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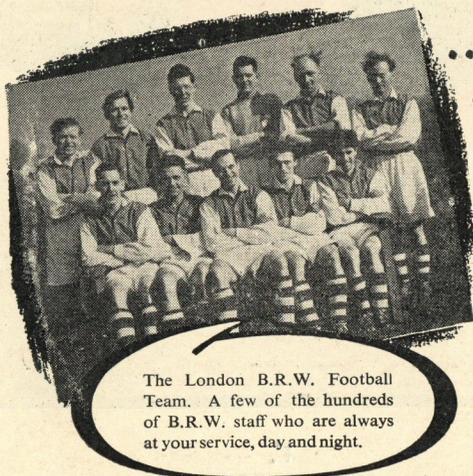
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INSIDE THE COTTAGE

IF you were within a five-mile radius of Craven Cottage at just after ten minutes to five last Saturday afternoon, you must have heard a terrific cheer go up. It was not for our Reserves—though they earned cheers enough as they trounced Chelsea—it was for our first team at Birmingham.

The enthusiasm that greeted the score of 4—1 in our favour as soon as it was shown on the board was something to be remembered. And at almost the same time the supporters of Birmingham F.C. were giving our lads a terrific cheer as they left the field. They were applauding as perfect a display of football as they'll see from a visiting team for quite a long time.

Mark down August 30th, 1952, in your diary as a great day for Fulham. For while the first eleven were gaining their finest away victory for many seasons, the second eleven were beating Chelsea Reserves 7—0, and that adds up to eleven goals and one against between the two teams.

But this is more significant still. The senior side went straight from a 6—1 beating at Leicester to a thoroughly convincing victory at Birmingham, which proves that the lads not only have the football in them but the right spirit as well.

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SAID the Birmingham directors after the game: "We never grumble when we are beaten like that," while Mr. Arthur Oakley, a member of the Football League Management Committee and a Wolverhampton Wanderers' director, added: "A very pleasant afternoon."

Handing out individual praise for this success is a tough assignment. Mr. Bill Dodgin says all the lads were brilliant; that he could fault no one and that no one played any better than anybody else.

Nevertheless, it was a game in which individual brilliance was welded into a type of team play that Fulham hasn't seen for many a day. Every goal was the product

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of unselfish team spirit allied with all the ingredients that must eventually land the ball in the net.

Doug. Flack, deputising for the injured Ian Black in goal, had a very easy second half, but in the first spell he made two superb saves. Eddie Lowe, in his second game at left back, never put a foot wrong, while he and Robin Lawler at left half completely bottled up the right wing on which Birmingham so much rely.

We took the lead late in the first half through Bobby Robson. The whole front line had moved down but found all the Birmingham defenders in position. So Robson did just what he was not expected to do. Instead of parting he suddenly shot from nearly 25 yards. The ball never rose more than three feet and Gil Merrick had to pick it out of the net.

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WHEN Bobby Brennan made it 2—0 in the second half we were pretty well assured of our first away victory of the season. Brennan's goal was the result of that quick thinking of which he is a master. It seemed that the Birmingham keeper had the ball well covered when Arthur Stevens put a fine centre into the goalmouth, but before the ball could reach Merrick, Brennan had nipped in front of him and turned it into the net.

Birmingham got a goal back through Briggs after a free-kick had been dropped in the goalmouth, but then Robson came on the scene again within a matter of minutes and restored our two-goal advantage with another great goal.

The fourth came only three minutes later—a smashing goal from Arthur Stevens who rounded off an attack which started with the half backs and involved all the forwards.

It was a win that was thoroughly deserved. Our forwards were always faster with the ball and moved into position for a pass with greater ease than did the Birmingham front line. Our defenders were right on top of their game, and the overall result was that we were dictating the policy of the game for almost its entire length.

