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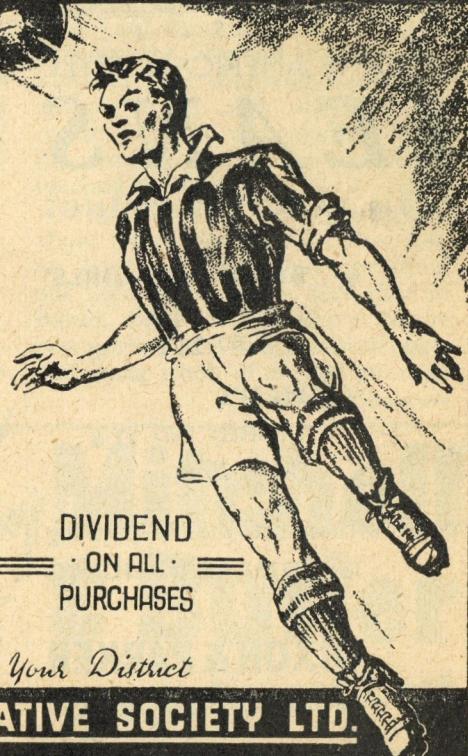
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CLUB NOTES

★ SEASON 1952-1953

If ever a club was unlucky to lose in the Fourth Round of the Association Cup it was Notts County. They had to meet Bolton on three occasions before a decision was arrived at and the manner in which the County went out of the competition will be talked of for many years to come.

Jimmy Linton, our goalkeeper, is convinced that the ball never crossed the line when he was charged by Lofthouse. He had possession of the ball all the time in front of him and he is of the opinion – and so are we – that the referee mistook his cap flying into the net for the ball.

Then came that hectic spell in the last fifteen minutes when Notts ran the Wanderers off their feet. A shot by McPherson many thought went over the line, but the referee waved play on. Then Wheeler sliced the ball on to his own crossbar.

Lucky Bolton

All the luck seemed to go to Bolton's team and they can count themselves fortunate that they opposed Luton Town in the Fifth Round. It was a tribute to the fighting spirit of the Notts' players that they were able to give the Wanderers, with five internationals, such hectic struggles. We don't think that anyone will gainsay that Notts

should have won in the first and second games. In both these matches they had opportunities to win.

In the first, Bobby Crookes missed an easy chance and in the replay Frank Broome just failed to reach the ball a yard or so from the goal following a right wing centre.

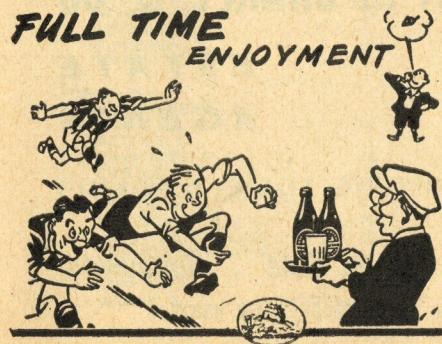
Bolton will long remember these three meetings, for the County have always had a reputation as keen Cup fighters.

Team Spirit

A great feature of these games was the County's wonderful team spirit. They never gave up the fight to the last minute and all through there can be nothing but praise for the work of the team as a whole and the defence in particular. We all felt that Leuty's performances in these Cup fights might have played him into the England side. He kept Lofthouse, the England leader, extremely quiet and although the centre forward was credited with the winning goal, he never actually touched the ball.

While we still feel a little sore about the manner in which we lost, we have no complaints regarding our own team, or in fact that of Bolton, because they played in the best spirits and it was a keen struggle during the whole of the 300 minutes.

—continued elsewhere



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Personal Pars

★ Jimmy Linton deserves our congratulations. He is proving himself a great goalkeeper and even the internationals in the Bolton team shook him heartily by the hand in admiration of his good work in goal.

★ Leon Leuty must have been proud of his team. He himself proved a great captain and an even greater centre half. He is at the top of his form and there are many who now think that he will get international honours.

FLOOD RELIEF FUND COLLECTION

THE collection taken for the above fund on the Meadow Lane ground at the Notts County versus Bolton Wanderers replay Cup Tie reached a grand total of £323/4/6.

A cheque for this amount, plus a supplementary cheque for 50 Guineas from Mr. L. Linnell, a director, was handed to the Lord Mayor at the Council House on Thursday morning by the President of the club.

