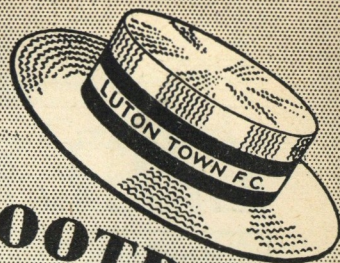


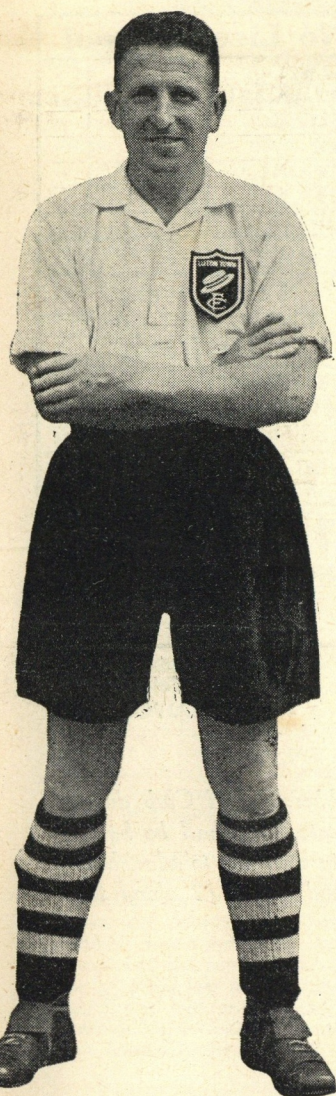
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CLUB NOTES

AFTER our escape from defeat last Wednesday evening, when our lads pulled themselves together in the last quarter of an hour to bring the scores level after finding themselves two goals down, we wonder what the 'Fates' have in store for us this afternoon when we have the 'Toffeemen' as our visitors. We must admit most of the football on Wednesday evening was a lot below what we had expected and it was very disappointing indeed, no one in any way enhancing their reputation except perhaps Johnnie Downie with a well-taken hat trick. Whether it was because we were all expecting our lads to play super football, and the players themselves knew we were expecting it of them with the consequent result that they never really got down to their normal game, we do not know, but we do hope we shall see a return to normality this afternoon and give you fans the football you have been impatiently waiting these last few weeks to see. We think it was just one of those days when it just did not come off, but if our lads played throughout as they did in those last fifteen minutes, and indeed the first ten minutes, there would have been no recriminations for anyone. All will be forgotten, and forgiven, however if we pull off a very good win this afternoon.

Everton have the unenviable task of starting their season with three away matches on the trot, at Nottingham, last Wednesday, when they did a very good job of work by scoring three goals in reply to the Forest's three, here today, and then on Monday at Hull. If they can escape defeat at all three matches they will certainly be off to a flying start. Everton are concentrating on building up on youth and have several promising youngsters who perhaps will not all be on show here this afternoon but who we have no doubt we will be hearing quite a lot about in the near future. When Everton visited us last it was to play on a thick carpet of snow, but despite this handicap some very good football was seen from both sides. We ran out winners to the tune of four goals to two, but it was not until the last few minutes that we notched that fourth goal and until then it was anybody's game. If we find the football as entertaining this afternoon then we are in for a treat.

Several people complained last Wednesday evening, that they had great difficulty in seeing any of the game. The attendance was five thousand short of our highest attendance figure and so there should have been room for everyone inside the

ground. The trouble with these evening matches in particular is that most people can only manage to get here in the last few minutes, and once inside the ground at a spot where they can see quite well will stay there instead of moving more into the middle. The consequence is that very soon all the entrances become blocked and further people, on passing through the turnstiles, just cannot get through the blockage. Now we do appeal to all of you who get inside the ground on Wednesday evening next, for our match with Notts. Forest, to think of the fellow outside who has not been able to get to the ground as quickly as yourself and try if possible to allow room for him. Our Stewards have a most difficult time trying to get everybody a decent view, but once the match has begun it is not possible to infiltrate from the inside. So please do your best to help your pals—we know the difficulties—but if you will all just move along when you get inside instead of finding a good position near the exits so that you can get out quickly, then we are quite sure we will be able to get you all in quite comfortably. And if you can arrive in decent time please do so—don't wait until the last minute. Last Wednesday evening, there were nearly as many outside the ground ten minutes before the whistle queueing up to get inside as there were already inside. We dare not delay the kick-off after 6.30 for we are taking a big risk, as it is, if it happens to be an overcast sky, so come as soon as you can. The wife will have a nice hot supper all ready for you when you get home, to make up for your snatched tea, (if you ask her nicely).

We have sold so many Season Tickets for this season that there are no seats available for advance bookings. We mention this because we are getting so many phone calls asking for Tickets that we thought it only fair to inform you of the position in case any of you are contemplating purchasing a ticket at any time. We are sorry to have to disappoint you but that is the position.