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TO put it mildly, our Reserves gave a very fine display when they made their first appearance of the season at Craven Cottage last Saturday. Actually, any of the spectators—and there was a much bigger attendance than we are accustomed to at our Reserves' games—will tell you that you couldn't see a finer

display of sheer football and ball artistry anywhere in the Combination.

We beat Chelsea 7—0, but it was not the goal-crop that delighted the crowd so much as the magnificent football that led up to the first six. The seventh came from a penalty. So delighted were the spectators with the performance that they stayed to give the boys a special cheer as they left the pitch.

Only Wally Hinshelwood of the forward line failed to score. But he should worry! He played as great a part in this overwhelming victory as anyone on the field. The prompting, the scheming and the scorching passes that so frequently switched play from one direction to another nearly all came from Archie Macaulay, but so ready was Wally to respond to his inside partner that his failure to score went almost unnoticed.

There was a great welcome for Jeff Taylor as he made his way to the dressing room. And no wonder! Jeff had scored four—one in the first half and the lot in the second. A performance like that needs no embellishment in writing, but we have to say that Jeff looked more like a class centre-forward than he has done at any time since he came to Craven Cottage last season.

Johnny Haynes and Trevor Chamberlain formed the youngest left wing Fulham Reserves have ever fielded, and you could hardly fault them.

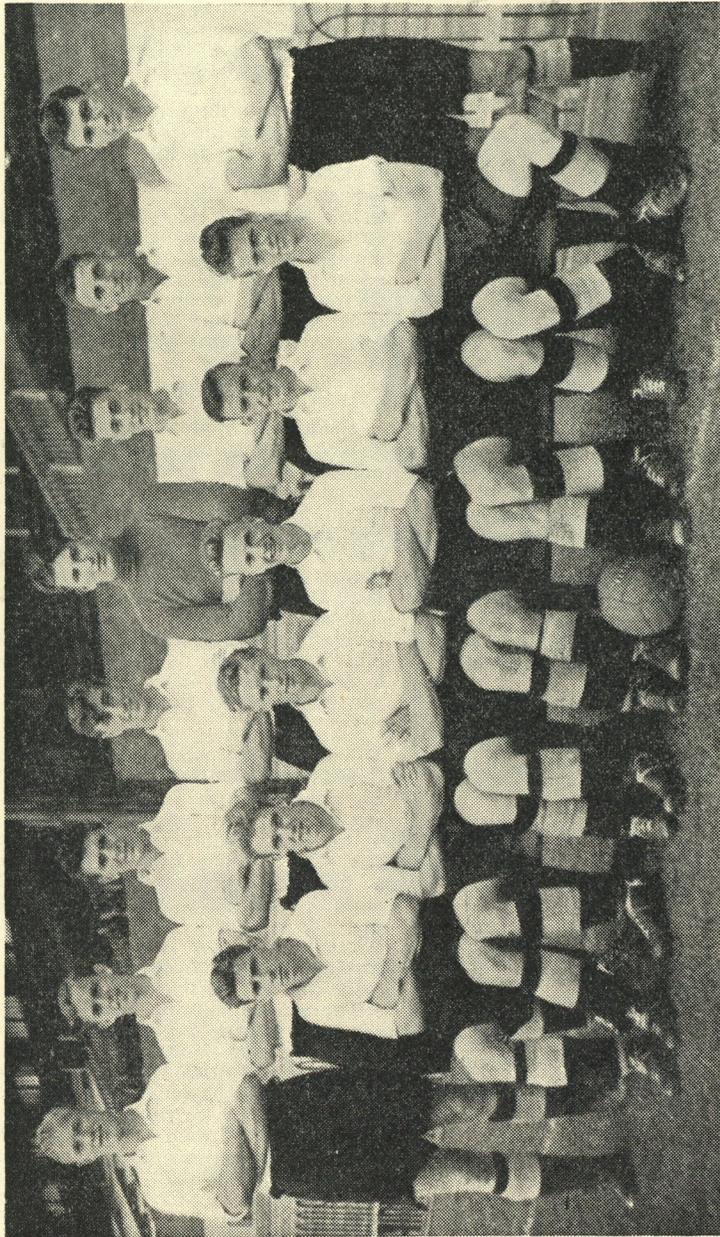
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IT was Johnny who opened the scoring after five minutes following a move on the right in which Taylor took part. Jeff put on the next ten minutes later, and in the 26th minute Chamberlain scored the third straight from a short pass—a free-kick—taken by Macaulay. Two minutes from the interval Macaulay, who had put so many grand passes out to Hinshelwood, now received one of the through variety from his partner and made the best possible use of it.

