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So it is not surprising during the games the aches and pains one has  
And the many disappointments that cause all of us to feel sad

We all have to learn and those trials that come in the most strange ways  
May be for a purpose to show us what will be needed for future days

We have been losing easy points which has given us all a pain

And with a little more steadiness and experience would have won the game

We have to make changes one by one, the severing of ties that seemed so strong  
Then stand and see an open space and hide an ache when passes go wrong

Yet we go on hoping, and telling ourselves that the next game will put us right  
But this is a slip-shod philosophy that lands us in an ugly plight

For football is a game that needs thought, whether in village or town

And if that part of the show is missing promotion will never be found  
The turning points of the game aren't always noticed at the time

Although for week after week the hour of destiny has chimed

And still unheeding may not be aware that it has struck

But afterwards, when too late, see what would have changed our luck

A quick decision, a little buying, without any commotion

Would have marked the turning point and given us promotion

Don't think that no one else has been so troubled in such a chase

All clubs have had it, that have won the promotion race

A miracle would have to happen now to alleviate our plight

Things have been left too late to keep us in the fight

But before next season comes round we may find a solution

So just carry on with strength and a very firm resolution

To make do is one thing, to mend is another

On the other hand we shall never mend if we only make do.

J.C.

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The ticket number for the ball on Monday, 6th April, 1953, was 47212, and the supporter who had this number was—

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## CLUB NOTES

WE extend a very hearty welcome to our old friends from Nottingham, the Forest, who can always be relied upon to give us a very good game. Although four points separate us they lie fourth position in the League to our third position, and therefore two points to either side today are going to be most valuable. The Forest have a very similar away record to our own having played 18, of which 7, like ourselves, have been won. Their away goals are 30 against 28, whereas ours is 29 against 29. Our goal record at home however, is much better, for we show 50 against 16, whereas the Forest show 44 against 27, we having won 14 at home, the Forest 11.

The Notts. Forest Club, the only League Club still to be run by a Committee—the other Clubs are all run by a Board of Directors, being Limited Liability Companies—was founded in 1865, twenty years before ourselves. They joined the Football League in 1892/93, enjoying League 1 status until being relegated at the end of season 1905/06. One season in Division 2 saw them finish as Champions, and they were back again in the First Division 1907/08. After four more seasons saw them back in Division 2, this time for a longer stay, when eventually they again won the Championship in season 1921/22, and so returned to the higher sphere. After three seasons they were again relegated, at the end of 1924/25, and have since not returned to the August company of Division 1. More calamity was yet to be their lot however, for at the end of season 1948/49 they were relegated to the Third Division, but we all felt this was indeed hard justice, for they lost the majority of their matches by only one goal, and in fact finished the season with a goal record of 50 against only 54 in the 42 matches played, figures which almost speak for themselves. The following season they finished fourth place in the Third Division, but the season after that, 1950/51, they finished as Champions with a goal record of 110 against 40 in the 46 matches played, beating their nearest rivals by six points. Last season they were promotion aspirants until almost the completion of the programme, falling away only in the last few weeks, but finishing only four points behind Sheffield Wednesday and two only behind Cardiff City, the two promoted Clubs. They have also won the F.A. Challenge Cup during their long career, in season 1897/98, when they beat Derby County, at Crystal Palace, by 3 goals to 1. A long and chequered career, of which no doubt many exciting and interesting tales could be told.

Our Easter matches did not result in the way we had hoped, for we only gained three points out of a possible six. Although the match we lost, at Bury, was only by the one goal scored, it meant the loss of two valuable points we were hoping to pick up. At the end of the match here on Easter Monday the position looked a little more promising for Huddersfield had lost at Everton, which brought us only one point behind them. Our hopes of this result being repeated at Huddersfield the following day, however, were sadly dashed to the ground, for the "Toffees" were soundly thrashed to the tune of eight goals to two, thus enhancing Huddersfield's already formidable goal average as well as placing them three points ahead of us again, although we still have a game in hand on them. So the battle goes on, but oh, what might have been if . . . .

