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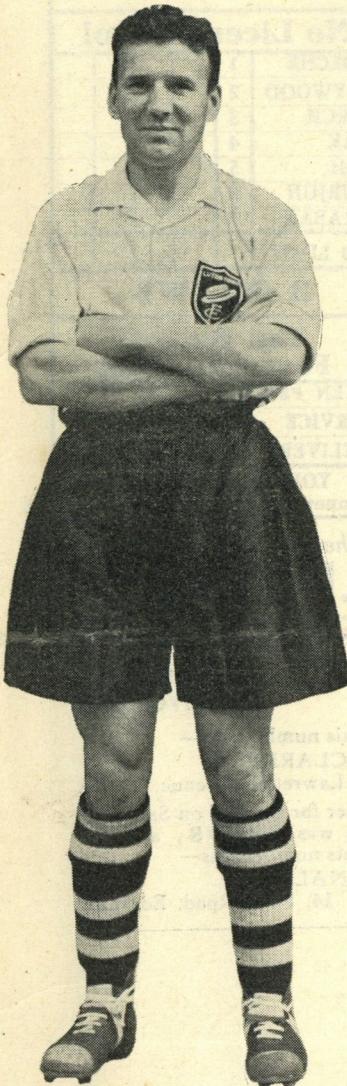


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If we knew the difficulties and the problems that arise

We should surely be more tolerant and slow to criticise

We must not think too long about the games we have to play
Or our vision may grow distorted and we will see another pointless day

Sometimes we find we are worrying about the teams ahead

When we should get on with it and tackle them instead

Decisions are the better when they have not been delayed

And plans progress when they have been rightly and firmly made

If we potter and we ponder the game goes by and results are changed

Our aims grow stale and so our hopes have to be re-arranged

We begin again not to be balked by any small pretext

And when the game is won we should get busy for the next

But on Saturday against the "Saints," what, why, or who will take the blame?

If those two silly points we lost mean keeping in Division II again

Children's Party

Last Saturday the Bobbers held their Children's Party, over 200 sat down to tea and after tea the Treasurer, Mr. J. Collier, handed to each child an envelope containing half-a-crown. They were well entertained by George Smith's Party. Dr. Charles Hill, M.P., paid us a visit and he was

very surprised to see such a large gathering and asked the Treasurer if they were football minded, also that he would pay us a further visit. We finished with a boxing bout and community singing, and as the children left they each received an orange. We wish also to thank all our Lady Members for their valuable help.

J.C.

CLUB NOTES

TODAY we have the pleasure of being the hosts of Huddersfield Town in what may well prove, if anticipation is anything to go by, the match of the season here at Kenilworth Road. There is such a lot hanging on this game today for both sides that its importance will undoubtedly be reflected in the play and we shall probably see football of the highest quality. Unfortunately the prospect for us at the time these Notes were being prepared was marred by the injuries question which, on Wednesday last, looked very grim indeed. Fortunately we have the Staff who are capable of giving the very best treatment, and with the goodwill of the players themselves a lot can happen by the time the teams take the field this afternoon. In this final stretch in a most successful season the injuries bogey was the last thing we wanted to see raising its ugly head again, but we cannot control these eventualities and so when they do arrive just have to make the best of an unfortunate position.

