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Bee's Sports Notes

Liverpool F.C. Programme, Edited by Ernest Edwards "BEE")

A Lot to be Thankful for

Yes, we begin the Year with a good deal of gratitude for our lot. It is a lot to be thankful for small mercies. Have you ever thought, however, how infrequently we have serious accidents in football? Eastham's case in the cup-tie comes back to mind. It was just a year ago and one despaired of seeing him play again. Yet to-day he is as strong as ever and his confidence has not wilted. For which all must be thankful. Broken legs are indeed rare in First Division football. Next Saturday, Liverpool will be facing one who has come back to the toil after having had his leg broken in a cup-tie versus Aston Villa at Charlton, a replayed game. Hobbis is the name, and this unusual-looking footballer, so capable on the wing of the sporting club, gets our best wishes for future appearances, if not success next Saturday against Anfield's youthful defenders.

Considering the sliding tackles, the hurly-burly of football, the number of broken legs in this city has been abnormally low. Wilfred Toman was one of the earliest in this city—appearing for Everton's team and Sheldon has been the only one in Anfield's career, if we except our present old-timer, trainer Charlie Wilson, who broke his leg in a game at Middlesbrough. Sheldon's crack remains a memory to all those who were at the game between Liverpool and Derby many years ago. Sheldon was winging it and he ran into the son of Liverpool's old goalkeeper, Storer. The blow had fallen, quite accidentally, and

Jackie, a broth of a boy, was taken to hospital, but insisted on stopping the ambulance on the way to the hospital to ask the police officer on point duty if Liverpool had scored any more goals. He was smoking his cigarette and was full of pluck. To-day he is laid up with T.B. and his letters bear the Sheldonian calm and uncomplaining note. He was a most popular member of the Anfield team, with perky nose, quick-step and reddish hair. He left Manchester United because he foresaw Billy Meredith playing till he was fifty years old—which was just what Billy did—in a cup-tie, semi-final match. Meredith's curiosity was that he played for thirty years, started versus Newcastle United and finished his career playing against Newcastle United in a cup semi-final. And we talk of veterans in modern football when they touch the thirty mark! Camsell, Waring, Dean and others have weathered the storm for years of football and in our own camp one does not forget the continuation-service of such men as James Jackson, Walter Wadsworth, Tom Bradshaw, McKinlay, James McDougall, and others, not forgetting that most remarkable man Cunliffe, who came from St. Helens, a man with a long life in football and a big family. Cunliffe was one of the oldest of the football tribes. It is good to cast-back for the local servants of clubs and in this direction everyone has been charmed to know Harry Chambers was playing as late as last season—at centre half-back.

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When Saltburn Housed Cup Trainers

Liverpool's visit to Saltburn this week for a resting-place recalls my many visits there in many football jobs. Liverpool went there for special training in the days of the chairmanship of the late Mr. W. R. Williams. Snow made movement difficult. Players had no chance of training, any thought of going out was attended with chains for the motors, and the hotel food was so good the players came out for the cup-tie at Newcastle like the best-fed people! Mr. Williams vowed he would never again sanction seaside training. Other times, other decisions. Saltburn was the scene of the Little Theatre, down the 1d. rail to the prom. Liverpool players packed the hall and enjoyed a great show in which a Wallasey lady, Leonie Lascelles, was a bright star. The company heard of Hoylake and its chances there, and arriving found cold comfort from a town that has only just learned to give due credit to a Repertory Company, which has now been taken to the public's arms and the public ask them to return this summer!

Curious world, is it not? Football produces many curious things. Director Williams insisted in the writer coffeeing in town a few days ago. His car arrived and in the back seat was Jack Campbell, rare old fruity Liverpool supporter, nowadays living in Hampshire. Jack pulled from his pocket Everton's fixture list of 1890-1, when they won the championship, he reminded me; and I reminded him the League was won that year with the fewest number of points ever obtained for the honours class. Jack showed the photograph, all tattered and torn, and in the front they had roped up a little fellow of infinite ability as centre-forward — the Gallacher of his day — Fred Geary, of the splay-feet, immense pace of run and shot. Fred Geary lives on and his football work is carried on by Lol Geary, his son, who is well known in amateur circles in this city. After the coffee we left for our respective homes, and on making the street who should we meet but — yes, Lol Geary.

