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his own individual efforts than for the benefit of the team.

Arthur's ball control was not too good and he often pushed the ball too far away from his feet with an opponent near him, and this is always fatal. However, I do think that he can make a success of this position with time and patience.

Some people may wonder why a player is played in one certain position for a long time and then suddenly switched to an entirely new one. The answer is that we always try to give our own lads the chance if possible, because we have no desire to spend money if we can convert one of our own players to fill the vacant positions.

Rotherham Reserves certainly played a fine game, and it was only the fact that they overdid the square pass a little too much that retarded their progress.

Like their first team, they fought every minute of the game, but never seemed as if they would be able to pull the game "out of the fire" even though we missed two penalties in two minutes!

It was mainly Alan Moore's game, for not only did he get two brilliant goals but he "made" the other two and played a very unselfish game throughout. Keep playing this type of game, Alan!

Billy Walker

MAY I say how sorry I was that so many of our staunch supporters should have made the journey to Elland Road, Leeds, last Saturday, for our game with the United, only to "see" ten minutes of "ghost-like" football before the abandonment.

I was present to see our Reserve match against Rotherham, and it was very pleasing to watch such a grand game and the outstanding displays given at centre-forward by Alan Moore, Tom Wilson at outside-right and Alan Orr at left-half.

The other lads, too, played quite well, although Arthur Lemon did not have such a good game at outside left, but this was more or less his own fault, because he was inclined to concentrate more on



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OUR first duty to-day is to commiserate with those loyal supporters of ours who had such an expensive trip to Leeds last week to obtain only ten minutes' football. We are always pleased to hear, as well as see, these real Forest loyalists on away grounds, and there was again a big number at Elland Road, but it was their misfortune to have a comparatively fruitless journey.

From what little entertainment we were all granted before the game had to be abandoned it seemed as if we were in for a very fine display, and it was again encouraging to note how well the boys were playing as a team, even though Horace Gager was unfortunately absent through illness for the first time this season.

So much improved is the whole team work that we can confidently expect no disastrous upheaval when, for some reason or other, the "Reds" are deprived of the services of a particular player.

The defence, which has had some shaky moments at times, is now one of the most compact in the Second Division, and we are not boasting if we claim to have one of the best half-back lines in the section.

And, better still, the present forward line has established itself as one combining craft with speed since the intro-

duction of Martin in the first category and Leverton in the second.

It is a bit of bad luck that so far we have not been able to maintain a consistent team, or at least the one looked upon as the best available, originally chosen in the past two weeks. First injury and then illness has intervened, but granted freedom from these handicaps we do think we have the potential of a very good side.

This was proved a fortnight ago when our home win over promotion hunting Plymouth Argyle produced a grand game, one of the best we have had the good fortune to see at the City Ground. More matches of that calibre and we are sure the half-hearted supporters will be converted into full and regular attenders.

Quite frankly our Committee expected a bigger attendance at a game of such attractive possibilities, particularly as it was the first home appearance of our two new men and followed on the fine away win against Rotherham.

Let's hope to-day's attendance has shown an improvement, first as an encouragement to the lads and second as a recognition of our Committee's readiness to buy players in their desire to get First Division football to the city.

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For the Younger Forester

By JUNIOR RED

WHEN we asked recently who had the largest collection of programmes in their possession, we realised that we might be asking for trouble!

Over two dozen of our juniors have written sending in their claims for the special prize to be offered, and so far the highest total of different programmes is 627 by a Leicester follower of Forest. Can anyone beat this total? This contest closes on December 6th, so if you haven't made your claim yet, do so right now.

The judges are still busy wading through the numerous entries to the competition set in our last "Corner" and the result will be announced in the next issue.

Part III in "Nottingham Forest History" will be resumed in the Bury programme, as pressure of space prevents it being included this week.

With the Midland Leaguers

YET another win, 4-2 at home against Rotherham Reserves, is putting emphasis on the fact that our Midland League side are now showing something approaching the form that has brought them the trophy on three previous occasions.