We badly blotted our copy book here last Saturday against Southampton, when a glorious opportunity was lost of getting within a point of today's visitors with a game in hand on them. The losing of those two valuable points may eventually make all the difference to our hopes, but it has done one good thing, which is that our lads realise they must not make any more such slips. We have much the easier programme yet to be completed of the three leading teams so that barring any more such slips should definitely be in the reckoning when the final matches are being played. Southampton were very lucky to catch us on one of our off-days, for in the first place due to that nasty crack on an ankle received at Nottingham the previous Thursday Jesse Pye found it impossible to take the field. This was indeed a major blow for undoubtedly Jesse has been the architect of our success. The defence has played its part nobly and has been the rock on which the success has been built. With this sure defence behind them the forwards have been able to concentrate on the all-important matter of getting goals, and a look at our "goals for" column will speak for itself as to whether or not they have been successful in their efforts in this direction. But we all realise, without any shadow of doubt, that Jesse has played a most notable part in this success, both in the manner of giving other forwards the opportunity of scoring and his own propensities in this direction. Therefore to have such an important man out in such a vital match was a very bad start. Then Bob Morton was not feeling at all well during the morning, but felt much better in the afternoon and decided to play. Unfortunately he worsened as the game progressed and was not able to play his usual strong game, although not much was seen of his opponent apart from the one shot he had at goal, which was so successful. On top of this Bud Aherne, quite early in the game, felt a ligament go in his right leg,

which prevented him from running with any speed. If his leg had been sound the Right Winger would have been challenged for the ball from which the first goal was scored, but he just could not get back in time to prevent that shot at goal. As Outside Right Day did not have another shot at goal all the afternoon it speaks volumes for Bud's pluck and determination that although playing under such a handicap he was yet able to prevent his winger from taking advantage of the situation. While on the subject of that first goal it appeared to us all that Ron Bayham should have saved the shot, but the facts are that he came out hoping to pick up that long ball but found due to Day's speed he just could not make it in time. He therefore started to back towards his own goal but having in the first instance come out so far had no idea exactly where it was. He quickly half turned to look for the near post never for one moment expecting the winger to shoot from that distance but he did, and the ball was going passed Ron before he realised it. One of those chances which happened to come off and probably wouldn't in a hundred times. On top of this it must not be overlooked that we had two First Team players not available, Wally Shanks and Roy Davies, so that altogether we did very well to only go down by the odd goal, but even then we had the opportunities to have won the match handsomely.

Huddersfield have set a rattling pace right from the beginning of the season and are certainly a much-improved side on recent years. They have a very strong defence, having conceded only 24 goals all the season, beating even our own splendid home "against" record of 11 goals by two. They have therefore had only 15 goals scored against them away from home in the 15 matches played, a record which speaks for itself. This Club inflicted upon us our biggest defeat of the season when they beat us by three clear goals at Leeds Road last October, so we are all out today to revenge that defeat as well as to improve our own position in the Table. It will be very nice to see our old friend Willie Davie again in action, and we are glad to see that the nasty head injury he received against us when we last met has left no ill effects.

British Railways are running a special Excursion to Sheffield next Saturday in view of our match with the United on that day. The train will depart from Luton 9.43 a.m., arriving Sheffield 1.13 p.m., leaving Sheffield 5.45 p.m., arriving Luton 9.24 p.m. Fare 23/- return. The local Station Master is trying to get a Buffet Car on this train but had not received confirmation from headquarters at the time these Notes went to press. Anyone interested in this trip please make your application for tickets in good time to give the Railways some idea of the number wishing to take advantage of this special train.

So now with the weather being kind to us for a change there is every prospect of a most exciting match in store for us this afternoon, and we shall be very surprised if we are disappointed.

THE COVERMAN

CHARLES WATKINS

Charlie Watkins was born in Glasgow, played for Govan High School, Glasgow, as an inside forward, when he won various Medals and Shields for Cup Finalists and League Champions. After leaving school played for Battlefield Amateurs before moving to Moss Vale Amateurs, a famous Club in Paisley, and while playing for the latter was twice chosen to play for West of Scotland Amateur League. Moved on to St. Anthony's Club in Glasgow, and while with them attracted the attention of several Clubs. Was with them only four months when he decided to start his professional career with Glasgow Rangers. Was with them $7\frac{1}{2}$ seasons, being a regular first team

choice as either wing half or inside forward for two seasons. Played against Moscow Dynamos, a terrific football team, but would not rate them as the best team he has ever played against. Was recommended to Luton by Billy Arnison, and deciding that it was time he had a change, joined us on 21st September, 1948. After taking about two months to settle down has been a regular first team player ever since, mostly at wing half but also at inside forward. Is a qualified Physiotherapist, and is building up a nice little practice in his spare time. Is also part-time coach to Hitchin Town, in his second season with them in this capacity.