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2.	8.
3.	9.
4.	10.
5.	11.
6.	12.

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE.
Season 1938-39.

	Home	Away	Goals	
	P. W. L.	D. W. L.	D. F. A. Pts	Goals.
Derby C. .. (13)	24.. 9	1.. 2.. 6	3.. 46	27-35
Everton (14)	23..10	1.. 1.. 4	6.. 1..46	26-30
Middlesbro (5)	24.. 8	1.. 4.. 3	6.. 2..54	37-28
Wolves (2)	23.. 5	1.. 5.. 5	5.. 2..38	18-27
Liverpool... (11)	24.. 9	0.. 3.. 1	7.. 4..41	37-27
Charlton.... (4)	22.. 8	1.. 2.. 3	6.. 2..32	28-26
Leeds U. (9)	23.. 6	2.. 3.. 4	6.. 2..40	41-25
Grimsby .. (20)	23.. 6	3.. 3.. 2	5.. 4..33	38-23
Stoke City (17)	24.. 5	2.. 4.. 3	7.. 3..35	45-23
Arsenal ... (1)	22.. 6	3.. 2.. 1	3.. 6..25	21-22
Bolton W. (7)	23.. 5	4.. 2.. 2	4.. 6..38	35-22
Aston Villa (—)	23.. 5	5.. 1.. 4	5.. 3..38	35-22
Sund'land.. (8)	23.. 2	5.. 4.. 6	4.. 2..31	36-22
Man. U. (—)	23.. 4	3.. 4.. 2	5.. 5..33	33-21
Blackpool .. (12)	23.. 5	3.. 4.. 2	6.. 3..29	38-21
Leicester... (16)	24.. 5	2.. 5.. 1	8.. 3..30	43-20
Portsm'th. (19)	22.. 6	1.. 5.. 0	7.. 3..24	37-20
Chelsea ... (10)	23.. 6	2.. 3.. 1	9.. 2..41	46-19
Hudd'sfield (15)	24.. 7	4.. 2.. 0	8.. 3..31	37-19
Preston ... (3)	22.. 5	1.. 5.. 2	9.. 0..28	36-19
Brentford .. (6)	22.. 6	4.. 1.. 1	6.. 4..30	44-19
Birm'ham (18)	24.. 7	4.. 1.. 0	9.. 3..38	43-18

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

	P. W. L.	D.	F. A. Pts	Goals.
Chesterfield.....	24	13	3	8 49 30 34
Everton	24	14	7	3 45 44 31
West Brom.....	24	12	6	6 52 40 30
Blackpool.....	23	10	4	9 41 30 29
Aston Villa	22	12	6	4 50 32 28
Man. City	24	11	7	6 44 32 28
Wolves.....	24	11	7	6 42 32 28
Man. United	22	12	7	3 52 34 27
Sheffield W.	24	11	10	3 45 42 25
Bolton W.	21	8	7	6 33 27 22
Derby County.....	24	8	10	6 46 51 22
Birmingham	24	7	9	8 38 41 22
Newcastle U.	24	8	11	5 51 54 21
Leeds Utd.....	24	7	10	7 41 46 21
Blackburn R.	23	10	13	0 43 52 20
Sheffield U.	23	8	11	4 34 41 20
Burnley	22	8	11	3 34 41 18
Huddersfield	22	7	11	5 32 45 19
Preston N.E.	22	5	10	7 32 34 17
Liverpool	22	6	11	5 31 50 17
Stoke City.....	23	6	13	4 35 40 16
Bury	22	4	14	4 29 61 12

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It was at first an amateur organisation, but in 1891 adopted professionalism in the most modest way possible, the players being on a "limit wage" of half-a-crown a week!

By degrees ambition led to the engagement of one fully paid professional (a centre-forward of considerable renown) boasting a name none other than that of Hughie Gallacher!

Gallacher hailed from Glasgow and before going to Luton in 1892 played in turn for Our Boys (Dundee), Bootle, Middlesbrough and Burnley. As time went on so their number of professionals increased and, likewise, the strength of the Luton team.

The first seasons of the Southern League resolved themselves practically into duels between Luton and Millwall, for at that time the other clubs were not up to the standard of the strawplaiters and the dockers. In fact, Luton retired from the Southern League at the end of the season 1896-97 and joined the Second Division of the English League to enable them to encounter better class opponents, and so strong was the Luton team at that time that it ought to have carried itself into the First League.

