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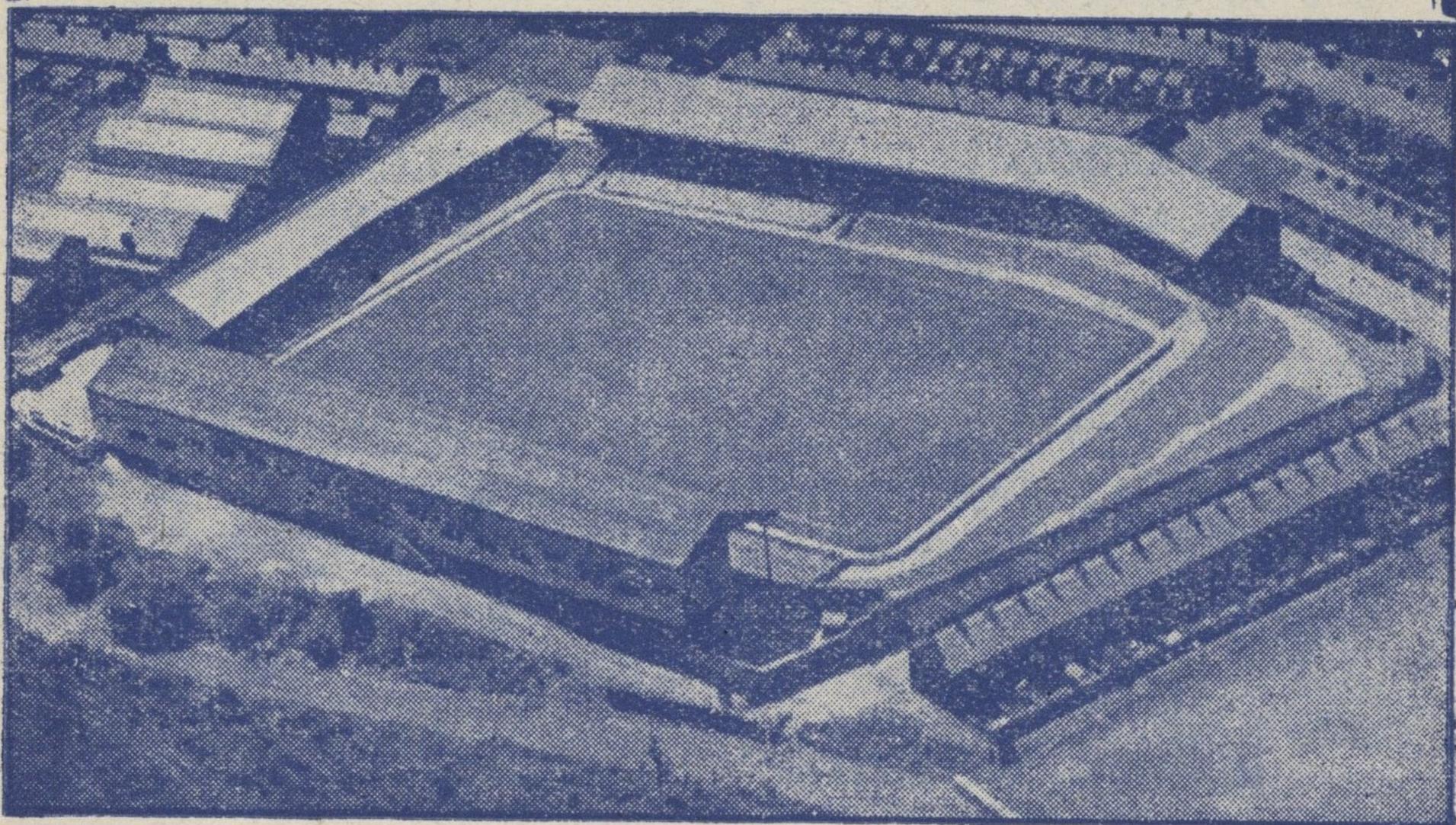
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th.

CLUB NOTES

Whilst every Roverite is rejoicing over the splendid victory last Saturday and a further move up in the League table, our thoughts instinctively go to the unfortunate accident which occurred after the match. The collapse of a footbridge at a Bury Railway Station involved many of our supporters in injuries which in some cases are serious, and in one case fatal. The Directors, Officials and Players, together with the supporters of Blackburn Rovers Football Club, extend to all concerned the hope for a speedy and complete recovery to normal health to the injured. In the case where the accident proved fatal, the sincere sympathies of all concerned with the club are expressed to the relatives in their sad loss.