Both our First and Reserve teams are playing away next Saturday so we have arranged for our Metropolitan League side to appear here, with a visit from our old friends Tottenham Hotspur. Some quite good football is played by these youngsters, the stars of the future, and it will certainly not be a wasted afternoon for those of you who will be here. In addition we are trying a new innovation by inviting a team of Sheffield Youths to play our Youth XI here before that match. Kick-off has been arranged for 1.30 p.m., no extra charge will be made, so there will be a full afternoon's sport here for those of you who are interested.

THE COVERMAN

Thomas Aherne

"Bud" Aherne came to us from Belfast Celtic in March 1949 and has been one of the best buys we have ever made from Old Ireland. Had a brilliant season 1951/52 and was without doubt, we think, the best full back in the Second Division. Started off equally well last season but unfortunately suffered a knee injury which

kept him out of the game for a long time, but he has now fully recovered and we are expecting a return to his normal classical game. Was in the Eire team which drew with France at Dublin one goal each in November last, was chosen to play against Austria at Dublin last March but could not turn out due to his injury. Granted freedom from further injury we are quite sure Bud will again be chosen to represent his country. Has already played in 21 International Matches.

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11
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10
Parker
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6
Lello
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3
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Left Back

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Goal

5
Morton
Centre Half

9
McJarrow
Centre



Hickson
Centre

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Centre Half

O'Niel
Goal

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3
Aherne
Left Back

6
Shanks
Left Half

10
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Inside Left

11
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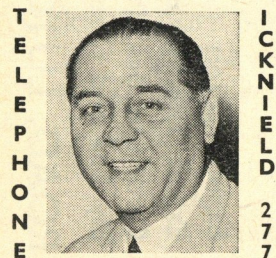
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D	CHARLTON	BURNLEY
E	LIVERPOOL	MANCH. UN.
F	MANCH. CITY	WOLVES
G	MIDDLESBRO'	PRESTON
H	NEWCASTLE	SUNDERLAND
K	PORTSMOUTH	SHEFFIELD UN.
L	WEDNESDAY	TOTTENHAM
M	WEST BROM.	BOLTON W
N	BIRMINGHAM	SWANSEA T.

SECOND LIST

A	BLACKBURN	.....	BRISTOL ROV.	.....
B	BURY	.....	NOTTS. CO'TY	.....
C	DERBY CO'	.....	BRENTFORD	.....
D	DONCASTER	.....	LINCOLN C.	.....
E	FULHAM	.....	STOKE CITY	.....
F	LEEDS UNITED	.....	ROTHERHAM	.....
G	NOTTS. FOR.	.....	PLYMOUTH	.....
H	OLDHAM A.	.....	HULL CITY	.....
K	WEST HAM	.....	LEICESTER C.	.....
L	ALDERSHOT	.....	NORWICH C.	.....
M	BOURNEM'UTH	.....	MILLWALL A.	.....
N	BRISTOL CITY	.....	QUEEN'S P. R.	.....

THIRD LIST

A	COVENTRY	LEYTON O.
B	CRYSTAL PAL.	SOUTHAMPTON
C	GILLINGHAM	READING
D	IPSWICH T.	COLCHESTER
E	SHREWSBURY	WATFORD
F	SOUTHEND	NORTHANTS
G	SWINDON T.	NEWPORT
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K	WALSALL	EXETER CITY
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			1952/53	F. A.
Wed., Aug. 19	Oldham Athletic	H 4 4
Sat., .. 22	Everton	...	4 2	H
Wed., .. 26	Nottingham Forest	...	3 0	H
Sat., .. 29	Plymouth Argyle	...	1 2	A
Wed., Sept. 2	Nottingham Forest	...	3 4	A
Sat., .. 5	Swansea Town	...	3 1	H
Wed., .. 9	Birmingham City	...	2 2	A
Sat., .. 12	Rotherham United	...	3 1	A
Wed., .. 16	Birmingham City	...	0 1	H
Sat., .. 19	Leicester City	...	2 0	H
Sat., .. 26	Stoke City	...	...	A
Sat., Oct. 3	Fulham	...	2 0	H
Sat., .. 10	Hull City	...	3 2	H
Sat., .. 17	Notts. County	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 24	Lincoln City	...	4 0	H
Sat., .. 31	Bristol Rovers	...	...	A
Sat., Nov. 7	Brentford	...	0 1	H
Sat., .. 14	Derby County	...	...	A
Sat., .. 21	Blackburn Rovers	...	6 0	H
Sat., .. 28	Doncaster Rovers	...	0 1	A
Sat., Dec. 5	Bury	...	4 1	H
Sat., .. 12	Oldham Athletic	...	...	A
Sat., .. 19	Everton	...	1 1	A
Fri., .. 25	West Ham United	...	1 0	A
Sat., .. 26	West Ham United	...	0 0	H
Sat., Jan. 2	Plymouth Argyle	...	1 0	H
Sat., .. 9	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...	...
Sat., .. 16	Swansea Town	...	2 4	A
Sat., .. 23	Rotherham United	...	2 1	H
Sat., .. 30	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	...
Sat., Feb. 6	Leicester City	...	1 1	A
Sat., .. 13	Stoke City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 20	Fulham (5)	...	0 2	A
Sat., .. 27	Hull City	...	2 0	A
Sat., March 6	Notts. County	...	5 1	H
Sat., .. 13	Lincoln City (6)	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 20	Bristol Rovers	...	...	H
Sat., .. 27	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1	A
Sat., April 3	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 2	H
Sat., .. 10	Brentford	...	1 1	A
Fri., .. 16	Leeds United	...	2 0	H
Sat., .. 17	Derby County	...	...	H
Mon., .. 19	Leeds United	...	2 2	A
Sat., .. 24	Bury	...	0 1	A