The second half was just like the first—except that we scored only three goals instead of four!—with the forward line cutting the Chelsea defence to ribbons.

All through the game the forwards got a great ball service from Norman Smith and Tommy Cronin, the wing halves. Like Johnny Haynes, Cronin has played nearly all his football in the "A" team since he came to Craven Cottage, and, again like Haynes, he has a splendid future in the game. His tackling, covering, passing and team work against Chelsea always caught the eye.

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Some of our younger players. From left to right they are—back row : John Ashen, David Edwards, Danny Malaburn, Tony Barton, Harry Sinclair, D. J. O'Keefe, Frank Read, Derek Lampe. Front row : Tommy Cronin, Ken Collins, Roy Dwight, Joe Hall, Len Geard, John Woods.

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LUTON TOWN

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INSIDE THE COTTAGE

He was always set a good example by Smith, who has the happy knack of being just where he is needed most at any given moment.

Bill Pavitt was right on top of his game. Bill has always looked out of his class in the Reserves, and his performance on this occasion was as great as any he has given in the past. Tom Wilson, at right back, was another who did all that was asked of him and who continues to go one way. He and Reg Lowe were excellent partners and were never taken out of their stride.

It is true that Harry Sinclair didn't have a lot to do in goal, but he made not a single mistake and we feel more than ever that we were right when we said last season that he's destined for higher class of football.

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WE have always been of the opinion that it is a pity our Saturday afternoon commitments do not allow us to show you more of the youngsters on our books. It's a pity for two reasons. In the first place you would be seeing the moulding of some of the players who will undoubtedly play a great part in Fulham's fortunes in future years, and in the second place you would see some really delightful football.

Just look at some of the players who have graduated from the juniors. There's Bill Dodgin, Bobby Robson, now first team regulars, and then there's Johnny Haynes, Tom Wilson, Tommy Cronin, Trevor Chamberlain and Harry Sinclair. These few alone have proved that we not only adopt the right policy with these youngsters, but also that it pays to look after their interests and happiness.

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This is the time and place to mention that Eddie Perry is doing a grand job with the boys we have signed, and he and Mr. Bill Dodgin have great hopes—in fact they're pretty confident—that among the youths we have now are some who, bar injury, will not be kept out of the game's top grade.

Outstanding among the amateurs we have signed for this season are Niger Harbin, an English schools' international centre-forward, Danny Malaburn, a left back who has played for London schools, A. E. Burton, played inside right for English schools, R. J. Taylor, London schools inside left, L. Montague, Surrey schools right half, Roy Twitchen, kept goal for Surrey Youth XI, and R. Lott, a left half who has played for Hants schoolboys and was an international trialist.

Of course, we have quite a number of youngsters in the Services. There's Roy Dwight, Len Geard, Joe Hall, Tommy Cronin, Frank Read, John Ashen, Harry Sinclair, Tony Golden and Johnny Haynes, and Trevor Chamberlain will be joining soon.

All these are young players of whom any club would be proud. But it is also part of our aim to make them proud to belong to Fulham Football Club.

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TODAY'S REFEREE

JUST after Tommy Lawton, the England international, had told a meeting of London referees that he did not think the present standard of refereeing was as high as it used to be, Mr. R. J. Burgess, of Sonning Common, Reading, was in charge of an important game on the Arsenal ground. One of his decisions didn't go down well with the spectators, whereupon one of them called out: "Hi, ref! Tommy Lawton wants you on the phone!"