Showing grand team-work with an ever-increasing tendency to have a shot at goal at every opportunity, they certainly gave a grand 90-minute performance. It is not very often that Mr. W. H. Walker gets the chance to see the Reserves play, but his presence at last week's game certainly made the lads pull something special out.

Outstanding was Alan Moore, whose zest and enthusiasm certainly imbued the rest of the team with a willingness to give a "champion" display. A unique feature of the game was the missing of two penalties by our boys—one by Tom Capel and the other by Syd Thompson (his second in succession).

Do You Know?

1—Which was the most eventful match in post-war years between Forest and Luton Town?

2—Who is the only Forest player still with the club who appeared in this particular match?

3—How many clubs has Bernard Streten been associated with in his football career?

4—How many Internationals are regular members of the Luton league side?

5—When did the "Hatters" first have a professional side?

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MATCHES between Forest and Luton Town—to whom we offer a cordial welcome this afternoon—have invariably been close affairs, and this particular one may be no exception.

The "Hatters" are certainly not an easy side to beat, for they possess strength in defence and a judicious, and so far effective, mixture of youth and experience in their attack.

Unless one excepts Jesse Pye, the ex-Wolves and Notts. County forward, who recently netted his 100th League goal, there are no outstanding stars in this workmanlike Luton side, whose ability to swiftly turn defence into attack has been one of their big assets in a season which has already brought them plenty of success.

A familiar figure in the visitors' goal is double International Bernard Streten, who was on amateur forms for Notts. County in 1941, signing professional for Luton in 1947.

He was "capped" six times as an England amateur, and gained his first professional cap against Ireland in 1949.

Full-backs Seamus Dunne and Buddy Aherne have been the regular pair this term. As his name suggests, the former is Irish, and so is his partner, who is an International.

In a strong middle line, Bob Morton, on the right, is a local from Aston Clinton, who formerly played for Waterlows,

while playing in the centre-half position—once occupied by Forest skipper, Horace Gager—Syd Owen, who went to Australia with the F.A. touring team in 1951, was originally a left half with Birmingham.

At left-half Wally Shanks, who is Malta born, came to Luton after being on Chelsea's books as a wing forward. He is a tenacious tackler and distributes the ball accurately.

A well-knit attack has a clever left wing pair in Charlie Watkins and Bert Mitchell. The former is Glasgow born and developed with the famous Rangers before moving to Luton as a schemer forward in 1948, while the latter is a dangerous, thrusting winger who always needs careful watching.

Centre-forward Jesse Pye, who joined Notts. soon after the war, is still a useful attack leader, and quick at snapping up openings. He played for England against Belgium in 1945/6 and against Eire the same season, when an inside forward with Wolves, with whom he gained an F.A. Cup final medal. Jesse is Rotherham born.

On the right of the attack is Bernard Moore, a former Hastings player who developed as a forward with Brighton Boys, joining Luton in 1950/51, and Roy Davies, who combines speed and good ball control with quick thrusts from the extreme wing.

Decline in Soccer ?

THE difference between First Division and Second Division soccer is not so pronounced as some people would make believe, and to give some idea of what we mean we should like to quote the following letter from a Forest supporter now "exiled" in Stockton, Co. Durham, who writes:

"In the past, my football enthusiasm has been confined to the Second and Third Division soccer teams, with only an occasional glimpse of an International game. Since taking up residence in Co. Durham I have taken the opportunity of viewing First Division soccer, and, having watched such games consistently for the past twelve months, my own honest opinion is that there is plenty of room for improvement.

"The gap between First and Second Division is NOT, and I repeat not, as wide as people imagine. Of all the teams that I have seen playing at Middlesbrough during the past twelve months only one has played constructive football worthy of the Division I label.

"The year Forest were relegated they provided the brand of soccer the fans ask for, and the general consensus of opinion up here in the North-East is that football in the First Division is very definitely on the decline.

"Forest fans can rest assured that they are getting more than their share of first-class football, because I most definitely have not seen much in the 'premier' Division."—Yours, etc.,

LEN WARD.

Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.

This letter reached us through the post from an ordinary supporter up North, and we present it as an unbiased view of a regular First Division attender.

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Plymouth Argyle	16	9	3	4	29	19	22	
Rotherham Utd	17	10	5	2	37	26	22	
Luton Town	17	9	5	3	38	22	21	
Fulham	17	9	6	2	36	29	20	
Birmingham City	17	7	4	6	26	26	20	
NOTTM. FOREST	17	8	8	1	32	29	17	
West Ham United	17	5	5	7	22	21	17	
Swansea Town	17	5	6	6	31	35	16	
Everton	16	6	7	3	26	23	15	
Leeds Utd.	17	4	6	7	25	23	15	
Notts. County	16	7	8	1	24	33	15	
Hull City	17	5	8	4	24	27	14	
Lincoln City	17	3	6	8	23	31	14	
Brentford	17	5	8	4	24	35	14	
Blackburn Rovers	17	5	9	3	20	33	13	
Bury	16	3	8	5	19	27	11	
Doncaster Rovers	16	3	8	5	22	34	11	
Southampton	18	3	11	4	27	40	10	
Barnsley	16	4	10	2	23	40	10	

MIDLAND LEAGUE

Grimsby Town Res.	18	12	3	3	52	20	27
NOTTM. FOREST	15	11	1	3	43	16	25
Notts. County Res.	17	11	4	2	48	28	24
Corby Town	16	10	2	4	32	16	24
Lincoln City Res.	17	11	5	1	43	29	23
Scunthorpe U. Res.	18	8	5	5	31	35	21
York City Res.	18	9	7	2	45	30	20
Rotherham U. Res.	19	9	8	2	39	26	20
Grantham Town	16	8	4	4	25	22	20
Hull City Res.	17	6	4	7	29	21	19
Mansfield T. Res.	16	7	6	3	37	31	17
Bradford City Res.	18	7	8	3	33	39	17
Peterborough	16	5	4	7	23	20	11
Gainsborough Trin.	18	8	9	1	28	38	17
Goole Town	17	7	8	2	32	31	11
Bradford P.A. Res.	19	6	9	4	36	48	16
Workshop Town	17	6	8	3	23	27	15
Boston United	15	6	7	2	39	35	14
Scarborough Town	19	5	12	2	27	45	12
Halifax Town Res.	16	5	10	1	18	37	11
Wisbech Town	18	3	12	3	25	57	9
Doncaster R. Res.	17	4	12	1	19	40	9
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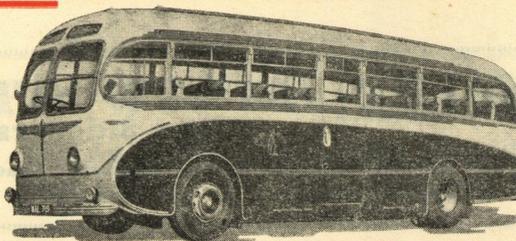
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Take, for instance, the goalkeeper. In the old days the general idea was for the ball, in clearing, to be ballooned up the field and away from the goal as soon as possible. Get the ball away by the quickest route in the shortest time; but it was *not* constructive football.

What happens to-day? The 'keeper fields the ball, takes a quick look round, and then rolls it to an unmarked colleague and immediately commences his team on attack. No one can say that this is a retrograde step.

The whole tendency to-day in football is to do things in a constructive manner with the minimum effort and time.

Look at the outstanding teams of to-day — Manchester United, Spurs, Arsenal, Leicester, for example. What have they in common? Attacking wing halves, fast enough to repeatedly take the ball through and stamina enough to get back if the ball is returned into their own half.

It is good, clean, fast football, always constructive, and it's what the present-day supporter demands.

We know that in the "golden days" we had players of the calibre of Frank Moss, Sam Cowan, Jimmy McMullan, Charlie Buchan, Billy Walker and Hughie Gallacher. But surely some of the players of to-day measure up to their standards?

