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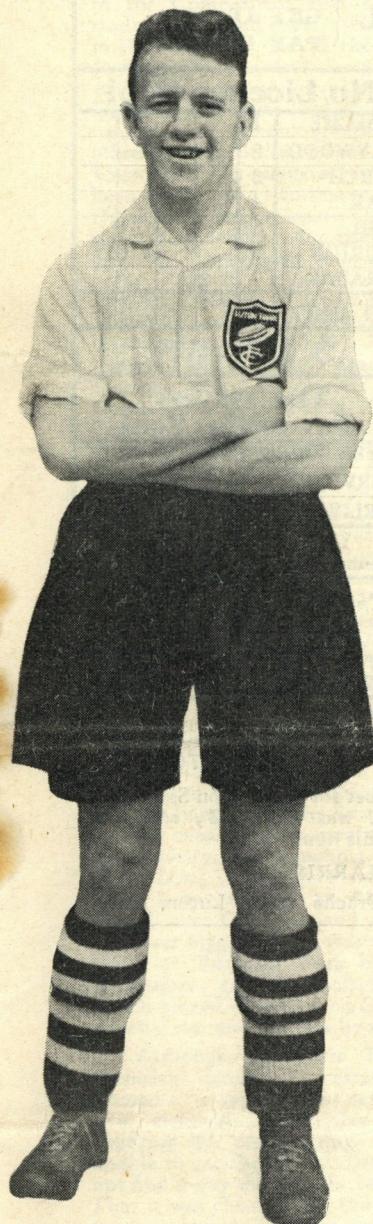


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Be ready when the odds are heavy and all against the fight
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Don't slack when your hopes depart, but weave your plans as one
And leave no bitter trace of what may have been done

But take the chance most gladly with both mind and feet
And when that moment comes hit it in the net quickly and neat
As in Round Four our Boys proved they were quite ready
And under any pressure were most active and steady
Again last Saturday the City Boys from Filbert Street
Found the nuts in front of them could not be beat

But the Boys like appreciation, which need not mean fulsome praise
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And that gives them that extra spur to go hard at it again

When the Fans have become downhearted and think all is in vain

So cheer them, let them know all of us are pleased at what they have done
It makes the game much brighter than when they first began
The "Trotters" from Bolton could be served the same as Blackburn and Man. City
If only you Fans keep up your cheers, and chime the "Hatters" ditty
Can we say at the end of our work we have done our very best
And fold our hands with a conscience clear and take a well earned rest
Can we feel at the end of a working day proud of what we have done
And that we put our utmost into our job and not failed anyone
If so we are doing the most we can, though small our bit may be
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CLUB NOTES

After much speculation as to which Club would be meeting today in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Challenge Cup it is our pleasure to be hosts to Bolton Wanderers, another Club we are meeting in the Competition this season with great Cup traditions behind them. The Club was first formed in 1877, and was one of the original twelve Clubs forming the Football League in Season 1888-89. Although they have never finished as Champions of Division I in their long career they have been very near to that honour several times, finishing third place on three occasions and fourth place four times. They have been relegated five times, but have never been longer than two seasons running in the Second Division. Their relegations and promotions make interesting reading, for they were first relegated in 1898-99, Runners-up following season; relegated again 1902-03, Runners-up 1904-05; relegated 1907-08, Division II Champions 1908-09; relegated following season, finishing as Runners-up again the following season 1910-11. The last time they were relegated was in 1932-33, again returning to Division I status after two seasons when they finished as Runners-Up season 1934-35, and they have since that time kept well clear of the relegation bogey, finishing last season fifth place. During all this time Bolton have won the F.A. Cup three times, as well as being Finalists in 1893-94. They first won it in 1922-23, beating West Ham United in that memorable first Cup Final at Wembley by two clear goals; again in 1925-26 when they beat Manchester City by the only goal scored; and two years later when they beat Portsmouth by two clear goals, that was season 1928-29. Interesting to note here that Bolton have appeared at Wembley three times in a Cup Final and have still to have a goal scored against them there. In the 1893-94 Cup Final played at Everton, Notts County were the victors over Bolton by four goals to one. There, in a nutshell, are the outstanding events to date of this famous Club, and no doubt many more illustrious pages have yet to be added. With their present forward line, ably led by Bolton born Nat Lofthouse, it looks capable of penetrating the best defences in the country, but somehow it hasn't quite clicked this season. They have won three matches away from home so far, at Middlesbrough 2-1, at Manchester City 2-1, and at West Bromwich 1-0, but their biggest shock was when Portsmouth beat them at Burnden Park by five clear goals last September; another outstanding result being the match played at Bolton on Christmas Day, when the Arsenal ran out winners by six goals to four.