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Goal3 Jones
Left Back5 Owen
Centre Half9 Pye
Centre10 Sexton
Inside Left11 Pemberton
Outside LeftLinesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. C. B. BROOME
(London)Orange Flag: Mr. L. H. FREAKE
(Croydon)8 Cavanagh
Inside Right5 McEvoy
Centre Half2 Staniforth
Right BackWheeler
Goal4 McGarry
Right Half7 Dutchie
Outside Right

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

12 Glazzard
Centre13 Staniforth
Right Back14 Cavanagh
Inside Right15 McEvoy
Centre Half16 Staniforth
Right Back17 Glazzard
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F.A. CUP—Round 6

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| A ARSENAL | BLACKPOOL |
| B ASTON VILLA | EVERTON |
| C BIRMINGHAM | TOTTENHAM |
| D GATESHEAD | BOLTON W. |
| | LEAGUE GAMES |
| E CARDIFF C. | CHARLTON |
| F MANCH. CITY | PORTSMOUTH |
| G NEWCASTLE | WOLVES |
| H PRESTON | CHELSEA |
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| E SOUTHAMPTON | BRENTFORD |
| F WEST HAM | BLACKBURN |
| G ALDERSHOT | SOUTHEND |
| H BRISTOL ROV. | NORTHANTS |
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FIRST XI Division II

F. A.

1951/52

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| Sat., Aug. 23 | Plymouth Argyle | ... | A | 1 | 2 |
| Wed., .. | Birmingham City | 2 | H | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Rotherham United | 1 | H | 2 | 1 |
| Wed., Sept. 3 | Birmingham City | 1 | A | 2 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Fulham | 0 | A | 0 | 1 |
| Wed., .. | Swansea Town | 2 | H | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | West Ham United | 6 | H | 0 | 0 |
| Thurs., .. | Swansea Town | 3 | A | 2 | 4 |
| Sat., .. | Leicester City | 3 | A | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Notts. County | 6 | H | 5 | 1 |
| Sat., Oct. 4 | Southampton | 3 | A | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Huddersfield | 2 | H | 4 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Sheffield United | 2 | A | 3 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Barnsley | 2 | A | 3 | 2 |
| Sat., Nov. 1 | Lincoln City | ... | H | 4 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Hull City | 2 | A | 2 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Blackburn Rovers | 1 | H | 6 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Nottingham Forest | 0 | A | 3 | 4 |
| Sat., .. | Everton | 1 | H | 4 | 2 |
| Sat., Dec. 13 | Doncaster Rovers | 1 | H | 1 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Plymouth Argyle | 2 | A | 2 | 0 |
| Fri., .. | Leeds United | 2 | H | 2 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Leeds United | 1 | A | 2 | 2 |
| Sat., Jan. 3 | Rotherham United | 1 | A | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Blackburn (F.A. Cup-3) | 6 | H | 6 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Fulham | 2 | H | 2 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | West Ham United | 0 | A | 1 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Manchester C. (F.A. Cup-4) | A | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wed., Feb. 4 | Man. C. (F.A. Cup-4 Replay) | 5 | H | 1 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Leicester City | 1 | H | 2 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Bolton W. (F.A. Cup-5) | 0 | H | 0 | 1 |
| Thurs., .. | Notts. County | 4 | H | 2 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Southampton | 2 | H | 1 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Huddersfield (6) | ... | H | 1 | 2 |
| Sat., Mar. 7 | Sheffield United | 0 | A | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Barnsley | 4 | H | 2 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Lincoln City | ... | A | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Hull City | 1 | H | 1 | 1 |
| Fri., April 3 | Bury | 1 | A | 0 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Blackburn Rovers | 1 | A | 2 | 0 |
| Mon., .. | Bury | 2 | H | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Nottingham Forest | 3 | H | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Everton | 3 | A | 1 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Brentford | 0 | H | 2 | 1 |
| Sat., May 2 | Doncaster Rovers | 1 | A | 1 | 1 |
| To be arranged | Brentford | 3 | A | 3 | 1 |