The post-war era has produced Raich Carter, Peter Doherty, Billy Steel, Wilf Mannion, Tommy Lawton, Jimmy Hagan and Nat Lofthouse. What generation has found better wing halves than Billy Wright, Joe Mercer, Archie Macaulay or Jim Dickinson?

The football ability is there! One can go as far back in football history as one likes and won't find a greater player than Stanley Matthews. Talk about Georgie Wall or Billy Meredith as you will, but who remains as the greatest of them all? Matthews, of course.

Great goalkeepers such as Eli Scott, Sam Hardy, Albert Iremonger and Kenny Campbell are rare, but who will deny the merits of Frank Swift, Harry Hibbs, Vic Woodley or Bert Williams? These, too, are great names that will be written down in football history.

Football has lost none of its skill in becoming speedier, and in the year 1982 we shall be saying that the players of that period cannot compare with those of the 1950's. Football is like that; that's why we love the game!

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" 30—Notts. County	a 2-3
Sept. 3—BARNSLEY	h 3-0
" 6—Everton	a 0-3
" 10—Lincoln City	a 3-2
" 13—BRENTFORD	h 3-0
" 17—LINCOLN CITY	h 1-1
" 20—Doncaster Rovers	a 0-1
" 22—Sheffield United	a 0-2
" 27—SWANSEA TOWN	h 6-4
Oct. 4—Huddersfield Town	a 2-1
" 11—LEICESTER CITY	h 1-3
" 18—West Ham United	a 2-3
" 25—FULHAM	h 0-1
Nov. 1—Rotherham United	a 3-2
" 8—PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	h 3-1
" 15—Leeds United	a abd.
" 22—(1) LUTON TOWN	h
" 29—Birmingham City	a
Dec. 6—(2) BURY	h
" 13—Southampton	a
" 20—Blackburn Rovers	a
" 26—(Boxing Day) HULL CITY	a
" 27—Hull City	a
1953.	
Jan. 3—NOTTS. COUNTY	h
" 10—(3)	
" 17—EVERTON	h
" 24—Brentford	a
" 31—(4)	
Feb. 7—DONCASTER ROVERS	h
" 14—(5) Swansea Town	a
" 21—HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	h
" 28—(6) Leicester City	a
Mar. 7—WEST HAM UNITED	h
" 14—Fulham	a
" 21—(S.F.) ROTHERHAM UTD.	a
" 28—Plymouth Argyle	a
Apr. 4—LEEDS UNITED	h
" 6—SHEFFIELD UNITED	h
" 11—Luton Town	a
" 18—BIRMINGHAM CITY	h
" 25—Bury	a
May 2—(Final) SOUTHAMPTON	h

MIDLAND COUNTIES' LEAGUE

Aug. 23—Scunthorpe United	a 1-2
" 28—HULL CITY RES.	h 2-0
" 30—BOSTON UNITED	h 4-0
Sept. 4—Hull City Res.	a 1-1
" 11—BRADFORD P.A. RES.	h 5-3
" 13—Bradford City Res.	a 3-0
" 20—FRICKLEY COLLIERY	h 1-1
" 25—GOOLE TOWN	h 3-2
" 27—Goole Town	a 1-0
Oct. 4—WORKSOP TOWN	h 2-2
" 11—Halifax Town Res	a 3-1
" 25—Mansfield Town Res.	a 2-1
Nov. 1—HALIFAX TOWN RES.	h 8-0
" 8—Bradford P.A. Res.	a 3-1
" 15—ROTHERHAM UTD. RES.	h 4-2
" 29—YORK CITY RES.	h
Dec. 6—Grimsby Town Res.	a
" 13—CORBY TOWN	h
" 20—SCUNTHORPE UTD. RES.	h
" 25—DONCASTER ROVERS RES.	h
" 27—Doncaster Rovers Res.	a
Jan. 3—Boston United	a
" 10—LINCOLN CITY RES.	h
" 17—Notts. County Res.	a
" 24—BRADFORD CITY RES.	h
" 31—Lincoln City Res.	a
Feb. 7—Frickley Colliery	a
" 14—DENABY UNITED	h
" 21—Worksop Town	a
" 28—WISBECH TOWN	h
Mar. 7—Peterborough United	a
" 14—MANSFIELD TOWN RES.	h
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" 28—GRANTHAM TOWN	h
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" 4—Rotherham Utd. Res.	a
" 6—Gainsborough Trinity	a
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Quiz Answers

1—That on Wednesday, January 29th, 1947, when Forest had no goalkeeper at Luton. Tom Johnston went in goal for that game.