Although our First Team match here last Saturday, against Leicester City could not be termed a "classic" it was nevertheless a well-earned win, although our display in the first half was anything but encouraging. Our forwards seemed unable to get the ball in their stride and just could not find a way through the re-arranged City defence. That it was chosen with the deliberate intention of preventing our lads from scoring there is no shadow

of doubt, and it looked as if the plan was going to succeed. But a way was found of getting through it, when a penalty had to be conceded to prevent Michael Cullen from finding the net with a well placed header, and when Gordon Turner broke through after receiving a brilliant pass from Bert Mitchell only two minutes later, the City plan seemed to go to pieces, and were very lucky not to have further goals registered against them. Our defence again came through with full colours, particularly during those first fifteen minutes when the City forwards tried all they could to score the all-important first goal. Jesse Pye was obviously still feeling the effects of his attack of Flu' but nevertheless he continued to play some very effective football, bringing all his forwards into the game with some judicious passes. We have already mentioned the defence, but a particular word about the play of Charlie Watkins for the way in which he has settled down again in the half back line would not be out of place. The time he spent in the forward line does not seem to have done him any harm, for he has returned to his old position seemingly refreshed and is now playing as well as he ever did. We are sorry Les. Hall will not be on the field this afternoon for he has played most valiantly in those last three matches, but as Syd. Owen is again fit it was felt he must come in because of his greater experience in such an important match today.

The Reserves virtually made sure of finishing as Champions of Division II of the Football Combination this season by virtue of their good win at Southend, last Wednesday, when they ran out winners by five goals to four. The weather was shocking and it spoke well for the training on both sides for the way in which the players were able to keep up the pace for the whole ninety minutes. The Stiffs still have two matches to play to complete their League programme, and as both are at Home—dates yet to be arranged—there should be no slip up now to prevent the lads from receiving their medals as Champions, an honour they richly deserve.

The Collection made at last Saturday's match with Leicester City which is being devoted to the Mayor of Luton's Flood Disaster Fund amounted to £83/15/3d. The Mayor is very gratified at this ready response to his appeal, and is particularly grateful to the Luton Band for so readily agreeing to forfeit the Collection to so worthy a cause, also to all who helped in the collection. We appeal to you today to give a bumper collection again to show your appreciation to the Luton Band for its splendid work and also that they will not be the losers by their very fine gesture of last Saturday.

Our thanks to Derby County F.C. for so kindly lending us their second colours for today's match. Bolton Wanderers won the toss for whichever side was to wear their own second colours, which put us in a fix, but when "Dally" approached Derby they agreed without hesitation to help us out, an action much appreciated.

THE COVERMAN

MICHAEL CULLEN

Michael Cullen was born in Glasgow on 3rd July, 1931. As a schoolboy played for St. Mungo's Academy at centre forward, and whilst there played at Hampden Park in the Intermediate Glasgow Schools' Shield Final. While still at school also played for Bridgeton Boys' Club, being selected to play for Glasgow Boys' Clubs on several occasions, and when only 16 selected to play for Scotland against England in a Juvenile Match at Newcastle. In that season, 1947-48, scored 86 goals, still playing at centre forward. Moved on to St. Mary's First Class Juvenile

Club, and from there to Douglaston Juniors, where he was seen playing by Doug. Gardiner. After only five matches with Douglaston came to Luton on trial and was signed as a professional player straight away. When in the Forces played regularly for his Unit, also selected to play several times for Bomber Command. Made his first appearance in the senior side at Birmingham, on April 26th, 1952, also playing against Barnsley in the last match of that season. Has made 8 appearances so far this season in the First Team. Is undoubtedly a player with a future.

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Bayham
Goal

5 Owen
Centre Half
9 Pye
Centre

10 Turner
Inside Left
Lofthouse
Centre
Barbas
Centre Half

Hanson
Goal

F.A. CUP—Round 5

3 Aherne
Left Back
10 Turner
Inside Left
Linesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. R. HALL
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Inside Right
2 Hartle
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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 5	
A	BLACKPOOL
B	BURNLEY
C	CHELSEA
D	EVERTON
E	HALIFAX T.
F	PLYMOUTH
G	ROTHERHAM
H	LIVERPOOL
K	MANCH. CITY
L	PRESTON
M	STOKE CITY
N	BARNESLEY
LEAGUE GAMES	
	SOUTHAMPTON
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C	LEICESTER C.	LEEDS UNITED
D	SHEFFIELD UN.	HULL CITY
E	SWANSEA T.	NOTTS. FOR.
F	ALDERSHOT	SHREWSBURY
G	BRIGHTON	IPSWICH T.
H	BRISTOL CITY	TORQUAY
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C	SOUTHEND	BOURNEMUTH
D	SWINDON T.	QUEEN'S P. R.
E	WATFORD	READING
F	BRADFORD	OLDHAM A.
G	CARLISLE UN.	PORT VALE
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FIXTURES, 1952-53

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F. A.

