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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1950.



With acknowledgments to the
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CLUB NOTES.

We referred in our programme notes on Monday to the excellent start we made last season, and now we are pleased to be able to say that our boys have done it again. A brilliant victory at Sheffield was followed by a good win at home against Brentford. What is more it was a grand game, full of football, exciting, evenly balanced, and five good goals. That the advantage of the odd goal was ours made it all the better, but we cannot leave this match without a word of praise for Brentford. They will no doubt be feeling sorry for themselves in playing so well, and getting no reward. Well as our opponents played, however, our boys deserved to win, because we equalled them in football, but beat them in perseverance and determination. To-day we oppose Luton and all we ask is as good a match as Monday's and another Rovers' triumph.

It is pleasing to note that we have scored six goals in the two games played, which suggests that our forwards have left that goal-shyness behind them. If this can be maintained, there is no doubt that our defence can hold their end up, and a good season will be assured.

Perhaps with the new season having only just commenced, it will be as well if we give a few minutes time some day, brushing up our knowledge of the laws of the game. Note, we say Laws not Rules, the Football Association insists that they are laws and not rules—so correct your left-hand friend on this if he slips up—of course look at him first, because he may not like it, and it would be a pity to have to disturb the “stretcher boys” this early.

However, no matter which football match one attends there are always the usual arguments between spectators and disagreement with the referee about certain decisions. One of the Laws which causes endless trouble is the Off-side Law—“Yes, of course you understand it thoroughly,” it is this fellow behind you and the referee who is at fault! In modern control it appears that the linesmen get the bulk of this work to do; simply because there are

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— NEXT HOME MATCH —

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Club Notes Continued.

two of them, and one is delegated to take up a position in the half where the home team are defending, and the other in the half where the visitors are defending. They operate from centre line to corner flag, so that they are lying handy in case of a break away or a quick thrust, which leaves the referee well behind. In their advantageous position, the Linesmen thus remain up with play and can assist the referee in detecting infringements of which, the most likely is off-side. Well, let us briefly refer to mistakes some very enthusiastic spectators make, how often have we heard a man argue that "he wasn't off-side because he was in line with the full-back"? If he is in line he is definitely off-side, and that is why the argument struck up, because the referee gave him "off-side" and was quite right. This is what the Law says in effect—A player is off-side unless there are two of his opponents nearer to the defenders' goal-line than he is (if one is in line he is obviously not nearer for the purpose of the Law). Are you satisfied? By the way one may be the goalkeeper, but is not compelled to be, any two opponents will do. So that settles another argument, we hope! For the purpose of an off-side decision, the position of the player when the ball was last played by another player, must be the deciding factor, not where he receives the ball. A player cannot be off-side if he receives the ball direct from a goal kick, a corner kick, a throw-in (first time played), a dropped ball by the referee or from an opponent, and if he is in his own half or behind the ball when last played.—O.K.?

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| Outside Right | | Centre | |
| McCAIG | | GRAHAM | |
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| Inside Right | | Inside Left | |
| CROSSAN | | TODD | |
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FOOTBALL QUIZ

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1.—How many former Oxford or Cambridge University Blues in history have become Football League professionals?
- 2.—What was the smallest attendance in history at a Football League match?
- 3.—Who was the only player in history who appeared in the F.A. Cup final with one club and in a Football League match with another a week later?
- 4.—What was the biggest reduction in history in the fees paid to players for appearing in international matches?
- 5.—What was the most times any player ever was with a Football League club at the time it was relegated?
- 6.—Who was the only player in history who stipulated, when first joining a Football League club, that he should be given the total proceeds of a Football League match as a benefit—and eventually got them?

HERE'S THE ANSWER.

- 1.—Only one, George Ansell, a centre-forward who had played in three successive University matches against Cambridge, doing so with Brighton and Hove Albion in August, 1932.
- 2.—Thirteen at the Stockport County v. Leicester City Second Division game on May 7th, 1921. The match was played on Manchester United's ground, Stockport's having been suspended.
- 3.—Stanley Burton, Wolverhampton Wanderers' outside-right in the Cup final against Portsmouth on April 29th, 1939, and West Ham United's—they had signed him two days previously—against Manchester City in a Second Division game on May 6th.
- 4.—That in June, 1908, when an International Board reduced from £10 to £4 the fee of each player appearing in an International Championship match.
- 5.—Four by Thomas Keetley, the centre-forward, who was with Bradford when they descended from the First Division in May, 1921, and from the Second Division a year later, with Notts County when relegated from the Second in May, 1930, and with Lincoln City when relegated from the Second four years later.
- 6.—Eli Fletcher (left-back), who did so when he signed for Manchester City on May 8th, 1911. His benefit against Sheffield United in April, 1921, realised over £1,000.

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| Coventry | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Manchester City | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| Southampton .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Luton Town | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Leeds United .. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Chesterfield | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Grimsby | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Preston N.E. | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Leicester | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Hull City | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Q.P.R. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| West Ham | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Cardiff City | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Doncaster Rovers | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Barnsley | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Brentford | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Bury | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Swansea Town .. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Notts County | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
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