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Saturday, October 6th, 1951

News and Views from the City Ground

IN many, many years of association with the Nottingham Forest club, involving acquaintance with many fine sides, we cannot recall a better fighting spirit than that displayed by the members of the present team a week ago.

Even with the encouragement they got from a really loyal band of supporters, it can truthfully be said that few teams in the whole of the country could have fought better than our boys did under such considerable handicap.

There are some supporters who, as our manager inferred last week, appear only to be happy when complaining and criticising the team, either individually or collectively, but even they joined in the universal expression of sympathy for our sorely handicapped side, and there is no doubt that the volume of encouragement heard from the stands and terraces inspired our nine fit men to battle so stout-heartedly for the worthy draw they thoroughly earned and deserved.

Even without that very acceptable and welcome vocal support our lads would have shown much the same determination but there is no doubt that they were able to pull out that extra endeavour as a result of all that additional encouragement.

It is one of the characteristics of our nation that the sympathy of a football crowd is always with a struggling minor-

ity, and while that spirit exists there is not so much wrong with this country of ours.

We certainly deserved all the sympathy that was going in view of the injuries to two of our players, and there can be no question that, with a full team for all the 90 minutes we should have won this game by a margin and gained an additional point which would have given us a lift of three places in the Second Division chart.

Our shocking luck in this game did have the merit of emphasising one important matter. That is that, as we have so often had to emphasise in the past, there is nothing wrong with the individual spirit of our players. Nor of their team spirit and loyalty to our club.

Nobody could have blamed them for bowing down to the fates but instead they all fought like demons against the very heavy odds and literally covered themselves with glory.

We regret the point so lost but can have nothing but the highest praise for the grand spirit of all these players of Nottingham Forest, who showed us so very clearly that, come what may, they are ready to give all they have for our club.

Well played, everyone, and with this grand spirit we are certain that you will go far towards realising our future ambition.



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The Manager's Review . . .

ARE you supporters not delighted by the wonderful display of guts and team spirit given by our lads last week? There is no need to add that both the Committee and myself were not only proud of everyone but were pleased with their fight for that vital point.

I am sure that even "bull-voice," at the back of the stand, will now have to find a new slogan. I only heard him on one occasion last week. During the last quarter of an hour he shouted: "Come on, Forest, wake up," but I think it has become such a habit with him that he must do it in his sleep!

I can now let you into a half-time secret. Tom Johnson had slightly torn a leg muscle and so as not to make it obvious to Doncaster I decided that Tom should start the second half at inside left then, after five minutes, go to outside left to make it look as if it were just a positional change. It was very obvious to me that he would be useless from a running point of view, but we did not want Doncaster to know that in actual fact we were commencing the second half with nine men.

I never like singling out any particular player or players, but I must congratulate Freddy Scott on his wonderful exhibition of football, fight and guts; to Harry Walker, Alan Orr, Geoff. Thomas and Bill Morley—who all gave grand displays "Well done, everyone."

On Sunday morning, although it had its humorous side, I can't ever recall seeing 10 players queueing up to receive treatment! There was Fred Scott (with his fingers badly bruised), Tom Johnson, Horace Gager, Wally Ardon, Geoff. Thomas, Johnny Love and Alan Orr, as

well as Ken Rawson, Jim Clarke and Jack Burkitt from the Reserve team.

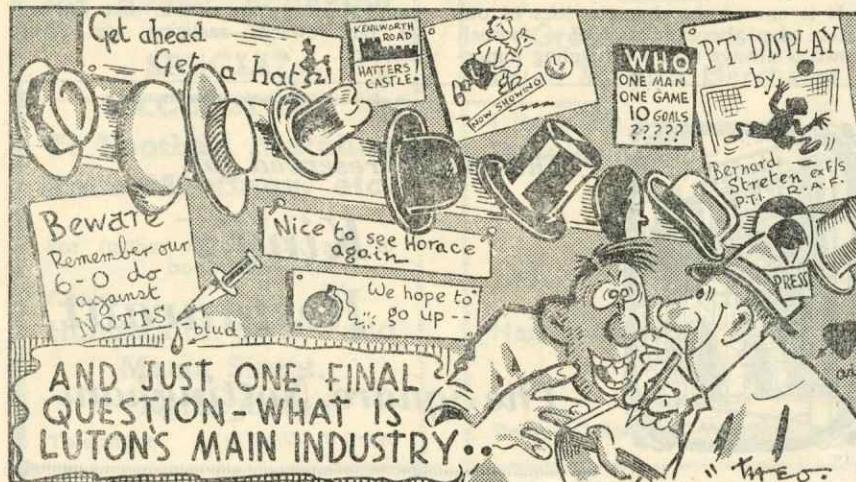
In conversation after the game with Peter Doherty I could not agree with his remarks that the referee was incompetent. Only on one point was I willing to agree that he was, and that was in regard to the fact that a certain Doncaster player should have been sent off after 20 minutes for persistently infringing the rules.

