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How could our Boys commence the New Year with a better toast
Than having a **Double** with Rotherham, which makes anyone boast
So today, we hope you will show the crowd

That after this match you will be in the next round
As the New Year begins, what lofty vows we take

And splendid resolutions, with confidence, make

With good and great intentions, we say: "We'll carry them through"

Often wonderful ambitions we set out to pursue

To make resolutions is simple at the start

But to keep them is always the hardest part

Old habits return slowly, so we take the easy way

And care nothing for what we build on New Year's day

Twenty years ago we told you all what we would do

And we have kept those resolutions right up to year 1952

The good old days you talk about, when those days have flown

Are nothing to the games under **Cover** and **Comfort** these days you know

Mere words are insufficient if big things you would do

So just look around the ground and see what we have done for you

And as the bells are pealing, whatever comes each day

We are hoping for a lot more **Members** to help us on our way

So if you want to be a **Bobber** join today without delay

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CLUB NOTES

WE once more find ourselves in the throes of Cup Tie excitement and for our first bite this year have as our opponents those colourful Cup fighters Blackburn Rovers. That we beat them so easily when they visited us in a League match last November is nothing to go by in this encounter today, for in the F.A. Challenge Cup, Blackburn seem somehow to rise well above their normal game and are a difficult proposition for any team. Last season it took the Cup Holders two tries before beating the Rovers in the Semi-final, and this when Blackburn were seriously facing relegation. Until quite recently they were again under a cloud, but the acquisition of Tommy Briggs from Birmingham together with the return to form of their two inside forwards Eddy Crossan and Ted Quigley has made all the difference in the world to the team, and in fact the Rovers have obtained eight points out of their last five matches, including their great win at Everton last Saturday, when they beat the "Toffees" by three clear goals.

Blackburn Rovers are one of the original twelve Clubs which joined the Football League when it was inaugurated Season 1888-89. The Rovers maintained their place in the First Division until season 1935-36, when they were relegated to Division 2 for the first time, having won the Championship twice during those forty-four seasons, first in 1911-12 and again 1913-14. They were three seasons in Division Two, winning promotion at the end of season 1938-39. When football proper was resumed season 1946-47 Blackburn were in Division 1, but after only two seasons, 1946-47 and 1947-48 were again relegated, and have been in the Second Division since. The Blackburn Rovers Football Club had already been in existence 14 years when they decided to join the Football League, for the Club was founded in 1874. They have won the F.A. Challenge Cup on no fewer than six occasions, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1889-90, 1890-91 and in 1927-28, as well as being Finalists in 1881-82. It will be noticed that the Rovers won the F.A. Cup three seasons running, and as a result were awarded a special trophy. It will be seen from this brief summary that the Rovers have had a most chequered career, and it is one of which they are justly proud. They have a wonderful Stadium at Blackburn, capable of holding 62,000 people, their highest attendance being the occasion when Bolton Wanderers visited them March 1929, when it was recorded that 61,783 spectators saw that match.

We have no illusions that the match here this afternoon is going to be a stiff one for us, but with ground advantage, and the fact that our lads are

playing some wonderful football these days, we should finish on the right side. Providing the weather does not make the conditions too bad we should witness a very good, sporting game of football, played in the very best tradition of this wonderful Cup.

Our victory at Rotherham last Saturday, was a magnificent performance, and undoubtedly we were good value for maximum points. Rotherham had most of the play in the second half when they enjoyed the advantage of the slope, which is quite appreciable, together with the fact that our lads were facing the snow which fell steadily during those last forty minutes or so. A three goal lead at half-time of course takes some wiping out, but the Rotherham lads never gave up trying and it speaks volumes for our defence that not until the very last minute did they capitulate. Our efforts during that second half were mostly confined to breakaways, but whenever our lads got the ball they looked much more dangerous than their counterparts. The second goal of Jesse Pye's was a wonderful effort, for a goal did not seem possible even after he had beaten three men until we saw the ball leaving his left foot on the edge of the penalty box, and it had 'goal' written all over it. It was a very good example of split-second thinking, and it was a great pity there was only a handful of Luton fans to see it.

The Stiffs continued their good work when they entertained Watford Reserves here last Saturday, and although the visitors fielded a much stronger team than is their usual on these occasions, our lads were too good for them and the final score of three goals to nil did not flatter their superiority, although the Watford lads at times showed some very nice movements. Altogether it was a very interesting match, and with the good news continuing to come from Rotherham it proved a very happy afternoon for everyone present, despite the atrocious weather.