After today's match we only have four more to complete our programme for this season. Away at Everton next Saturday, we then play Brentford at Griffin Park the following Wednesday, April 22nd, the following Saturday playing Brentford here at Kenilworth Road, finishing with a visit to Doncaster on Thursday, April 30th—four very interesting matches.

The following is our remaining programme of matches here at Kenilworth Road after today—

Sat., Apr. 18 Birmingham Res., Combination Cup  
Mon. .. 20 Luton Youth XI v. Luton Argyle  
Luton and District Youth League

Wed. .. 22 Leicester Reserves, Combination Cup

Sat., .. 25 Brentford, League Division II

Mon., .. 27 Luton Schoolboys v. Slough Schoolboys, Seaward Trophy

Tues., .. 28 Referees' Annual Match

Wed., .. 29 Cup Final, Luton Wednesday League

Thurs., .. 30 Coventry Reserves, Combination Cup

Sat., .. May 2 Luton Town 'A' v. Hastings  
Metropolitan League

More details will be given of these matches later, but meanwhile keep these dates in mind.

We welcome the return of the Luton Band to play before us again, and once more they have made a very fine gesture in agreeing to donate the whole of today's collection to the Mayor of Luton's Flood Disaster Fund. This gesture is truly magnificent, for they have already foregone one collection in this very worthy cause, as well as another in the Lynmouth Disaster. May we appeal to you to give generously today, if only in appreciation of the very hard work put in by the Mayor of Luton and his willing helpers in their efforts to alleviate the distress of those unfortunate victims.

## THE COVERMAN

### Joseph Cumpson Scott

Joe Scott was born at Fatfield, just outside Sunderland, on the 9th January, 1930. Was only nine years of age when World War II began and was therefore not able to play in any organised school football, for the War prevented such arrangements. This, however, did not prevent him from taking part in friendly matches while still at school. When 16, played for Shirey Row Juniors, a Club in the Hetton Junior League which has produced some famous players. Joined Crook Town in 1948, in which season they reached the Semi-Final of the Amateur Cup for the first time. In 1949 joined the playing staff of Newcastle United as a part-time player, but

received a very bad foot injury which Joe thought had put paid to his career as a footballer. Was out of football for 18 months when Spennymoor United persuaded him to 'have another go.' Regained all his lost confidence, and in fact began to play better than ever. Was spotted by our North East Scout and joined us on 9th February, 1952, although still having twelve months further service in the Forces to complete. Joined us as a full time player immediately on his demobilisation in January this year, bringing his young wife with him, and they have both settled down very nicely in Luton. Was originally a right winger but prefers inside right, and already has shown great promise in that position. Scored a goal in his League debut at Swansea last September.

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Goal5 Owen  
Centre Half9 Pre  
Centre10 Watkins  
Inside Left11 Mitchell  
Outside Left

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(Hounslow)Orange Flag: Mr. W. A. HALL  
(S. Harrow)8 Leverton  
Inside Right9 Ardron  
Centre5 Gager  
Centre Half2 Thomas  
Right Back12 Walker  
Goal**Football League—Division II**3 Pemberton  
Left Back4 Shanks  
Left Half10 Watkins  
Inside Left11 Mitchell  
Outside Left

Linesmen—

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(Hounslow)Orange Flag: Mr. W. A. HALL  
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Right Half2 Thomas  
Right Back12 Walker  
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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

A	BURNLEY	.....	SUNDERLAND	.....
B	CARDIFF C.	.....	PORTSMOUTH	.....
C	LIVERPOOL	.....	DERBY CO'	.....
D	MANCH. CITY	.....	ARSENAL	.....
E	MIDDLESBRO'	.....	BLACKPOOL	.....
F	NEWCASTLE	.....	MANCH. UN.	.....
G	PRESTON	.....	WOLVES	.....
H	WEDNESDAY	.....	BOLTON W	.....
K	STOKE CITY	.....	CHARLTON	.....
L	TOTTENHAM	.....	ASTON VILLA	.....
M	WEST BROM.	.....	CHELSEA	.....
N	BIRMINGHAM	.....	BLACKBURN	.....