Peter was non-committal on this point and refused to see things in a different light. It was that little bit of Irish still predominant.

However, we did agree on one thing—that it had been a very tough game.

Even with Doncaster's forward line showing some bright and intelligent football I am certain that with a full team we should have emerged worthy winners. I personally like very much the intelligent play of Martin, Tindill and Dubois. Together with Harrison, the centre-forward and the old Burnley player, who is a strong and powerful leader, and against a defence which shows weaknesses, I am sure they will get many goals. I think, however, that their defence is not so good as their attack, although with Bycroft at centre-half, they have indeed a "stopper," and one who has been "stopping" inside forwards for years—in his own peculiar way.

Bill Whare's injury, although a very painful one which may need two or three weeks to recover from, was also one of the simplest I have ever seen, as it was only a fall of about two feet and yet it was a severe dislocation of the elbow, and an injury that made him look and feel very ill. And, he IS pretty tough!



Midland League Notes

THE last week of September saw the Reserves playing two away games and a total of three points was gained.

Despite this, however, the two nearest challengers, Notts. County and Scarborough, both won their matches and this has reduced the point lead that was held. This in itself points to how keen competition is going to be this season. To get three points from two away games is a good feat, but in this case it just wasn't good enough.

The first of these games was at Denaby—always a hard team to record a victory over. "Tot" Leverton, following up his two goals against Doncaster, scored a "hat-trick," and it was good to see Brian Burton (playing in a mature fashion for one so young) getting amongst the goals with a neat effort.

Bob McCall led the attack and it is a tribute to his fitness and keenness to say that no one would have thought that it was but 48 hours earlier that he had been playing for the first team at Brentford.

At Gainsborough last Saturday the Reserves were held to a 0-0 draw, and suffice it to say that never, since the war, have we been able to bring back more than a point from there.

This match, like the Senior's game with Doncaster, was completely marred by the over-robust tactics used—the field at times resembled a rugby ground, with often four or more players on the floor needing the trainer's attention!

Dan Canning, having his first game in goal since his injury at Birmingham, shaped very well and he showed no sign of any further trouble. Kelly again played well, whilst Tom Capel (playing at outside left) was quite effective.

With the game being so robust it was a good thing for the Reserves that they had in Anderson, McCall and Clarke three players capable of holding their own.

If the injuries received by so many members of the first team last week has meant that some of the reserves have had to be brought in to-day, please give them your full vocal support and encouragement.

They will not let the team down—only give them chance and time to settle in. Often, in their anxiety to do their best, they show a slight hesitancy, but, providing you give them the encouragement they need, all will be well.

Next Saturday the Reserves are at home to Hull City Reserves, and it is hoped that you will give them your support. You won't be disappointed.

LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION II.

	Goals				
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F. A. P.
Sheffield United	11	8	2	1	38 13 18
Luton Town	10	5	4	1	19 12 14
Rotherham United	10	6	1	3	26 17 13
Notts. County	11	5	3	3	19 16 13
Cardiff City	11	5	2	4	20 15 12
Swansea Town	11	4	4	3	26 23 12
NOTTM. FOREST	11	4	4	3	19 16 12
Brentford	10	4	3	3	10 10 11
West Ham United	11	4	3	4	16 21 11
Queen's Pk. Rgs.	10	3	5	2	11 12 11
Leicester City	10	3	4	3	19 16 10
Bury	10	4	2	4	18 13 10
Everton	11	4	2	5	14 18 10
Doncaster Rovers	11	3	4	4	14 17 10
Birmingham City	11	2	6	3	11 15 10
Hull City	11	3	3	5	19 22 9
Sheffield Wednesday	11	3	3	5	21 26 9
Southampton	11	3	3	5	13 20 9
Leeds United	10	2	4	4	11 16 8
Barnsley	10	3	2	5	15 19 8
Coventry City	10	3	2	5	11 21 8
Blackburn Rovers	10	1	2	7	11 23 4

