92	37
Leyton Orient	42	13	10	19	72	70	36
LUTON TOWN	42	13	9	20	94	98	35
Aldershot	42	14	6	22	61	107	34
Reading	42	13	6	23	61	99	32
Plymouth Argyle	42	12	5	25	72	101	29
Coventry City	42	11	5	26	59	144	27
Millwall	42	10	6	26	71	122	26
Northampton Town	42	9	7	26	66	134	25
Swindon Town	42	9	6	27	42	121	24



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LEAGUE TABLES, 1955-56

PREMIER DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Stopsley	24	20	1	3	89	21	41
Leagrave Athletic	24	19	3	2	89	45	41
Pioneer Corinthians	24	16	3	5	77	35	35
Bells Park	24	14	3	7	93	56	31
Toddington Rovers	24	12	4	8	72	49	28
Sundon Park ..	24	12	3	9	87	41	27
Glendale	24	9	4	11	69	56	22
Robin Hoods	24	9	4	11	50	69	22
Caddington	24	8	4	12	60	78	20
Laporte	24	6	4	14	38	87	16
Totternhoe	24	3	8	13	36	79	14
West Park	24	5	3	16	39	83	13
Napier Sports	24	0	2	22	28	125	2

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Luton Town "C"	20	16	3	1	155	26	35
Stopsley Reserves	20	16	1	3	96	39	33
British Legion	20	14	2	4	80	51	30
Luton United Hospitals	20	12	3	5	76	58	27
Electrolux	20	11	0	9	47	59	22
English Electric ..	20	8	2	10	54	65	18
Skefko Athletic	20	6	1	13	48	76	13
Leagrave Press	20	6	1	13	48	77	13
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Limbury Old Boys	26	20	2	4	111	31	42
Boys Brigade Old Boys	26	18	3	5	123	40	39
Colindale Athletic	26	17	3	6	100	59	37
Lumoco Sports	26	15	2	9	114	73	32
Wilsden Athletic	26	15	2	9	105	76	32
Walden Rangers	26	14	4	8	77	62	32
Sundon Park Reserves	26	11	3	12	50	64	25
Old Lutonians	26	10	4	13	61	98	24
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Toddington Rovers Reserves ...	26	4	3	19	41	88	11
Luton Brewery	26	4	3	19	41	115	11
Laporte Reserves	26	0	1	25	25	179	1

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Luton Spartans "A"	26	22	3	1	138	30	47
Westaways Athletic	26	21	4	1	138	27	46
Hayward Tyler	26	16	1	9	86	64	33
Walcot Athletic	26	14	4	8	95	66	32
B.B.O.B. "A"	26	13	5	8	95	73	31
Grange Albion	26	13	3	10	90	68	29
Bidwell	26	12	5	9	70	65	29
Flamstead	26	11	5	10	74	57	27
Rootes Sports Reserves	26	11	4	11	77	73	26
Luton Old Boys	26	6	12	8	72	85	24
Wilsden Athletic Reserves ...	26	7	4	15	59	99	18
Luton United Hospitals "A" ...	26	4	3	19	51	134	11
Totternhoe Reserves	26	3	2	21	37	106	8
Napier Apprentices	26	0	5	21	40	175	5

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Leighton Rangers	24	16	2	6	114	40	34
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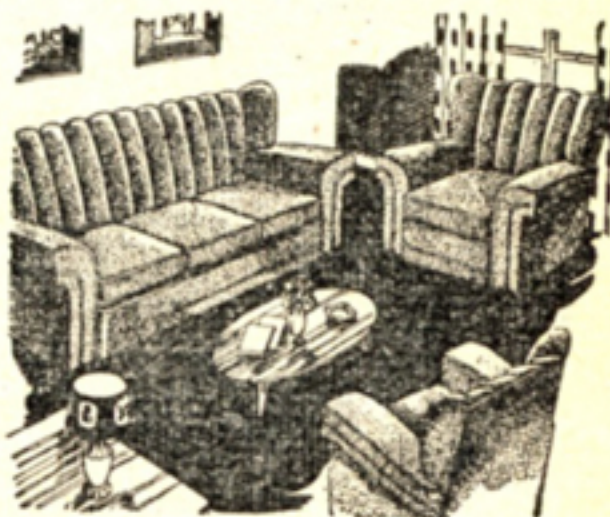
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Chelsea	32	25	3	4	111	30	53
Headington United	32	21	1	10	105	41	43
Dartford	32	19	5	8	72	44	43
Bedford Town	32	19	4	9	90	49	42
Gravesend and Northfleet	32	18	4	10	70	49	40
Tonbridge	32	15	5	12	78	57	35
Newbury Town	32	13	5	14	70	64	31
Guildford City	32	12	5	15	66	76	29
DUNSTABLE TOWN	32	13	2	17	85	84	28
LUTON TOWN	32	9	6	17	52	73	24
Horsham	32	11	2	19	55	105	24
Haywards Heath	32	9	6	17	50	103	24
West Ham	32	7	9	16	55	75	23
Brighton and Hove	32	8	5	19	48	71	21
Windsor and Eton	32	6	4	22	45	108	16
Wokingham Town	32	6	2	24	49	127	14

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(14-18 Section)

	P	W	L	D	P
D.Y.P.S.	14	13	1	0	27
Biscot Mill Y.C.	14	11	2	1	23
Vauxhall Motors	14	10	4	0	20
Luton Boys' Club	14	8	5	1	17
Limbury Old Boys	14	6	7	1	13
Farley Hill	14	3	10	1	7
Skefko	14	3	10	1	7
Flitwick	14	1	12	1	3

(14-16 Section)

	P	W	L	D	P
Icknield	12	10	2	0	20
Houghton Rangers	12	8	4	0	16
Luton Hotspur	12	7	5	0	14
Vauxhall Motors	12	5	5	2	12
Biscot Mill Youth Club	12	5	6	1	11
Limbury Old Boys	12	4	6	2	10
Flitwick	12	1	10	1	3

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