2—Freddy Scott, who was at outside-right for the "Reds," his usual position in those days.

3—Eight if you include the R.A.F. He was with Notts. County, guested during the war with Walsall, Crewe Alexandra, Port Vale and Wolverhampton Wanderers, signing as an amateur

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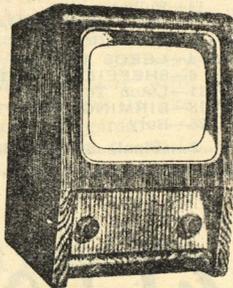


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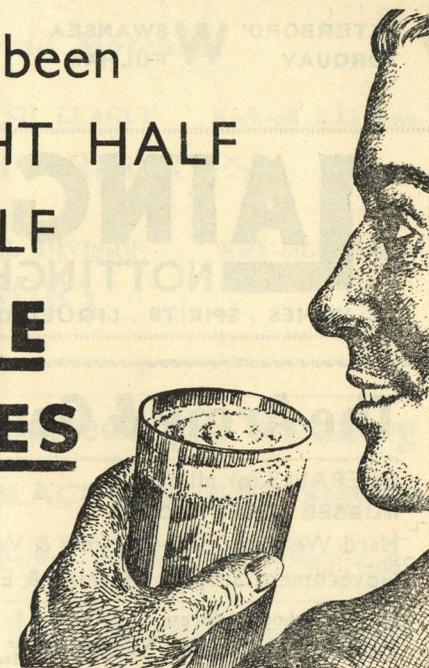
PLAYERS APPEARANCES

GOAL SCORERS

GOAL	PLAYERS APPEARANCES			GOAL SCORERS		
	1st Team	2nd Team	'A' Team	1st Team	2nd Team	'A' Team
WALKER	17	...	...	...	...	...
FARMER	...	15	1	...	...	...
KNIBBS	...	...	12	...	...	...
BACKS						
THOMAS	11	7	...	...	...	...
HUTCHINSON	10	4	...	...	...	...
WHARE	6	7	...	1	...	...
CLARKE	7	9	...	...	...	...
KNIGHT	...	...	11	...	...	...
HALF-BACKS						
MORLEY	8	3	...	...	...	...
GAGER	17	..	...	...	...	...
BURKITT	17	..	...	1	...	...
THOMPSON	2	12	...	...	1 (pen)	...
ORR	3	13	...	...	...	...
McKINLAY	2	12	...	...	...	...
FRENCH	2	...	...	...	...	...
PRIESTLEY	...	1	10	...	...	2
BAKER	...	...	13	...	...	...
FRYER	...	4	10	...	...	...
RAWSON	...	4	6	...	...	1 (pen.)
FORWARDS						
MOORE, ALAN	12	5	...	4	8	...
SCOTT	17	...	...	3	...	...
ARDRON	13	...	...	8	...	...
CAPEL	16	2	...	6	4	...
COLLINDRIDGE	16	...	...	7 (2 pen.)	...	...
LEVERTON	5	11	...	2	7	...
WILSON	...	14	3	...	1	1
KELLY	4	11	...	...	3	...
MARTIN	2	...	...	...	...	...
HOLDER	...	...	8	...	...	...
LEMON	...	15	1	...	12	2
MOORE, KEITH	10
JOHNSON	...	1
BURTON	...	14	3	...	5	1
AMATEURS	...	1	31	...	1	17
OPPONENTS	1	...

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