To-day we welcome Luton Town to Ewood Park, remembering that on our previous meeting this season at Luton we drew one goal each. This was on September 22nd, when points were eluding us consistently, in fact that was the first point we had gained in five matches.

Now, however, it is a different story; in the last five matches we have won on every occasion, although we had to have a second helping of Nottingham Forest in the Cup-tie.

Mention of the Cup reminds us that Luton are also in the competition, and we take this opportunity of congratulating our visitors on a splendid victory over First Division opponents Charlton Athletic. Now, no doubt, they are thinking in terms of Brentford, their next Cup opponents, and if it is any consolation to them, or gives any hope, we can remind them that we beat Brentford by three clear goals eight weeks ago.

Going a little further back in the Rovers' record, in fact to the corresponding match last season, we find we beat Luton Town by one goal to nil, narrow, but two useful points, which is what we are seeking to-day, but not so narrowly.

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Luton, at the moment, are three points in front of the Rovers, and are eight places higher in the League table, which shows what little points difference there is between the teams fighting relegation and those who look secure in the top half of the table. Though Luton slipped badly last Saturday when they were defeated at home by Queen's Park Rangers, their away record is one to be respected—they have won five and drawn four, and their goal average is in credit by five goals.

Incidentally, amongst their team we find Mitchell, a former Rover, at outside left, and Stobbart amongst the forwards, a danger man, as we have reason to know. In goal is Stretten, generally regarded as one of the finest goalkeepers in the game, and who has been recognised by his country when in 1950 he played for England against Ireland. So that the opposition is quite good, but if our boys can produce the same form as for several weeks we should be due for another move up the League table.

The team's performance since the great revival commenced on the seventeenth of November againsts Birmingham away has been remarkable. Since that date and including that match, the Rovers have played twelve League matches—six at home and six away, won nine, drawn one and lost only two—truly a great performance. In addition they drew at Nottingham Forest in the Cup and won the replay, so that it can be said in fourteen matches they have won ten, lost two, drawn two. This is form worthy of champions, but of course the extremely bad start puts all that well out of the question.

Of course, there is always the Cup, and if we can "see Hull off" next Saturday and have a bit more good luck with the next draw—who knows—there is no doubt our lads have all come in form at the right time, and that is how cups are won.

TICKETS FOR THE CUP-TIE

Any tickets for the stands and enclosures that are available after the season ticket holders, Hull City, etc., have been dealt with, will be on sale to the public to-morrow, Sunday, at 2 p.m., at Ewood Park.

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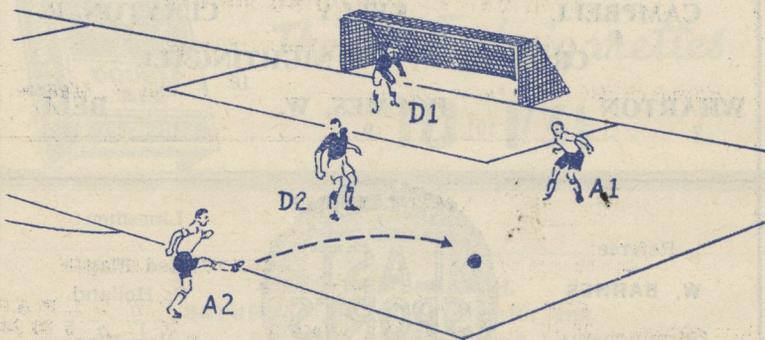
No. 15. THE OFFSIDE LAW (continued).

In our last issue we gave the main points of F.A. Law 11 which covers Offside infringements. In order to understand the correct interpretation of the Law, the following additional points should be borne in mind.

1. A player finding himself in an offside position cannot put himself onside by running back. He can only be put onside by an opponent playing the ball, or if he is behind the ball when it is next played by a member of his own side, or if the positions of his opponents change so that he becomes onside by virtue of a goal-kick, corner-kick or throw-in being taken.

In our diagram the attacking forward (A2) has passed the ball in the direction of forward A1. The ball, however, stops this side of defender D2. Forward A1 commences to run back to gather the ball, and his new position leaves two defending players between him and the goal-line. A1 is OFFSIDE because when A2 played the ball there were not two defending players between A1 and the opponents' goal-line.

2. A player in an offside position should not be penalised unless, in the opinion of the Referee, he is interfering with play or an opponent, or is seeking to gain an advantage by being in an offside position.



ANSWERS TO THE FOOTBALL QUIZ IN OUR LAST ISSUE.