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## SECOND LIST

A	BURY	.....	HULL CITY	.....
B	FULHAM	.....	SWANSEA T.	.....
C	LEEDS UNITED	.....	EVERTON	.....
D	LEICESTER C.	.....	SHEFFIELD UN.	.....
E	NOTTS. CO'TY	.....	BARNESLEY	.....
F	PLYMOUTH	.....	BRENTFORD	.....
G	ROTHERHAM	.....	DONCASTER	.....
H	SOUTHAMPTON	.....	LINCOLN C.	.....
K	WEST HAM	.....	HUDDERSFIELD	.....
L	ALDERSHOT	.....	TORQUAY	.....
M	BRISTOL ROV.	.....	WATFORD	.....
N	COLCHESTER	.....	BRISTOL CITY	.....

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## THIRD LIST

A	COVENTRY	.....	NEWPORT	.....
B	EXETER CITY	.....	BRIGHTON	.....
C	GILLINGHAM	.....	BOURNEM'UTH	.....
D	MILLWALL A.	.....	SOUTHEND	.....
E	NORWICH C.	.....	CRYSTAL PAL.	.....
F	QUEEN'S P.R.	.....	LEYTON O.	.....
G	READING	.....	WALSALL	.....
H	SHREWSBURY	.....	IPSWICH T.	.....
K	SWINDON T.	.....	NORTHANTS	.....
L	BRADFORD	.....	PORT VALE	.....
M	GRIMSBY T.	.....	CARLISLE UN.	.....
N	OLDHAM A.	.....	CHESTER	.....

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## FIXTURES, 1952-53

## FIRST XI Division II

F. A.

1951/52

Sat., Aug.	23	Plymouth Argyle	...	A	1	2
Wed., ..	27	Birmingham City	...	H	0	1
Sat., ..	30	Rotherham United	...	H	2	1
Wed., Sept.	3	Birmingham City	...	A	2	2
Sat., ..	6	Fulham	...	H	3	1
Wed., ..	10	Swansea Town	...	H	3	1
Sat., ..	13	West Ham United	...	H	0	0
Thurs., ..	18	Swansea Town	...	A	2	4
Sat., ..	20	Leicester City	...	A	1	1
Sat., ..	27	Notts County	...	H	5	1
Sat., Oct.	4	Southampton	...	A	3	1
Sat., ..	11	Huddersfield	...	A	0	1
Sat., ..	18	Sheffield United	...	H	4	2
Sat., ..	25	Barnsley	...	A	3	2
Sat., Nov.	1	Lincoln City	...	H	0	0
Sat., ..	8	Hull City	...	A	2	0
Sat., ..	15	Blackburn Rovers	...	H	6	1
Sat., ..	22	Nottingham Forest	...	H	3	4
Sat., ..	29	Everton	...	H	4	2
Sat., Dec.	13	Doncaster Rovers	...	H	1	2
Sat., ..	20	Plymouth Argyle	...	H	1	0
Fri., ..	26	Leeds United	...	H	2	2
Sat., ..	27	Leeds United	...	A	2	2
Sat., Jan.	3	Rotherham United	...	A	3	1
Sat., ..	10	Blackburn (F.A. Cup-3)	...	H	6	1
Sat., ..	17	Fulham	...	H	2	0
Sat., ..	24	West Ham United	...	A	1	0
Sat., ..	31	Manchester C. (F.A. Cup-4)	...	A	1	1
Wed., Feb.	4	Man. C. (F.A. Cup-4 Replay)	...	H	5	1
Sat., ..	7	Leicester City	...	A	2	2
Sat., ..	14	Bolton W. (F.A. Cup-5)	...	H	0	1
Thurs., ..	19	Notts. County	...	A	2	1
Sat., ..	21	Southampton	...	H	1	2
Sat., ..	28	Huddersfield (6)	...	H	0	2
Sat., Mar.	7	Sheffield United	...	A	1	1
Sat., ..	14	Barnsley	...	H	6	0
Sat., ..	21	Lincoln City	...	A	2	1
Sat., ..	28	Hull City	...	H	3	2
Fri., April	3	Bury	...	A	0	1
Sat., ..	4	Blackburn Rovers	...	H	2	1
Mon., ..	6	Bury	...	H	4	1
Sat., ..	11	Nottingham Forest	...	H	3	3
Sat., ..	18	Everton	...	A	3	1
Wed., ..	22	Brentford	...	H	3	3
Sat., ..	25	Brentford	...	H	0	2
Thurs., ..	30	Doncaster Rovers	...	A	1	1

## RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

1951/52

Sat., Aug.	23	Bristol Rovers	...	H	5	1
Thurs., ..	28	Queens Park Rangers	...	A	1	0
Sat., ..	30	Watford	...	A	1	1
Wed., Sept.	3	Brighton & Hove A.	...	H	4	4
Sat., ..	6	Southend United	...	H	2	1
Thurs., ..	11	Leyton Orient	...	A	2	1
Sat., ..	13	Bournemouth & B.	...	H	3	3
Wed., ..	17	Leyton Orient	...	H	7	2
Sat., ..	20	Aldershot	...	H	2	0
Sat., ..	27	Leicester City	...	A	2	1
Wed., Oct.	1	Brighton & Hove Albion	...	A	6	3
Sat., ..	4	Bristol City	...	H	4	0
Wed., ..	8	Swindon Town	...	A	2	2
Sat., ..	11	Swansea Town	...	H	1	1
Wed., ..	15	Swindon Town	...	A	5	1
Sat., ..	18	Ipswich Town	...	A	2	0
Sat., ..	25	Crystal Palace	...	H	1	0
Sat., ..	1	Brentford	...	A	7	1
Sat., ..	8	Brentford	...	H	4	1
Sat., ..	22	Queens Park Rangers	...	A	4	1
Sat., ..	29	Bristol City	...	H	0	1
Sat., ..	1	Watford	...	A	3	0
Sat., ..	10	Watford	...	H	3	0
Sat., ..	17	Swansea Town	...	A	1	1
Sat., ..	24	Leicester City	...	H	0	0
Wed., Feb.	11	Southend United	...	A	5	4
Wed., Mar. 11	13	Ipswich Town	...	H	2	2
Wed., ..	25	Bournemouth & B.	...	A	1	1
Combination Cup		Watford	...	H	1	2
Sat., Jan.	31	Watford	...	A	1	2
Sat., Feb.	7	Coventry City	...	A	1	1
Sat., ..	21	Leicester City	...	A	3	2
Sat., ..	28	Watford	...	A	0	3
Sat., Mar.	7	Northampton Town	...	H	3	3
Sat., ..	14	Ipswich Town	...	A	1	4
Sat., ..	21	Norwich City	...	A	1	4
Sat., ..	28	Watford	...	A	0	3
Fri., April	3	Norwich City	...	H	3	3
Sat., ..	4	Ipswich Town	...	H	0	5
Sat., ..	11	Northampton Town	...	A	1	1
Sat., ..	18	Birmingham City	...	H	3	3
Sat., ..	25	Leicester City	...	A	1	1
Wed., ..	22	Birmingham City	...	H	3	3
Mon., ..	27	Coventry City	...	A	1	1
Thurs., ..	30	Coventry City	...	H	2	2

## LEAGUE TABLES, 1952-53

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield United	38	23	9	6	92	51
Huddersfield	38	21	9	8	75	51
LUTON TOWN	37	21	6	10	79	48
NOTTS. FOREST	37					

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