MIDLAND LEAGUE

	Goals				
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F. A. P.
NOTTM. FOREST	12	9	2	1	28 10 20
Scarborough	13	8	4	1	36 18 20
Notts. Co. Res.	12	10	0	2	30 13 20
Scunthorpe U. Res.	12	7	3	2	27 17 17
Gainsborough T.	9	4	4	1	19 12 12
Bradford P.A. Res.	12	4	4	4	16 17 12
Mansfield T. Res.	11	4	3	4	15 13 11
Bradford C. Res.	10	5	1	4	19 20 11
Denaby United	10	4	3	3	13 16 11
Peterborough Utd.	10	4	2	4	21 17 10
Boston United	11	4	2	5	18 19 10
Grimsby Town Res.	11	4	2	5	21 24 10
Doncaster R. Res.	11	4	2	5	21 25 10
Hull City Res.	12	4	1	7	12 14 9
Grantham Town	11	4	1	6	15 19 9
Rotherham U. Res.	11	3	2	6	21 19 8
Halifax T. Res.	10	2	4	4	14 19 8
Worksop Town	10	3	1	6	27 7
Goole Town	11	3	1	7	8 19 7
Frickley Colliery	10	2	2	6	9 22 6
Lincoln City Res.	9	1	2	6	15 29 4
York City Res.	7	1	1	5	11 21 3



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“Who is the best player you have ever seen on the City Ground?” That was Forest Freddie’s poser to last week’s 5/- programme winners, who were (with their replies):

MR. F. H. PARKER, 22, Thaxted Close, Bilborough: “Tommy Graham—wonderful stuff.”
MR. R. GREEN, 71, Richmond Terrace, Darwen, Lancs.: “Fred Scott’s my choice—oh! that goal!”
DAVID FREEMANTLE (a Junior), 88, Orston Drive, Nottingham: “Colin Collindridge.”
MR. F. E. NEEDS, 27, Edwards Road, West Bridgford: “Well, he wasn’t playing to-day!”

To-day’s Visitors: Luton Town

IN extending a warm welcome to our Luton Town visitors—and in particular our old friend, Manager DALLY DUNCAN—we are not unmindful of the fact that we are up against a particularly stiff proposition this afternoon.

Last season Luton were extremely disappointing, but this term they have certainly hit the high-spots with some first-rate performances, including a shock win over our neighbours, Notts. County. All the more surprising, seeing that with two exceptions—on the extreme flanks of the attack, Luton are fielding the same side as last season.

They are, however, playing with the confidence that inspires success and with a big contingent of supporters to cheer them on, they will certainly be on their toes to-day.

Luton are a well-balanced combination, with speed and thrust in attack, matched by dogged play from a well-knit rear division, in which we shall probably see ex-International goalkeeper, BERNARD STREten, who used to be with Notts. County.

In front of him, the full-backs are TOM AHERNE, the Eire International, on the left, and BILLY COOKE on the right. Billy, an ex-Bournemouth defender, is a native of Derbyshire, and he has given the “Hatters” splendid service since he came from the Hampshire club.

Bang in form has been fair-headed SID OWEN, a former winger, attracting considerable attention from a number of fashionable clubs. Owen was transferred from Birmingham City in 1947 and has been a dominant figure in the defence

this campaign until injury recently, which brings in TAYLOR at centre half.

In attack, the two newcomers are ALBERT MITCHELL and RAY DAVIES. The former, at outside-left, is reminiscent of Dally Duncan with the dangerous swerve in and the cross-shot which has paid dividends already. Mitchell came from Northampton.

At outside-right, Davies was with Clyde last season, and he cost the “Hatters” a big fee.