- (a) The width of the penalty-area.
- (b) The minimum distance from the penalty-spot to the remaining players when a penalty is being taken.
- (c) The minimum distance between the ball and the nearest opposing players when a free-kick is being taken, except when a free-kick is awarded to the attacking team nearer than 10 yards from the goal-line.
- (d) The radius of the centre-circle.
- (e) The radius of the corner-arc.
- (f) The distance between the goal-line and the penalty-spot.
- (g) The depth of the penalty-area.
- (h) The width of the goal-area.
- (i) The measurement between the goal uprights.
- (j) The depth of the goal-area.
- (k) The distance between the goal upright and the width extremity of the goal-area.

NEXT ISSUE: MORE ABOUT OFFSIDE.

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Birmingham	28	13	8	7	43	32	34
Cardiff C.	27	13	7	7	45	32	33
Sheffield W.	28	13	6	9	63	47	32
Leicester C.	27	12	7	8	56	42	31
Rotherham	27	13	5	9	57	48	31
Sheffield U.	28	13	5	10	64	50	31
Brentford	27	12	7	8	34	28	31
Notts F.	28	11	9	8	53	46	31
Leeds U.	27	11	8	8	39	38	30
Barnsley	27	9	10	8	41	42	28
Luton T.	27	10	8	9	49	45	28
Everton	28	10	8	10	43	46	28
West Ham	28	10	7	11	45	56	27
Notts C.	28	11	4	13	47	49	26
Southampton	28	9	8	11	41	57	26
Doncaster	28	8	9	11	37	41	25
Rovers	28	11	3	14	37	44	25
Bury	28	9	6	13	47	45	24
Swansea T.	28	7	9	12	47	53	23
Queen's P.R.	28	7	9	12	39	60	23
Coventry	27	8	5	14	37	55	21
Hull C.	28	7	6	15	39	47	20

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	26	17	4	5	60	28	38
Wolves	27	16	5	6	72	38	37
Preston N.E.	27	15	7	5	50	27	37
Chesterfield	29	15	6	8	44	25	36
Sheffield W.	29	16	4	9	57	45	36
Leeds U.	28	13	7	8	50	38	33
West Brom.	29	15	3	11	48	44	33
Newcastle U.	28	13	3	12	52	44	29
Derby C.	30	11	5	14	48	55	27
Sheffield U.	28	10	7	11	38	53	27
Barnsley	29	9	7	13	36	53	25
Bury	27	10	5	12	43	56	25
Burnley	26	10	4	12	42	39	24
Liverpool	28	10	4	14	38	50	24
Manchester U.	28	10	3	15	54	65	23
Huddersfield	27	9	5	13	42	52	23
Manchester C.	28	10	3	15	55	69	23
Rovers	26	10	3	13	44	46	23
Blackpool	27	8	6	13	51	56	22
Bolton W.	28	7	7	14	32	51	21
Aston Villa	28	6	8	14	38	55	20
Stoke C.	27	9	2	16	34	57	20

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Date.	Opponents	Ground			
1951			F A		
Aug. 18	Sheffield U.	Home	1-5	1952	
" 22	Doncaster R.	Away	0-1	Jan. 1	Queen's P.R. Home 4-2
" 25	West Ham U.	Away	1-3	" 5	Swansea T. Home 3-1
" 27	Doncaster R.	Home	3-3	" 12	(3)
Sept. 1	Coventry C.	Home	0-1	" 19	Bury Away 2-0
" 3	Queen's P.R.	Away	1-2	" 26	Luton Town Home
" 8	Swansea Town	Away	1-5	Feb. 2	(4)
" 15	Bury	Home	1-2	" 9	Notts County Away
" 22	Luton Town	Away	1-1	" 16	Everton Home
" 29	Notts County	Home	2-0	" 23	(5)
Oct. 6	Everton	Away	2-0	Mar. 1	Southampton Away
" 13	Southampton	Home	0-1	" 8	(6) Sheffield W. Home
" 20	Sheffield W.	Away	0-2	" 15	Leeds United Away
" 27	Leeds Utd.	Home	2-3	" 22	Rotherham U. Home
Nov. 3	Rotherham	Away	0-3	" 29	Cardiff City Away
" 10	Cardiff City	Home	0-1	Apr. 5	Birmingham C. Home
" 17	Birmingham C.	Away	1-0	" 11	Barnsley Home
" 24	Leicester C.	Home	2-1	" 12	Leicester C. Away
Dec. 1	Nottingham F.	Away	0-1	" 14	Barnsley Away
" 8	Brentford	Home	3-0	" 19	Nottingham F. Home
" 15	Sheffield U.	Away	1-1	" 26	Brentford Away

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