We wish to thank all those who helped to make the collection such a success, and especially the members of the W.R.A.C., Chilwell Depot, who came at short notice to take the collecting boxes round the ground.

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CLUB NOTES—continued

Two clubs meet today who have been beaten in the Cup competition by Bolton Wanderers. While we were surprised at our own result on the second replay at Hillsborough, Sheffield, we were perhaps more greatly surprised that Luton succumbed to the Wanderers last Saturday on their own ground.

We felt that it was more or less a foregone conclusion that Luton would win, for no one knows better than Notts the power of Luton on their own enclosure. However, both our Cup aspirations have ended for this season and that is why we have this League encounter today.

Floodlight Football

It will not be long now before we

have our first taste of floodlit football at Meadow Lane. As you all know our first visitors will be Derby County. There is a great attraction about this type of football and we feel it was a wise decision to have a floodlight system installed. It will have many advantages, apart from actual matches. It will enable us to provide facilities for young players to get both ball and match practice in the winter evenings, whereas in the past they have had to be satisfied with mere physical training. Inquiries from clubs who have already installed floodlighting indicate its great usefulness in this respect. And it may be that ere long some of the minor league matches will be allowed to be played under electric light.

APPEARANCES GOAL SCORERS

	APPEARANCES			GOAL SCORERS		
	1st Team	2nd Team	Cup	1st Team	2nd Team	Cup
GOALKEEPERS						
BRADLEY, G.	18	3				
LINTON, J.	7	3	4			
SMITH, R.	3	19				
FULL-BACKS						
ALLEN, H. A.	5	8				
CRESSWELL, A.	...	16				
CRICKSHANK, F.	...	4				
DEANS, T.	28	...	4			
GROOME, P.	1	4				
MANN, R.		18				
SOUTHWELL, A.	15	3	4			
WADE, A.	3	18				
HALF-BACKS						
ADAMSON, H.	27	...	4			
BAXTER, W.	8	17				
CARVER, G.	...	21				
JARVIS, H.	4	19				
JOHNSTON, T.	25	1	4	5		
KING, R.		14				
LEUTY, L.	24	...	4			
ROBINSON, P.	3	16				
SEWELL, T.	...	1				
SIMPSON, A.	2	11				
SMITH, V.	...	4				
FORWARDS						
BROADBENT, A.	10	13				
BROOME, F. H.	10	12	4	3	3 pen	3
BRUNT, G.	1	23			11 2 pen	9 2 pen
CROOKES, R. E.	26	...	4	3		1
EVANS, W.	9	19	4	4		6
GUYLER, C.	...	8				
JACKSON, J.	15	5	1	6		3
MCCORMACK, J. C.	19	6				1
McPHERSON, IAN	15	2		1		
McPHERSON, KEN	9	16	4	7		13
ROBY, D.	...	1				4
EDWARDS, J.	11	2		1		
WYLIE, R.	20	1	3	3		
AMATEURS	...		15	1 O.G.	1	1 O.G.

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Our Visitors

LUTON TOWN come to Meadow Lane today to fulfill their League engagement with us which should have been played last Saturday. They are a formidable side and at Luton inflicted on us one of our heaviest defeats of the season. The score was 5-1 in their favour. The "Hatters" have always been a bogey team to us in recent years and it is perhaps only natural that the County will be out to avenge themselves for what happened earlier in the season. Luton have always been worthy opponents and we extend to them today a very cordial welcome.

BAYNHAM was signed from a non-league club earlier this season and has kept goal brilliantly whenever he has turned out for the first team, especially in the Cup rounds. Last Saturday he had the misfortune to see Lofthouse's deciding header just elude him, but he hopes to keep every thing out of his net today.

JONES is a powerful defender and an effective stopper who has rendered valuable service to the Town club since joining it.

AHERNE, T., known to his team mates as "Bud". Although his first appearance for Ireland in February 1946 was at left half, he is now regarded as a left back – and a very good one too. Since 1946 has played for both Ireland and Eire many times. He joined Luton from Linfield in 1949.

MORTON, R. Bob, a right half, is a Luton discovery and before joining them he played for Eaton Bray and Waterlow's.

OWEN, S. Now a polished centre half, Syd was originally a left half with Birmingham. He joined Luton in 1947 and deservedly made the trip to Australia with the F.A. in 1951.