RESERVE FIXTURES

			1952/53	F. A.
Tues., Aug. 25	Watford	...	0 3	A
Sat., .. 29	Northampton Town	...	1 1	A
Wed., Sept. 2	Birmingham City	...	3 0	H
Sat., .. 5	Norwich City	...	1 4	A
Wed., .. 9	Ipswich Town	...	5 1	H
Sat., .. 12	Watford	...	1 2	H
Wed., .. 16	Ipswich Town	...	1 4	A
Sat., .. 19	...	...	...	...
Wed., .. 23	Northampton Town	...	3 3	H
Sat., .. 26	Leicester City	...	4 1	H
Wed., .. 30	Coventry City	...	3 3	H
Sat., Oct. 3	Leicester City	...	3 2	A
Mon., .. 5	Coventry City	...	1 1	A
Sat., .. 10	...	...	...	...
Wed., .. 14	Norwich City	...	3 1	H
Wed., .. 21	Birmingham City	...	2 3	A
Football Combination				
Sat., Oct. 17	Ipswich Town	...	3 2	H
Sat., .. 24	Bournemouth & Boscombe	...	3 3	A
Sat., .. 31	Portsmouth	...	...	H
Sat., Nov. 7	Cardiff City	...	...	A
Sat., .. 14	Millwall Athletic	...	...	H
Sat., .. 21	Arsenal	...	...	A
Sat., .. 28	Chelsea	...	...	H
Sat., Dec. 5	Reading	...	...	A
Sat., .. 12	West Ham United	...	...	A
Sat., .. 19	Leicester City	...	0 0	H
Fri., .. 25	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	A
Sat., .. 26	...	...	...	...
Sat., Jan. 2	Leicester City	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 9	Norwich City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 16	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	H
Sat., .. 23	Fulham	...	...	A
Sat., .. 30	Fulham	...	...	H
Sat., Feb. 6	Charlton Athletic	...	...	H
Sat., .. 13	Charlton Athletic	...	...	A
Sat., .. 20	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	H
Sat., .. 27	Norwich City	...	...	A
Sat., March 6	Ipswich Town	...	2 0	A
Sat., .. 13	Bournemouth & Boscombe	...	1 2	H
Sat., .. 20	Portsmouth	...	...	A
Sat., .. 27	Cardiff City	...	...	H
Sat., April 3	Millwall Athletic	...	...	A
Sat., .. 10	Arsenal	...	...	H
Fri., .. 16	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	A
Sat., .. 17	Chelsea	...	...	A
Sat., .. 24	Reading	...	...	H
Wed., .. 28	West Ham United	...	...	H

LEAGUE TABLE, 1952-53**FINAL POSITIONS****LEAGUE DIVISION II**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield United	42	25	10	7	97	55	60
Huddersfield	42	24	10	8	84	33	58
LUTON TOWN	42	22	8	12	84	49	52
Plymouth Argyle	42	20	9	13	65	60	49
Leicester City	42	18	12	12	89	74	48
Birmingham City	42	19	10	13	71	66	48
Notts Forest	42	18	8	16	77	67	44
Fulham	42	17	10	15	81	71	44
Blackburn Rovers	42	18	8	16	68	62	44
Leeds United	42	14	15	13	71	63	43
Swansea Town	42	15	12	15	78	81	42
Rotherham Utd.	42	16	9	17	75	74	41
Doncaster Rovers	42	12	16	14	58	64	40
West Ham United	42	13	13	16	58	60	39
Lincoln City	42	11	17	14	64	71	39
Everton	42	12	14	16	71	75	38
Brentford	42	13	11	18	59	76	37
Hull City	42	14	8	20	57	69	36
Notts County	42	14	8	20	60	88	36
Bury	42	13	9	20	53	81	35
Southampton	42	10	13	19	68	85	33
Barnsley	42	5	8	29	47	108	18

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