A Luton name that will be recalled to this day by many on Merseyside is that of goalkeeper Perkins, who in the early part of the present century linked up with our own Liverpool club and here won a First Division Championship medal in 1901.

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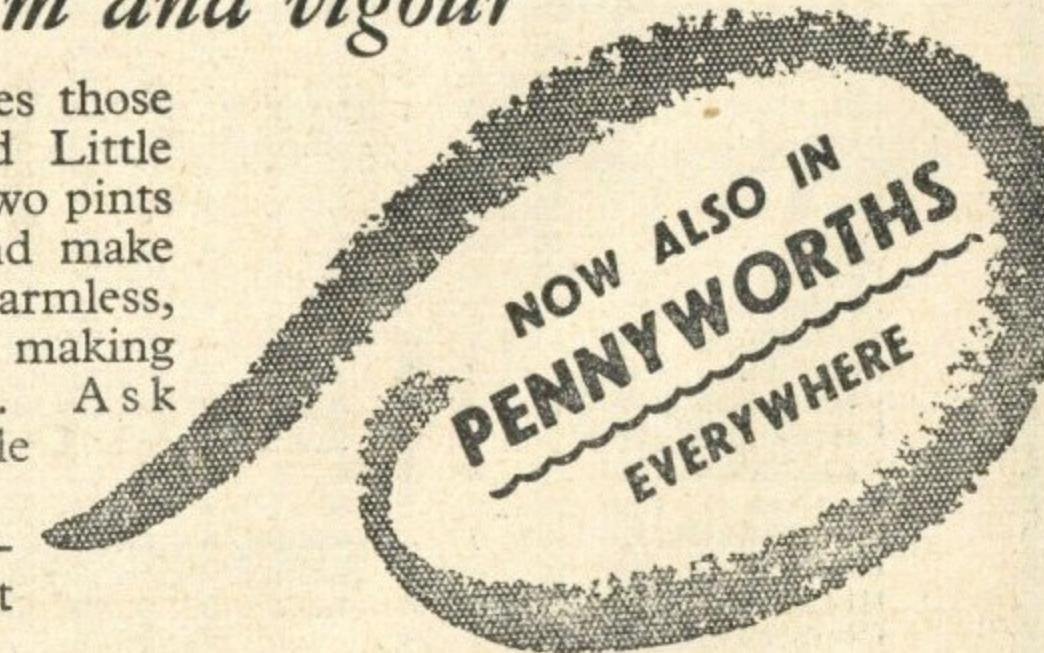
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The Wanderers Return

However, the cost of player-transfers and long railway journeys in the Second League had played havoc with the finances of the club, and in 1900 they very wisely returned to the Southern League, the other Southern clubs in the meantime having improved out of all knowledge.

Coming into the League's Southern Section soon after the war Luton eventually finished champions in 1936-37, and since then have performed in quite creditable fashion. This season they have fared especially well when performing away from their native heath, whilst they gave a recent sample of their abilities when picking up all six points in their three Christmas week matches.

Incidentally, despite the present power of Division II, only Blackburn and Sheffield United have registered more away victories; clear indication that this Town eleven are a full ninety minutes side of considerable merit.

Luton have (or had) Merseyside links, with Messrs. Kay, McBain and George Martin, to

intensify, if that be possible, local interest, whilst the present side includes not a few "notables" in the matter of personnel.

Goalkeeper Coen was with Glasgow Celtic ere crossing the Border in 1932, whilst full-back King had a spell with Notts County, and two years ago was in the Bournemouth side that lost to Everton in the Cup at Goodison Park.

Left-back Dunsmore was Neil McBain's first Luton signing, and began with Edinburgh Hibs.

The club has a capital array of capable half-backs, five in all, the best known, perhaps, being Longhran, who was with Birmingham two seasons ago.

The forwards are a dangerous set, ad note the fact that they have scored more goals away than at home.