The attack is expected to be led by GEORGE STOBART, the former Newcastle centre-forward, who joined Luton for a £10,000 fee in 1949, and on his right, youthful JOHN TAYLOR is the opportunist of the line.

A Scot, WILLIE DAVIE, who is a first-rate schemer, is at inside-left. He comes from St. Mirren, and is rated an outstanding exponent of utilising “gaps”—a fact which Forest’s defenders have probably been made aware.

It ought to be another hard fight, for again the teams are well matched.

Perhaps an odd goal may decide the issue?

Do You Know?

1—Who is the contemporary player with the record of having won both an amateur international and a full international cap?

2—What particular feat distinguished Luton’s inside-right, Jack Taylor, in the first week of September?

3—How many internationals have Luton Town had on their books since the last war?

4—Which player did Luton sell to a First Division club in the last pre-war season and buy back again in the first post-war season?

5—Who was the only player ever to sign professional forms for two First Division clubs on the same day?



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LEFT

Thomas 3

Walker 1

Hutchinson 2

RIGHT

Burkitt 6

Orr 5

Morley 4

Saturday, Oct. 6th, 1951

Collingridge 11

Davies 7

Scott 10

Ardron 9

Kelly 8

Wilson 7



Taylor 8

Stobart 9

Davie 10

Pemberton 6

Mitchell 11

Luton Town

WHITE SHIRTS, BLACK SHORTS

Watkins 4

Cooke 2

Streten 1

Aherne 3

RIGHT

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Quiz Answers

1—Bernard Streten, Luton Town's goalkeeper, here to-day, has played for England both as amateur and professional.

2—Taylor scored six goals from September 1st to September 8th with an away "hat-trick" against Leicester City, a goal at Barnsley and two more against Notts. County.

3—Seven in Bernard Streten and Frank Soo (England), Bobbie Brennan (Ireland), Bud Aherne (Eire and Ireland), Billy Hughes and Iorwerth Hughes (Wales).

4—Inside-forward Eddie Connelly, who was transferred to West Bromwich Albion and then bought back from that club.

5—Scottish centre-forward John Cameron, who had been with Vale of Clyde, signed for both Portsmouth and Arsenal on June 29th, 1931. The F.A. refused to accept either registration and he later signed for Tottenham Hotspur.

Our Next Visitors:

Saturday Next, October 13th

MIDLAND LEAGUE

HULL CITY Res.

Kick-off 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	1st Team	2nd Team
GOAL		
WALKER	10	4
CANNING	1	8
FARMER		
BACKS		
WHARE	11	
THOMAS	11	
HUTCHINSON		9
CLARKE		12
McCALL	1	9
HALF-BACKS		
ORR	11	
GAGER	11	
MORLEY	11	
ANDERSON		9
MCKINLAY		5
RAWSON		6
HUGHES		9
BURKITT		7
PRIESTLEY		2
FORWARDS		
SCOTT	11	
JOHNSON	8	2
ARDRON	10	
CAPEL	7	4
COLLINDRIDGE	11	
KELLY	3	4
LEVERTON	1	10
LOVE	3	6
WILSON		11
BURTON		10

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JOHNSON	3	
COLLINDRIDGE		3 (1pen.)
SCOTT	3	
LOVE	2	6
LEVERTON		9
CAPEL		2
KELLY		3
BURTON		4
BURKITT		1
OPPONENTS		1
GOAL SCORERS		
ARDRON	8	
JOHNSON	3	
COLLINDRIDGE		3 (1pen.)
SCOTT	3	
LOVE	2	6
LEVERTON		9
CAPEL		2
KELLY		3
ARDRON		1
LONGWORTH, J.		1
BURKITT		1
OPPONENTS		1

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In the City and County

By "TRENTSIDER"

HOW closely is the shortage of pitches related to the breeding of a nation of sports watchers? One typical county contains thousands of lads between the ages of 15 and 18 who have left school, the majority of whom, due to the activities now manifest in the schools, have played and enjoyed Soccer!

Only a very small proportion of those who have been taught to play, who like the game and who want to play, can do so because of the limitation in playing fields.

Then again, another problem which confronts the Youth Leader and those associated in developing youth football is the "call-up." This invariably happens during mid-season and has an appreciable effect in the constitution of teams especially those who are playing well.