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination

1951/52

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|----------------|------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Sat., Aug. 23 | Bristol Rovers | 2 | H | 5 | 1 |
| Thurs., .. | Queens Park Rangers | 1 | A | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Watford | 1 | A | 1 | 1 |
| Wed., Sept. 3 | Brighton & Hove A. | 2 | H | 4 | 4 |
| Sat., .. | Southend United | 4 | H | 4 | 1 |
| Thurs., .. | Leyton Orient | 3 | A | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Bournemouth & B. | 0 | A | 3 | 3 |
| Wed., .. | Leicester City | 2 | H | 2 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Brighton & Hove Albion | 4 | A | 6 | 3 |
| Sat., .. | Bristol City | 5 | H | 4 | 2 |
| Wed., .. | Swindon Town | 1 | A | 2 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Swansea Town | 3 | H | 5 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Swindon Town | 1 | A | 2 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Crystal Palace | 1 | H | 1 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Brentford | 0 | A | 7 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Queens Park Rangers | 2 | A | 4 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Bristol City | 0 | A | 3 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Brentford | 2 | A | 2 | 3 |
| Sat., .. | Queens Park Rangers | 3 | A | 5 | 3 |
| Sat., .. | Bristol Rovers | 3 | A | 4 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Aldershot | 2 | H | 4 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Leicester City | 2 | A | 2 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Brighton & Hove Albion | 2 | H | 3 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Swindon Town | 1 | A | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Watford | 2 | H | 3 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Swansea Town | 1 | A | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Leicester City | 1 | H | 0 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Southend United | 1 | A | 5 | 4 |
| Sat., .. | Bournemouth & B. | 2 | H | 1 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Ipswich Town | 1 | H | 2 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Watford | 1 | A | 2 | 2 |
| Sat., .. | Northampton Town | 5 | H | 3 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Ipswich Town | 1 | A | 3 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Norwich City | 1 | H | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Watford | 1 | A | 2 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Norwich City | 6 | H | 2 | 9 |
| Sat., .. | Ipswich Town | 4 | A | 0 | 0 |
| Sat., .. | Northampton Town | 1 | A | 1 | 1 |
| Sat., .. | Birmingham City | 3 | H | 3 | 1 |
| To be arranged | Birmingham City | 3 | A | 3 | 1 |
| To be arranged | Leicester City | 1 | H | 1 | 1 |
| To be arranged | Coventry City | 2 | H | 2 | 1 |

LEAGUE TABLES, 1952-53

Up to and including
Wed., 25th February, 1953

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division II

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|---------------------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|----|
| Pld. | Won | Drn. | Lost | For | Agst. | P. |
| LUTON TOWN | 28 | 20 | 7 | 1 | 90 | 35 |
| Leicester City | 30 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 86 | 40 |
| Ipswich Town | 28 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 48 | 34 |
| Swansea Town | 30 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 49 | 38 |
| Southend United | 29 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 40 | 44 |
| Aldershot | 29 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 43 | 31 |
| Bournemouth | 29 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 43 | 30 |
| Brighton & Hove A. | 30 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 72 | 29 |
| Bristol Rovers | 29 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 47 | 33 |
| Watford | 30 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 38 | 27 |
| Queens Park Rangers | 28 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 27 | 35 |
| Crystal Palace | 29 | 10 | 6 | 13 | 36 | 26 |
| Leyton Orient | 30 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 34 | 25 |
| Brentford | 29 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 32 | 23 |
| Swindon Town | 30 | 9 | 5 | 16 | 32 | 23 |
| Bristol City | 30 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 34 | 21 |
| Southend United | 29 | 8 | 3 | 18 | 44 | 19 |

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