Mr. Burgess referees our game today, and he comes with a grand record behind him and, we feel sure, an even bigger future. He first blew a whistle in Reading junior football in 1930, graduated to the Isthmian League and was a Football League linesman during the war. In 1946-47 he was appointed a Football Combination referee, went on to the Supplementary List of the Football League in 1947-48 and the Full List the following season.

Up to now he has refereed about 200 League and F.A. Cup games, besides the F.A. Charity Shield Final in 1948-49 and the England-Wales amateur international the same season. In 1950 he took the big Cup Final in the Channel Isles, and was a linesman at the 1950-51 F.A. Cup Final.

Mr. Burgess is a garage proprietor with a big interest in fishing and gardening and a deep taste for cricket, which he plays regularly. And because he feels that all referees MUST be fit in order to keep pace with modern football, he puts in two or three nights a week on

a running track.

Always ready to help young referees in their quest for knowledge, Mr. Burgess tells them that the only way to get to the top is to study experienced officials in their control of first-class matches, and when on the field to be firm but not officious, and above all to keep the game moving.

COTTAGE PIE

1. Which Division I club never uses its ground on Good Friday?
2. Who holds the goal scoring record in the international championship?
3. Which club has won the Scottish F.A. Cup most times?
4. What is the longest unbeaten run in the Football League?
5. Has a team ever won all its League matches in one season?
6. When did the numbering of players in Football League matches become law?
7. Do goalkeepers have to wear jerseys of any particular colour in international matches?
8. What is the maximum number of substitutes allowed in F.I.F.A. matches?
9. In such games, up to what stage can substitutes take the field?
10. Has one club ever supplied an entire international team?

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SUCH is the pride that not only the townfolk of Luton but the corporation as well, take in their football club, that it's difficult to believe that Luton Town once had to resign from Division 2 because they were not getting sufficient support. It was a pity, too, because they'd had a tough time getting elected.

Luton Town F.C. was formed from the amalgamation of Luton Excelsior and Luton Wanderers in 1885, and the new club was one of the original members of the old Southern League. After two terms in that tournament they applied for membership of Division 2 of the Football League, but it was only after their second application that they were accepted. That was in 1897-98.

They hoped, naturally, that with the better standard of football they now supplied their gates would increase. Alas for their hopes! Income did not meet increased expenditure, and when at the end of their third season in the division they were one of the clubs which had to seek re-election, they just didn't bother and went back to the Southern League.

But the change of competition did not bring a change of luck. Football in the Southern League had improved, and in 1911-12 Luton were relegated to the Second Division of that competition and did not get back until just before the First World War.

After the war they put up some good performances in the F.A. Cup, and returned to the Football League in 1919-20 when the Third Division was formed and when the Southern League became the Southern Section.

Without doing anything spectacular in the League, Luton held their own but began to show their mettle in 1933-34. They then began a steady advance that carried them to the championship of the Southern Section of Division 3 in 1936-37, scoring 103 goals and collecting 58 points.

It was during that season that Joe Payne set up the amazing record of scoring ten goals against Bristol Rovers—a record yet to be beaten in the League. Payne's total that campaign was 55.

Cottage Pie Answers

1. Stoke City, by agreement with the Church Commissioners.
2. J. Bambrick, who, at Belfast in 1930, scored six goals for Ireland against Wales.
3. Celtic, with 16 victories.
4. Thirty League games without defeat, set up by Burnley in 1920-21.
5. Yes, Glasgow Rangers in 1898-99.
6. In 1939-40.
7. Yes. Deep yellow.
8. Two. The condition of substitution is that any player replaced is injured so much that he cannot return to the field.
9. Up to the 42nd minute.
10. Yes. Corinthians supplied the whole England team which defeated Wales 5-1 at Wrexham in 1894, and also the entire side which drew one-all with Wales at Queen's Club in 1895.



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