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CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date.	Versus	Goals, F.	A.	Pts.	Date.	Versus	Goals, F.	A.	Pts.
1938.					1938.				
Aug. 27	Chelsea	H 2	1	2	Aug. 27	Preston North End	A 0	3	2
Sep. 3	Preston North End	A 0	1	0	29	Stoke City	A 3	2	2
" 7	Manchester United	H 1	0	2	Sept. 3	Burnley	H 1	0	2
" 10	Charlton Athletic	H 1	0	2	" 10	Sheffield United	A 0	5	0
" 14	Middlesbrough	H 3	1	2	" 14	Birmingham	A 0	0	1
" 17	Bolton Wanderers	A 1	3	0	" 17	Bolton Wanderers	H 1	1	1
" 24	Leeds United	H 3	0	2	24	Leeds United	A 2	2	1
Oct. 1	Everton	A 1	2	0	Oct. 1	Everton	H 1	2	0
" 8	Leicester City	A 2	2	1	" 8	Newcastle United	H 3	2	2
" 15	Aston Villa	H 3	0	2	" 15	Chesterfield	A 0	1	0
" 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A 2	2	1	" 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H 1	2	0
" 29	Huddersfield Town	H 3	3	1	29	Aston Villa	A 1	6	0
Nov. 5	Portsmouth	A 1	1	1	Nov. 5	Manchester City	H 2	1	2
" 12	Arsenal	H 2	2	1	" 12	Derby County	A 2	2	1
" 19	Brentford	A 1	2	0	" 19	Blackburn Rovers	H 1	4	0
" 26	Blackpool	H 1	0	2	26	Blackpool	A 1	4	0
Dec. 3	Derby County	A 2	2	1	Dec. 3	Sheffield Wednesday	H 5	2	2
" 10	Grimsby Town	H 2	2	1	" 10	Bury	A 2	0	2
" 17	Sunderland	A 3	2	2	" 17	Huddersfield Town	H 1	1	1
" 24	Chelsea	A 1	4	0	24	Preston North End	H 1	2	0
" 26	Stoke City	A 1	3	0	" 26	Manchester United	A 1	2	0
" 27	Stoke City	H 1	0	2	" 27	Manchester United	A 1	5	0
" 31	Preston North End	H 4	1	2	31	Burnley	A 2	3	0
1939.					1939.				
Jan. 2	Middlesbrough	A 0	3	0	Jan. 7	Birmingham	H		
" 7	Luton Town	A 0	3	0	" 14	Sheffield United	H		
" 14	Charlton Athletic	A			" 21	Bolton Wanderers	A		
" 21	Bolton Wanderers	H			" 28	Leeds United	H		
" 28	Leeds United	A			Feb. 4	Everton	A		
Feb. 4	Everton	H			" 11	Newcastle United	A		
" 11	Leicester City	H			" 18	Chesterfield	H		
" 18	Aston Villa	A			" 25	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A		
" 25	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H			Mar. 4	Aston Villa	H		
Mar. 4	Huddersfield Town	A			" 11	Manchester City	A		
" 11	Portsmouth	H			" 18	Derby County	H		
" 18	Arsenal	A			" 25	Blackburn Rovers	A		
" 25	Brentford	H			April 1	Blackpool	H		
Apr. 1	Blackpool	A			" 7	West Bromwich Albion	A		
" 7	Birmingham	H			" 8	Sheffield Wednesday	A		
" 8	Derby County	H			" 10	West Bromwich Albion	H		
" 10	Birmingham	A			" 15	Bury	H		
" 15	Grimsby Town	A			" 22	Huddersfield	A		
" 22	Sunderland	H			" 29	Stoke City	H		
" 29	F.A. Cup Final	A			May 6				
May 6	Manchester United	A							

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Aug. 20 (A)—Liverpool 1, Everton 2.

Jubilee Match. Goal Scorers: Balmer, Hobson; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Bush, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Aug. 27 (H)—Liverpool 2, Chelsea 1. (H-T 1-1)

Attendance: 33,933. Scorer: Taylor 2. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Sept. 3 (A)—Liverpool 0, Preston N. E. 1.

(Same team as Saturday, August 27th.)

Sept. 7 (H)—Liverpool 1, Manchester U. 0 (1-0)

Attendance: 25,070. Scorer: Nieuwenhuys 1. (Same team as Saturday, August 27th.)