WATKINS, C. Charlie was born in Glasgow. He developed his football talents with the illustrious Glasgow Rangers before coming south to Luton in 1948. He plays at left half or inside left.

CULLEN, a fast moving winger, knows the value of cutting in and is also noted for his strong cross shot. He will take a lot of holding.

MOORE, B. Bernard is a big, well-built player with plenty of speed. He was a thrusful centre forward with Brighton Boys and the Brighton & Hove Albion Juniors. He served with the RAF during the war, but after his demobilisation he had difficulty in regaining his form so he moved to Hastings. There, he scored fantastically and moved to Luton in 1950.

PYE, J. This name needs no introduction at Meadow Lane. A fine inside or centre forward. Fast, constructive, hard shooting, he was snapped up by Notts County from Sheffield United. He shone in wartime Middle East football and made his first England appearance in 1945-46 versus Belgium, then moved to Wolves in 1946. An inside forward at that time, he became a centre forward with such success that he scored twice from there in the 1949 Cup Final and won a cap versus Eire the same year. He has had a wonderful season with Luton this year.

TURNER is a clever inside forward and a first-class schemer who gives excellent assistance to Jesse Pye, with whom he has a good understanding.

MITCHELL, A. Albert's first club was Stoke – his home town. A progressive outside left, he did well with Northampton before joining Luton. Has also played for Kettering and Blackburn.

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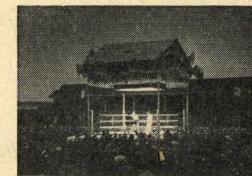
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EDWARDS
11

JOHNSTON
6

DEANS
3

BRADLEY
1

SOUTHWELL
2

ADAMSON
4

LEUTY
5

McPHERSON, K.
9

EVANS
8

BROOME
7

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7

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4

JONES
2

BAYNHAM
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8

OWEN
5

AHERNE
3

PYE
9

TURNER
10

WATKINS
6

MITCHELL
11

RIGHT

LEFT



RIGHT

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FRANK BROOME

Frank Henry Broome was born at Berkhamstead and in his junior days assisted Boxmoor St. John Juniors; later joining Berkhamstead Town who operated in the Spartan League, which Broome represented on three occasions. On 5th November 1934 Broome moved to the Villa, commencing a long and successful period with them, terminating in 1946 when he was transferred to Derby County. During his career

Broome has played for England on eight occasions; in addition to these honours he was also on tour with a Football Association XI during 1951. It is interesting to note that Broome has been capped in four different positions: outside right, inside right, centre forward, and outside left - which is a record for any one player.

In 1949 Broome joined Notts County from Derby County and has proved his adaptability for almost any position whilst with us.

In addition to his football Broome also operates a sports outfitters business at Burton-on-Trent.

Married and residing at Derby, Broome has two sons.

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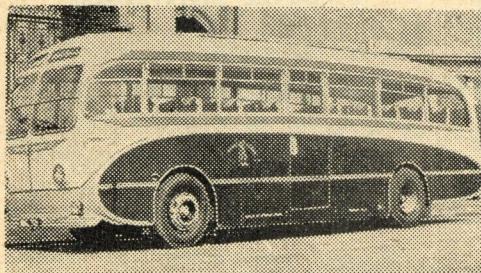
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Supporters' Corner

To our favourites we say well done for the way they fought in the Cup matches against Bolton and for the excellent quality of football played, not forgetting the trainer behind the scenes who must have had a difficult time getting the injured players fit. What a pity Notts had to go out of the round in such a manner. To the lads we say better luck next year and look forward to some home draws for a change.

Two coach loads of our members who travelled to Birmingham last week took advantage of the Birmingham Supporters' Club invitation in which they arranged meals and entertainment after the match. We would like to thank their officials for the kindness and trouble taken on our behalf which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

BROADCASTING FUND

It has been suggested by the Executive Committee that in order to raise funds to cover our promise to the parent club of £250 or more towards the broadcasting of home matches to the local hospitals, that branches may like the help of headquarters to arrange dances and similar functions, particularly those who find it difficult to arrange such entertainments themselves. The Committee, with members of the branch, would assist with the general organisation. Should any branch wish to accept this assistance please contact Mr. T. A. Hardy, general secretary.