There has been the usual amount of grumbling over the distribution of tickets for this match today, but we have honestly tried to distribute them as far and wide and as fairly as possible. Whatever we try means that the big majority of applicants will be disappointed, and it is simply a waste of paper, material and time for anyone to write in saying how disgusted they are because they have not been able to get a ticket. We get such letters whatever system we try, but we suppose some satisfaction has been obtained by so writing. Believe us it gives us no satisfaction whatsoever to have to refuse anybody's application. Every Club is trying to find the key to this very difficult problem, but there just seems no answer to it, unfortunately, much to our regret.

THE COVERMAN

Jesse Pye

Jesse Pye was born at Treeton, just outside Rotherham, in December, 1919. Played for his school as an Inside Forward. First signed professional forms for Sheffield United but was eventually given a free transfer. Called to the Forces, seeing Active Service in the Eighth Army in Egypt and Italy. Upon being demobbed joined Notts. County, but after being with them only one season was transferred to Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1946. While with

the "Wolves" obtained one Cup Final Medal and two Football League Medals, as well as being capped against Belgium, 1946 and against Eire, 1950. Was leading "Wolves" goal scorer four seasons out of the six he was with them. Has toured most of the Continental countries, so his experience this next close season, when we tour Turkey and Greece will be most invaluable. Is our leading goal scorer this season with 20 goals already to his credit and, we hope, many more in the bag. Has settled down wonderfully well in Luton and is very happy here, a fact which is truly reflected in his play.

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Left Back

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BARNHAM
Streten
Goal

F.A. CUP—Round 3

3 Aherne
Left Back
5 Owen
Centre Half
9 Pye
Centre
10 Watkins
Inside Left
11 Mitchell
Outside Left

Linesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. D. F. RAWLINS
(Herne Bay)
Orange Flag: Mr. A. H. BIBB
(Sunbury-on-Thames)

8 Crossan
Inside Right
7 Campbell
Outside Right
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Right Half
2 Suart
Right Back

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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

F.A. CUP—Round 3
A ARSENAL DONCASTER
B ASTON VILLA MIDDLESBRO'
C BARNESLEY BRIGHTON
D BOLTON W FULHAM
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H OLDHAM A. BIRMINGHAM
K PLYMOUTH COVENTRY
L PORTSMOUTH BURNLEY
M PRESTON WOLVES
N ROTHERHAM COLCHESTER

THIRD LIST

A WEDNESDAY BLACKPOOL
B SHREWSBURY FINCHLEY
C STOKE CITY WREXHAM
D SUNDERLAND SCUNTHORPE
E TRANMERE TOTTENHAM
F W'LTH'MSTOW STOCKPORT
G WEST HAM WEST BROM.
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FIXTURES 1952-3**FIRST XI DIVISION II****F. A.**

1951/52

Sat., Aug. 23	Plymouth Argyle	...	A	1	2
Wed., .. 27	Birmingham City	2	4	0	1
Sat., .. 30	Rotherham United	1	1	H	2
Wed., Sept. 3	Birmingham City	1	3	A	2
Sat., .. 6	Fulham	2	2	H	2
Wed., .. 10	Swansea Town	2	2	H	3
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	6	1	H	0
Thurs., .. 18	Swansea Town	3	0	A	2
Sat., .. 20	Leicester City	3	3	A	1
Sat., .. 27	Notts County	6	0	H	5
Sat., Oct. 4	Southampton	3	2	A	3
Sat., .. 11	Huddersfield	2	1	A	0
Sat., .. 18	Sheffield United	2	1	H	4
Sat., .. 25	Barnsley	2	1	A	3
Sat., Nov. 1	Lincoln City	...	H	4	0
Sat., .. 8	Hull City	2	1	A	2
Sat., .. 15	Blackburn Rovers	1	1	H	6
Sat., .. 22	Nottingham Forest	0	2	A	4
Sat., .. 29	Everton	1	1	H	4
Sat., Dec. 13	Doncaster Rovers	1	4	H	1
Sat., .. 20	Plymouth Argyle	...	H	1	2
Fri., .. 26	Leeds United	2	1	H	2
Sat., .. 27	Leeds United	1	1	A	2
Sat., Jan. 3	Rotherham United	1	0	A	3
Sat., .. 10	Blackburn (F.A. Cup—3)	...	H	0	1
Sat., .. 17	Fulham	...	H	0	1
Sat., .. 24	West Ham United	0	3	A	0
Sat., .. 31	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	H	0	1
Sat., Feb. 7	Leicester City	1	2	H	0
Sat., .. 14	Notts County (5)	4	5	A	1
Sat., .. 21	Southampton	2	1	H	0
Sat., .. 28	Huddersfield (6)	...	H	0	1
Sat., Mar. 7	Sheffield United	0	3	A	0
Sat., .. 14	Barnsley	4	2	H	0
Sat., .. 21	Lincoln City	...	A	0	1
Sat., .. 28	Hull City	1	1	H	0
Fri., April 3	Bury	1	0	A	0
Sat., .. 4	Blackburn Rovers	1	2	A	0
Mon., .. 6	Bury	2	1	H	0
Sat., .. 11	Nottingham Forest	3	3	H	0
Sat., .. 18	Everton	3	1	A	0
Sat., .. 25	Brentford	0	2	H	0
Sat., May 2	Doncaster Rovers	1	1	A	0
To be arranged	Brentford	3	3	A	0