1951/52

Sat.	Aug. 23	Plymouth Argyle	...	A	1	2
Wed.	27	Birmingham City	2	H	0	1
Sat.	30	Rotherham United	1	H	2	1
Wed.	3	Birmingham City	1	A	2	2
Sat.	6	Fulham	2	A	0	2
Wed.	10	Swansea Town	2	H	3	1
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	A	0	3
Sat.	18	Sheffield United	2	H	4	1
Sat.	25	Barnsley	2	A	3	2
Sat.	Nov. 1	Lincoln City	...	H	4	0
Sat.	8	Hull City	2	A	2	0
Sat.	15	Blackburn Rovers	1	H	6	0
Sat.	22	Nottingham Forest	0	2	A	3
Sat.	29	Everton	1	1	H	4
Sat.	Dec. 13	Doncaster Rovers	1	A	1	2
Sat.	20	Plymouth Argyle	1	H	1	0
Fri.	26	Leeds United	2	H	2	0
Sat.	27	Leeds United	1	1	A	2
Sat.	Jan. 3	Rotherham United	1	0	A	3
Sat.	10	Blackburn (F.A. Cup—3)	6	1	H	0
Sat.	17	Fulham	...	H	2	0
Sat.	24	West Ham United	0	3	A	1
Sat.	31	Manchester C. (F.A. Cup—4)	...	A	1	1
Wed.	Feb. 4	Man. C. (F.A. Cup—4 Replay)	5	H	1	0
Sat.	7	Leicester City	1	2	H	2
Sat.	14	Bolton W. (F.A. Cup—5)	...	H	0	1
Wed.	18	Notts. County	4	5	A	0
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
Sat.	9	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	A	1	0	1
Sat.	30	Watford	1	1	A	1	1
Wed.	Sept. 3	Brighton & Hove A.	2	3	H	4	4
Sat.	6	Southend United	...	H	4	1	1
Thurs.	11	Leyton Orient	...	A	2	1	1
Sat.	13	Bournemouth & B.	0	4	A	3	3
Wed.	17	Leyton Orient	...	H	2	0	1
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	H	4	0
Wed.	8	Swindon Town	1	1	A	1	1
Sat.	11	Swindon Town	3	3	H	5	1
Sat.	15	Ipswich Town	1	1	A	2	0
Sat.	18	Crystal Palace	...	A	7	1	1
Sat.	25	Brentford	...	H	4	1	1
Sat.	8	Brentford	...	H	4	1	1
Sat.	22	Queens Park Rangers	0	1	A	3	0
Sat.	29	Bristol City	...	A	2	3	0
Sat.	13	Crystal Palace	...	A	2	3	0
Sat.	20	Bristol Rovers	3	2	A	5	3
Thurs.	25	Aldershot	...	A	4	0	4
Sat.	3	Watford	2	1	H	3	0
Sat.	10	Swansea Town	...	A	1	1	1
Sat.	17	Leicester City	...	H	0	1	0
Sat.	24	Southend United	...	A	5	4	4
Wed.	Feb. 11	Bournemouth & B.	2	1	H	0	1
Sat.	18	Ipswich Town	1	2	H	0	1
Combination Cup							
Sat.	Jan. 31	Watford	0	2	H	1	2
Sat.	Feb. 7	Coventry City	1	1	A	1	1
Sat.	21	Leicester City	2	4	A	1	1
Sat.	28						
Sat.	Mar. 7	Northampton Town	5	3	H	0	1
Sat.	14	Ipswich Town	1	3	A	0	1
Sat.	21	Norwich City	1	1	A	0	1
Sat.	28	Watford	1	2	A	0	1
Sat.	Mar. 14	Norwich City	6	2	H	0	1
Sat.	21	Ipswich Town	4	0	H	0	1
Sat.	28	Brentford	1	1	A	0	1
Sat.	May 2	Birmingham City	3	3	A	0	1
Sat.	9	Leicester City	1	1	H	0	1
Sat.	16	Coventry City	2	2	H	0	1

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