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GAMES SECTION

Mr. A. E. Coles has resigned the office of secretary to the section owing to a change of business and his new post does not leave him time to look after these affairs. We hope to give more information in the next programme, but in the meantime we would like to thank Mr. Coles for his services in the past and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

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DIVISION II

Date	Opponents	Gr. F. A.
23 S	Leicester City	...a 0 3
28 Th	Rotherham U.	...h 2 1
30 S	Notm. Forest	...h 3 2
SEPTEMBER		
1 M	Rotherham U.	...a 3 2
6 S	Southampton	...h 1 2
11 Th	Fulham	...h 1 1
13 S	Bury	...a 1 0
17 W	Fulham	...a 0 6
20 S	Birmingham	...h 2 0
27 S	Luton Town	...a 1 5
OCTOBER		
4 S	Leeds United	...h 3 2
11 S	Everton	...a 0 1
18 S	Brentford	...h 4 0
NOVEMBER		
1 S	Swansea Town	...h 3 4
8 S	Huddersfield T.	...a 0 1
15 S	Sheffield U.	...h 0 3
22 S	(1) Barnsley	...a 2 1
29 S	Lincoln City	...h 1 1
DECEMBER		
6 S	(2) Hull City	...a 0 6
13 S	Blackburn R.	...h 5 0
20 S	Leicester City	...h 2 2
25 Th	West Ham U.	...a 2 2
27 S	West Ham U.	...h 1 1
JANUARY 1953		
1 Th	Blackburn R.	...a 2 3
3 S	Notm. Forest	...a 0 1
10 S	(3) Leicester City	...a 4 2
17 S	Southampton	...a 1 1
24 S	Bury	...h 2 1
31 S	(4) Bolton Wan	...a 1 1
FEBRUARY		
5 Th	(4 Replay) Bolton h	2 2
7 S	Birmingham C.	...a 2 3
9 M	(4 Replay) Bolton...n	0 1
19 Th	Luton Town	...h
21 S	Leeds United	...a
28 S	(6)	
MARCH		
7 S	Brentford	...a
14 S	Doncaster R.	...h
21 S	(S.F.) Swansea	...a
28 S	Huddersfield	...h
APRIL		
3 F	Plymouth A.	...h
4 S	Sheffield United	...a
6 M	Plymouth Argyle	...a
11 S	Barnsley	...h
18 S	Lincoln City	...a
22 W	Doncaster R.	...a
25 S	Hull City	...h
MAY		
2 S	(F.)	
	Everton	...h

MIDLAND LGE.

Date	Opponents	Gr. F. A.
23 S	Grimsby T.	...h 4 1
25 M	York City	...a 0 3
30 S	Corby Town	...a 2 3
SEPTEMBER		
4 Th	York City	...h 1 0
11 Th	Boston United	...a 3 2
13 S	Bradford	...h 2 1
18 Th	Rotherham U.	...h 2 3
20 S	Wisbech Town	...a 5 3
25 Th	Grantham	...a 1 1
OCTOBER		
2 Th	Grantham	...h 5 0
4 S	Mansfield Town	...a 3 1
11 S	Scunthorpe U.	...h 7 0
18 S	Hull City	...a 2 2
25 S	Lincoln City	...h 2 3
NOVEMBER		
1 S	Gainsborough	...a 3 1
8 S	Goole Town	...h 4 3
15 S	Doncaster R.	...a 2 1
22 S	Worksop T.	...h 0 0
29 S	Denby United	...a 4 2
DECEMBER		
13 S	Bradford City	...a 0 2
20 S	Grimsby Town	...a 0 1
25 Th	Halifax Town	...a 0 1
JANUARY 1953		
3 S	Corby Town	...h 0 2
10 S	Scarborough	...a 1 1
17 S	Notm. Forest	...h 2 1
24 S	Bradford	...a 2 0
31 S	Scarborough	...h 6 1
FEBRUARY		
7 S	Wisbech T.	...h 3 0
14 S	Peterborough	...a 2 4
21 S	Mansfield T.	...h
28 S	Scunthorpe U.	...a
MARCH		
7 S	Hull City	...h
14 S	Lincoln City	...a
21 S	Gainsborough	...h
28 S	Goole Town	...a
APRIL		
3 F	Rotherham U.	...a
4 S	Doncaster R.	...h
11 S	Worksop Town	...a
18 S	Denby U.	...h
23 Th	Peterborough	...h
25 S	Frickley C.	...a
30 Th	Boston U.	...h
MAY		
2 S	Bradford City	...h
	Notm. Forest	...a
	Frickley C.	...h
	Halifax Town	...h