Sept. 10 (H)—Liverpool 1, Charlton 0 (H-T 0-0)

Attendance: 32,701. Scorer: Busby 1. Riley; Cooper, Rogers; Busby, Bush, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Sept. 14 (H)—Liverpool 3, Middlesboro' 1 (0-0)

Attendance: 25,535. Scorers: Fagan 2, Nieuwenhuys 1. (Same team as Saturday, September 10th.)

Sept. 17 (A)—Liverpool 1, Bolton W. 3 (H.T. 0-1)

Scorer: Taylor 1. Riley; Cooper, Fitzsimmons; Busby, Bush, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Sept. 24 (H)—Liverpool 3, Leeds United 0 (0-0)

Attendance: 32,197. Scorers: Fagan, Taylor, Balmer. (Same team as Saturday, September 10th.)

Oct. 1 (A)—Liverpool 1, Everton 2. (H.T. 1-2)

Attendance: 65,000. Scorer: Fagan 1. (Same team as Saturday, September 10th.)

Oct. 8 (A)—Liverpool 2, Leicester City 2. (0-1)

Scorers: Nieuwenhuys 1, Van den Berg 1. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, Bush; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Oct. 15 (H)—Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 0 (H.T. 3-0)

Attendance: 41,224. Scorers: Van Den Berg, Balmer, Fagan. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, McInnes; Jones, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Van den Berg.

Oct. 22 (A)—Liverpool 2, Wolverhampton 2 (0-0)

Scorers: Taylor, Nieuwenhuys. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Van den Berg.

Oct. 29 (H)—Liverpool 3, Huddersfield T. 3 (1-2)

Attendance: 33,734. Scorers: Van den Berg, Fagan, Balmer. (Same team as Saturday, October 22nd.)

Nov. 5 (A)—Liverpool 1, Portsmouth 1 (H.T. 1-0)

Scorer: Nieuwenhuys. (Same team as Saturday, October 22nd.)

Nov. 12 (H)—Liverpool 2, Arsenal 2 (H.T. 1-2)

Attendance: 42,520. Scorer: Nieuwenhuys 2. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Eastham, Shafto, Balmer, Van den Berg.

Nov. 19 (A)—Liverpool 1, Brentford 2 (H.T. 1-1)

Scorer: Nieuwenhuys. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Shafto, Balmer, Van den Berg.

Nov. 26 (H) Liverpool 1, Blackpool 0 (H.T. 1-0)

Attendance: 25,000. Scorer: Kinghorn. Riley; Harley, Ramsden; Busby Rogers, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Dec. 3 (A) Liverpool 2, Derby C. 2 (H.T. 1-1)

Scorers: Taylor, Kinghorn. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Dec. 10 (H) Liverpool 2, Grimsby 2 (H.T. 2-1)

Attendance: 26,500. Scorers: Nieuwenhuys, Fagan. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, Browning; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Dec. 17 (A) Liverpool 3, Sunderland 2 (H.T. 1-1)

Scorers: Kinghorn, Bush, Taylor. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, Bush; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Dec. 24 (A) Liverpool 1, Chelsea 4 (H.T. 0-3)

Scorer: Balmer. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, Bush; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Dec. 26 (A) Liverpool 1, Stoke C. 3 (H.T. 0-2)

Scorer: Fagan. Riley; Cooper, Harley; Busby, Rogers, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Dec. 27 (H) Liverpool 1, Stoke C. 0 (H.T. 0-0)

Attendance: 48,000. Scorer: Fagan. Kemp; Harley, Ramsden; Busby, Bush, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Eastham, Fagan, Balmer, Paterson, (G.).

Dec. 31 (H) Liverpool 4, Preston N. E. 1 (2-1)

Attendance: 31,000. Scorers: Taylor 2, Fagan, Balmer. Kemp; Harley, Ramsden; Busby, Bush, McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

Jan. 2 (A) Liverpool 0, Middlesbrough 3 (0-0)

Kemp; Peters; Ramsden; Busby; Bush; McInnes; Nieuwenhuys, Taylor, Fagan, Balmer, Kinghorn.