Imagine, if you can, the effect it would have with the Forest and Billy Walker, if, say, Gager, Collindridge and Ardon were to be "called up" in January, just before the Cup-ties?

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

D. J. Harkin, 5, Stoneleigh Terrace, Nottingham, Sportsmen's Club No. 1727.

Writes: Which playing pitch is the larger of the two—Nottingham Forest's or Luton Town's? And what are the exact measurements?

Nottingham Forest's pitch is the larger of the two. Measurements: Nottingham Forest—114 yards by 79 yards. Luton Town—112 yards by 75 yards.

"Miss Junior Forester," Basford, Nottingham.

Writes: How many players actually took part in the winning of the Third Division South Championship last season?

Sixteen players in the 46 League matches. Four players—Walker, Gager, Scott and Collindridge—were ever-present, and Ardon only missed one game.

All correspondence should be addressed to The Editor,

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MIDLAND COUNTIES' LEAGUE

Aug. 18—GOOLE TOWN	h 3—1
" 25—Rotherham Utd. Res.	a 2—1
" 30—BRADFORD P.A. RES.	h 2—0
Sept. 1—MANSFIELD TOWN RES.	h 1—0
" 6—GRIMSBY TOWN RES.	h 5—1
" 8—Bradford P.A. Reserves	a 1—1
" 12—Grimsby Town Res.	a 3—1
" 15—NOTTS. COUNTY RES.	h 3—0
" 19—Scarborough	a 0—3
" 22—DONCASTER ROV. RES.	h 4—0
" 24—Denaby United	a 4—2
" 29—Gainsborough T.	a 0—0
Oct. 6—Lincoln City Res.	a
" 13—HULL CITY RES.	h
" 20—Scunthorpe Utd. Res.	a
" 27—YORK CITY RES.	h
Nov. 3—Bradford City Res.	a
" 10—BOSTON UNITED	h
" 17—Peterborough United	h
" 24—WORKSOP TOWN	a
Dec. 1—Frickley Colliery	h
" 8—GRANTHAM TOWN	h
" 15—Goole Town	h
" 22—ROTHERHAM UTD. RES.	h
" 25—Halifax Town Res.	h
" 29—Mansfield Town Res.	a
Jan. 5—SCARBOROUGH	h
" 12—Grantham Town	a
" 19—Notts. County Res.	a
" 26—Doncaster Rovers Res.	a
Feb. 2—	
" 9—GAINSBOROUGH TOWN	h
" 16—LINCOLN CITY RES.	h
" 23—HALIFAX TOWN RES.	h
Mar. 1—Hull City Res.	a
" 8—SCUNTHORPE UTD. RES.	h
" 15—York City Res.	a
" 22—BRADFORD CITY RES.	h
" 29—Boston United	a
Apr. 5—PETERBOROUGH UTD.	h
" 12—Worksop Town	a
" 19—FRICKLEY COLLIERY	h
" 26—	
May 3—DENABY UNITED	h

CENTRAL ALLIANCE

Aug. 18—HEANOR	h 5—0
" 23—Ransome & Marles	a 2—3
" 25—LINBY COLLIERY	a 1—1
" 29—LONG EATON	h 4—0
Sept. 1—SOUTH NORMANTON	(1st Round Cup) h 4—2
" 5—Teversal Colliery	a 1—2
" 8—Creswell Colliery	a 1—1
" 11—TEVERSAL COLLIERY	h 5—1
" 15—British Ropes	a 4—1
" 22—South Normanton	a 1—1
Oct. 6—	
" 13—	a
" 20—Coalville	a
" 27—ILKESTON TOWN	h
Nov. 3—MATLOCK TOWN	h
" 10—Ilkeston Town	a
" 17—	
" 24—	
Dec. 1—	
" 8—BENTINCK COLLIERY	h
" 15—Shirebrook Colliery	h
" 22—SHIREBROOK COLLIERY	h
" 29—Linby Colliery	h
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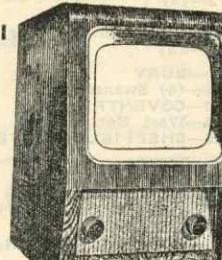
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