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CLUB NOTES

WHEN we met Everton here last Saturday, we were all anticipating an exciting game on classical lines, but unfortunately the defence on each side was too strong for the opposing forwards, and the good football was seen in flashes rather than in sustained effort. One very nice movement in the first half beginning from Bernard Streten, passing from man to man quickly without any hesitation with not an Everton player able to get anywhere near the ball until a last desperate tackle on Johnny Downie right in front of goal fully deserved the applause it received, but such movements were few and far between. We seemed to have got the measure of Everton by half-time, for while it appeared to be a game when not many goals would be scored at least we seemed to be cruising towards a victory. But in the second-half our forwards, after an early period of sustained pressure beginning with a lovely drive by Arthur Taylor which the Everton goalie just managed to turn aside for a corner, when again their goal was lucky to escape when Clinton just managed to kick the ball off the line, after this our forwards did not again move with that penetrative power which was so marked a feature of their play last season. That we are sadly feeling the absence of Jesse Pye's generalship and experience there is no doubt for the two centre forwards tried so far have not yet got into their stride. The experience too of Sid Owen and Bert Mitchell have been sadly missed, and we venture to say that very few teams anywhere can afford to have three of their regular first team players not available. We have the players on the books to make a very fine show this season but we have certainly begun with a decided handicap and so far the results have been rather disappointing. We are therefore trying out further experiments tonight in an effort to find an effective striking force. Let us hope they are successful.

Our old friends, the Forest, are our visitors this evening and we are very pleased to welcome them once again to Kenilworth Road. They fell away rather badly last season after a very promising start,

eventually finishing in seventh place in the Table. In their two games so far this season they have dropped one point when they drew with Everton three goals each at City Ground on the opening day of the season. Last Saturday, also at home, they handsomely beat Plymouth Argyle to the tune of three clear goals. Six goals in two matches shows evidence of a lively forward line, and this despite the absence through suspected cartilage trouble of their leading goal scorer last season, Ardron, who had a bag of 22 goals. Leverton has taken over the role of spearhead of the attack in Ardron's absence and is apparently doing a good job of work. It will be noticed that those two old stalwarts are still doing very fine service (we say "old" in the nicest sense) in our old friend Horace Gager and Goalkeeper Walker. Gager went from here to the Forest in February, 1948 and has been regular first choice for the centre half position ever since he joined them, only injuries causing his absence. He has been a wonderful servant to them, as he was to us, and it will be very nice to see him in action again.

A team of Sheffield Youths is coming to play our Luton Town Youth XI here on Saturday next and it should be a very good game to watch. Kick-off has been arranged for 1.30 p.m., and this match will be followed by a Metropolitan League match with Tottenham Hotspur "A" team. Two matches for the price of one, so come as soon as you can.

We think you will all agree that our Ground looks all the better for its close season attention. The wall at the Bobbers' side is a job we have been wanting to do for a long time, but it has just become possible for such work to be carried out without first obtaining a licence and so it has been done. The playing pitch and running track too have received much attention for which many thanks are due to Johnny Sanderson and his Staff, and other parts of the Ground have been brightened up with a spot of paint, etc. Floodlighting too has been installed this close season and we are hoping to have our Official Opening Night for this on Wednesday, October 7th. Details of this will be announced in a later programme.

THE COVERMAN

Ronald Alfred Davies

Ronald Alfred Davies is a South African who came to this country in February, 1947, first for a trial with Manchester City who had invited him over in view of his outstanding performances in helping his club, Germiston Callies to win the South Africa League Championship in 1943, 1946 and 1947. After only three weeks in England decided to return home, but in May of that same year Clyde were touring South Africa and were so

impressed that they offered Roy terms on the spot, which he accepted. Travelled to Scotland the following January, playing regularly for Clyde for three and a half seasons, when we saw him playing in a Friendly in London. Came to terms with Clyde regarding his transfer fee, joining us on 2nd May, 1951. Was playing very well indeed until he broke a leg playing against the Arsenal in the 6th Round of the F.A. Cup here at Luton season 1951/52, but has fully recovered and can expect a few goals from him as was the case before he received such a bad injury.

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Stretton
Goal5
Morton
Centre Half9
Moore
Centre10
Downie
Inside Left5
Gager
Centre Half2
Whare
Right Back1
Walker
Goal**Football League—Division II**3
Jones
Left Back6
Shanks
Left Half11
Taylor
Outside Left

Linesmen—

Red Flag: Mr. H. W. DIX
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Martin
Inside Right7
Moore
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French
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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

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Thursday, August 27th

SANDY SHOW

Thurs., September 17th

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FIXTURES, 1953-54

FIRST XI	Division II	1952/53	F. A.	RESERVE FIXTURES		Combination Cup	F. A.
				Tues., Aug.	25		
Wed., Aug.	19	Oldham Athletic	...	...	H 4 4		
Sat.,	22	Everton	...	4 2	H 1 1		
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	...	2 0	H		
Fri.,	16	Leeds United	...	2 0	H		
Sat.,	17	Derby County	...	...	A		
Mon.,	19	Leeds United	...	2 2	A		
Sat.,	24	Bury	...	0 1	A		
Sat.,	Feb. 17	Ipswich Town	...	...	
Sat.,	24	Bournemouth & Boscombe	...	...	
Sat.,	31	Portsmouth	...	...	
Sat.,	Nov. 14	Cardiff City	...	...	
Sat.,	21	Millwall Athletic	...	...	
Sat.,	28	Arsenal	...	...	
Sat.,	Dec. 5	Chelsea	...	...	
Sat.,	12	Reading	...	...	
Sat.,	19	West Ham United	...	...	
Sat.,	26	Leicester City	...	...	
Sat.,	Jan. 2	Norwich City	...	...	
Sat.,	9	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	
Sat.,	16	Fulham	...	...	
Sat.,	23	Fulham	...	...	
Sat.,	30	Fulham	...	...	
Sat.,	Feb. 6	Charlton Athletic	...	...	
Sat.,	13	Charlton Athletic	...	...	
Sat.,	20	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	
Sat.,	27	Cardiff City	...	...	
Sat.,	April 3	Millwall Athletic	...	...	
Sat.,	10	Arsenal	...	...	
Fri.,	16	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	
Sat.,	17	Chelsea	...	...	
Sat.,	24	Reading	...	...	
Wed.,	28	West Ham United	...	...	

LEAGUE TABLE, 1953-54

Up to and including Monday, August 24th

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Birmingham City	3	2	1	0	10	2	5
Doncaster Rovers	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Leeds United	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
Derby County	3	1	2	0	8	5	4
West Ham United	3	2	0	1	9	6	4
Everton	3	1	2	0	7	5	4
Stoke City	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Blackburn Rovers	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
NOTTS. FOREST	2	1	1	0	6	3	3
Bury	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
LUTON TOWN	2	0	2	0	5	5	2
Oldham Athletic	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Rotherham Utd.	3	1	0	2	8	8	2
Fulham	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Bristol Rovers	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
Leicester City	3	0	2	1	5	8	2
Plymouth Argyle	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Brentford	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Notts. County	2	0	1	1	3	9	1
Hull City	3	0	1	2	1	5	1
Lincoln City	2	0	1	1	1	6	1
Swansea Town	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 29th August, 1953

LUTON YOUTH XI v.
SHEFFIELD YOUTH XI

Kick-Off 1.30 p.m.

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