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

SECOND DIVISION		MIDLAND LEAGUE					
P.	V.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.
Sheffield United	30	18...	6...	6...	74...	41...	42
Huddersfield Town	29	17...	7...	5...	56...	23...	41
Luton Town	27	16...	4...	7...	59...	33...	36
Birmingham City	28	14...	7...	7...	51...	44...	35
Leicester City	29	14...	6...	9...	71...	59...	34
Plymouth Argyle	28	13...	6...	9...	43...	42...	32
Nottingham Forest	29	13...	5...	11...	61...	49...	31
Leeds United	29	10...	11...	8...	51...	40...	31
Fulham	29	12...	6...	11...	52...	49...	30
Rotherham United	29	14...	2...	13...	56...	52...	30
Blackburn Rovers	30...	13...	4...	13...	47...	49...	30
West Ham United	28...	9...	8...	10...	49...	41...	26
Everton	27...	9...	8...	10...	49...	41...	26
NOTTS COUNTY	28...	10...	6...	12...	44...	55...	26
Doncaster Rovers	28...	6...	13...	9...	38...	48...	25
Swansea Town	29...	8...	9...	12...	49...	65...	25
Lincoln City	28...	6...	13...	9...	38...	53...	25
Brentford	28...	8...	7...	13...	38...	54...	23
Bury	29...	7...	8...	14...	36...	56...	22
Hull City	28...	8...	5...	15...	37...	51...	21
Southampton	29...	5...	10...	14...	47...	61...	20
Barnsley	30...	5...	5...	19...	37...	71...	15

MID-WEEK LGE.

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23 S	Grimsby T.	...h 4 1
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4 Th	York City	...h 1 0
11 Th	Boston United	...a 3 2
13 S	Bradford	...h 2 1
18 Th	Rotherham U.	...h 2 3
20 S	Wisbech Town	...a 5 3
25 Th	Grantham	...a 1 1
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2 Th	Grantham	...h 5 0
4 S	Mansfield Town	...a 3 1
11 S	Scunthorpe U.	...h 7 0
18 S	Hull City	...a 2 2
25 S	Lincoln City	...h 2 3
NOVEMBER		
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8 S	Goole Town	...h 4 3
15 S	Doncaster R.	...a 2 1
22 S	Worksop T.	...h 0 0
29 S	Denby United	...a 4 2
DECEMBER		
13 S	Bradford City	...a 0 2
20 S	Grimsby Town	...a 0 1
25 Th	Halifax Town	...a 0 1
JANUARY 1953		
3 S	Corby Town	...h 0 2
10 S	Scarborough	...a 1 1
17 S	Notm. Forest	...h 2 1
24 S	Bradford	...a 2 0
31 S	Scarborough	...h 6 1
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7 S	Wisbech T.	...h 3 0
14 S	Peterborough	...a 2 4
21 S	Mansfield T.	...h
28 S	Scunthorpe U.	...a
MARCH		
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14 S	Lincoln City	...a
21 S	Gainsborough	...h
28 S	Goole Town	...a
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4 S	Doncaster R.	...h
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25 S	Frickley C.	...a
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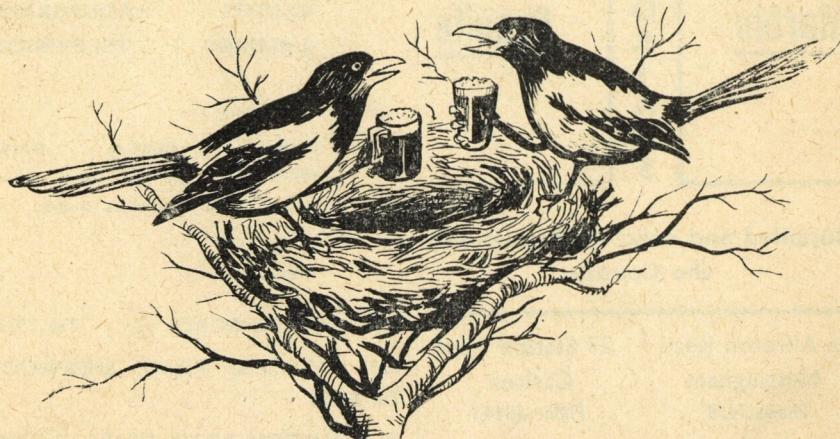
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