RESERVE FIXTURES**Football Combination****F. A.**

1951/52

Sat., Aug. 23	Bristol Rovers	2	7	H	5	1
Thurs., .. 28	Queens Park Rangers	1	1	A	1	1
Sat., .. 30	Watford	...	H	4	4	4
Wed., Sept. 3	Brighton & Hove A.	2	3	H	2	1
Sat., .. 6	Southend United	...	H	5	1	1
Thurs., .. 11	Leyton Orient	0	4	A	3	3
Sat., .. 13	Bournemouth & B.	1	1	H	2	0
Wed., .. 17	Leyton Orient	...	H	7	2	0
Sat., .. 20	Aldershot	...	H	2	1	1
Sat., .. 27	Leicester City	...	A	2	1	1
Wed., Oct. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	4	4	A	6	3
Sat., .. 4	Bristol City	5	2	A	2	0
Wed., .. 8	Swindon Town	1	1	A	2	1
Sat., .. 11	Swansea Town	...	H	5	1	1
Wed., .. 15	Swindon Town	3	3	A	5	1
Sat., .. 18	Ipswich Town	1	1	A	3	0
Sat., .. 25	Crystal Palace	...	H	1	1	0
Sat., Nov. 1	Brentford	...	A	7	1	1
Sat., .. 8	Brentford	...	H	4	1	1
Sat., .. 22	To be arranged	...	H	4	1	1
Sat., .. 24	Southend United	...	A	2	1	1
Sat., .. 25	Bournemouth & B.	2	1	H	1	2
Sat., .. 26	Ipswich Town	1	2	H	0	1
Sat., Jan. 31	Watford	2	1	H	3	0
Sat., Feb. 7	Swansea Town	...	H	0	1	1
Sat., .. 14	Leicester City	...	H	0	1	1
Sat., .. 21	To be arranged	...	H	0	1	1
Sat., .. 28	Brentford	...	H	0	1	1
Sat., Mar. 7	Northampton Town	5	3	H	1	3
Sat., .. 14	Ipswich Town	1	1	A	2	1
Sat., .. 21	Norwich City	1	1	A	2	1
Sat., .. 28	Watford	1	2	A	2	1
Fri., April 3	Norwich City	6	2	H	0	1
Sat., .. 4	Ipswich Town	4	0	H	0	1
Sat., .. 11	Northampton Town	1	1	A	2	1
Sat., .. 18	Birmingham City	3	3	H	0	1
Sat., .. 25	Birmingham City	3	3	A	1	1
To be arranged	Brentford	3	3	A	1	1

League Tables, 1952-53**LEAGUE DIVISION II**

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield United	27	16	6	56	38	38
Huddersfield	25	14	7	45	18	35
Leicester City	25	13	5	61	49	31
LUTON TOWN	24	13	4	75	33	30
Birmingham City	25	11	7	42	39	29
Notts Forest	25	13	2	10	54	28
West Ham United	25	9	10	63	37	28
Rotherham Utd.	26	13	2	11	51	28
Plymouth Argyle	25	11	6	83	37	28
Fulham	25	11	5	94	43	27
Leeds United	25	8	10	74	33	26
Notts County	25	9	5	11	39	23
BLACKBURN R.	26	10	3	13	46	23
Everton	24	8	6	10	39	22
Brentford	24	8	5	11	35	21
Doncaster Rovers	24	6	9	9	32	21
Swansea Town	25	6	9	10	43	21
Hull City	25	8	4	13	36	20
Lincoln City	24	4	12	8	31	20
Bury	25	7	6	12	32	20
Southampton	26	5	7	14	44	17
Barnsley	25	5	4	16	32	14

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