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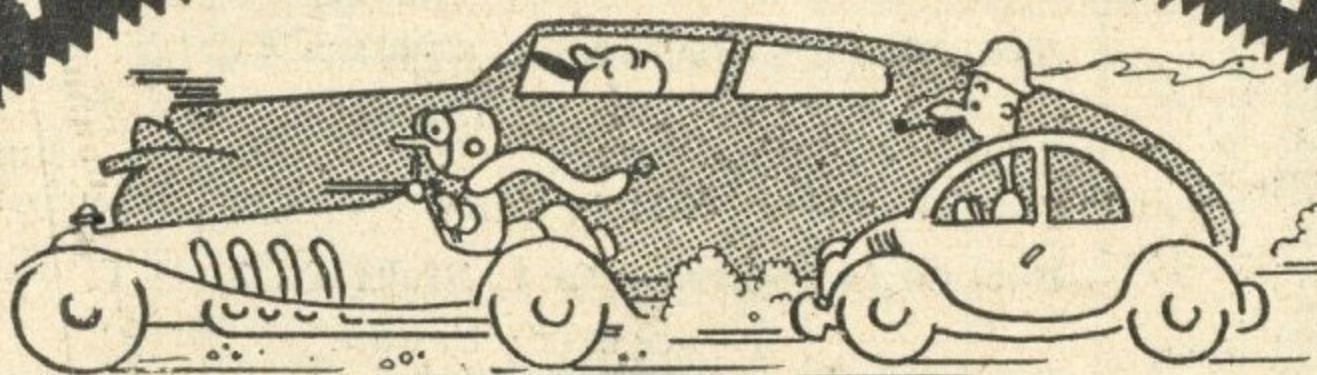
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McBain could have taken golf as his sport—hands in the golfing world and proved a golf 'pro.' of merit, but the 'footy' game holds him too tightly to let him think of golf except in spare time. He has grown big since the day he trod the Anfield green. I always remember him for his method of gathering the ball; he looked so solemn, so unconcerned, yet he always got that ball under control with one and the same movement.

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Recently we have found spectators at Anfield taking more thought of the attendance figures than they have shown in earlier years. A week ago a home match was styled as having 40,000 spectators. I remember so well the opening of my team's round—team, Birmingham; ground, St. Andrew's. Yes, that answers some of the supposed red-or-blue tendencies supposed to be in my make-up. St. Andrew's had a broadside Kop—it is named Spion Kop, just as I christened our own Anfield goal-end Spion Kop, and it "stuck" all through the years. The evening papers said Birmingham had opened their ground with 60,000 spectators. I suggested 30,000 was nearer the mark and I was laughed to scorn. The ground was not packed and if the spectators are not tightly-locked shoulder to shoulder the ground cannot be full. Estimating attendances is a pleasant task. May I make some suggestions for your help? First watch the Kop portion. It is the signal-post of all gates. The crowd there looks full, but if you take notice you will see in an attendance of 35,000 the people there are able to walk about. If you see movement of that character on the Kop be sure there is nothing like 40,000 spectators at the game. The paddock is another sure sign-post. The paddock generally packs first in the centre aisles. Later the wing aisles become fullish. If there are 45,000 people present the paddock must be quite nicely full—shoulder-to-shoulder, but if the people are walking and waiting on the steps behind the paddock, waiting for an exciting moment to send the

first six rows of the paddock tumbling down to the first step, then the ground is well packed. The Church-corner of the Kop and the grandstand is another indicator. Corners give first, because the people there, in a very big crowd, are unable to get towards the centre portions. Thus the first break generally occurs at this corner. Breaks there indicate 50,000 and more. Hampden Park, Glasgow, is, of course, the best packed of all grounds—it is a natural valley and is continually being banked up higher and higher. Yet I have seen a crowd of nearly 140,000 there and seven minutes after the finish of the game the ground has emptied itself. In that sense it is a miracle ground, but it has not the covering of Wembley or, of course, Anfield and Everton, the last two having always taken care of sheltering the public in the cheaper portions of the ground. This is a wise precaution against wet and many homes must have blest the day the Kop was instituted. It was a mammoth task, costing thousands, but an insurance against poor gates. Expert workmen used to climb the iron pillars like the skilled monkeys of the Stadium Circus. They perched on the top as if they were Americans doing a sit-down strike. It was all perilous, but I do not remember any serious accident. Nowadays spectators under its shelter can have no idea of the difficulties of erection of the covering, or the risk taken by the far-seeing directors, who looked ahead so that the local spectators could pay their bobs and have a first-class view without fear of rain.



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