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And if you don't have a try you are soon on the rocks

You don't gain experience by just standing still
Try and use your talents and give a test to your skill

And when the game is over if there is not much to show
At least you have rolled your sleeves up and tried to have a go

Don't get discouraged when your run down the field is barred
Another opening will be made for you, though your disappointment may seem hard

Though all looks cloudy, now your luck will change revealing possibilities ahead
Just keep plodding forward with a hopeful heart and points will come instead

Then you will recall the day how all your plans seemed cloaked in hopelessness
But looking back you'll see it was self determination that brought ultimate success

We're apt to blame all sorts of circumstances for our fate
Lack of opportunity or chance that came too late

But we should be past that stage and our actions our own
And make our way and have the strength to stand alone

We all have opinions but opinion is a medium between knowledge and ignorance
But we all hope when the game ends that we have gained another brace

J.C.

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CLUB NOTES

WHAT a tonic we had on Wednesday night last when we had the great satisfaction of defeating Birmingham City for the very first time. It was not perhaps so much the fact that we had at last beaten the "Blues" as the way in which our lads set about their task in carrying it out. What a pity it was a mid-week match for there were only twelve thousand odd to see it. Everybody played their part well, but two players we feel we must mention for their capital displays. The first, Bob Morton, who never put a foot wrong all through the match and was a tower of strength, giving Purdon not a semblance of a chance, and secondly, Joe Scott for a display which perhaps not on classical lines was nevertheless very courageous and was a constant worry to the whole Birmingham defence, even when going through on his own. Right through our team there was an enthusiasm that has been lacking so far this season and even if we had lost this match we would still have been satisfied with this most gallant display. If the Birmingham forwards had to meet this defence every week there would have to be some very hard thinking at St. Andrews, for not once were they incisive enough or clever enough to outwit our lads. It was nice to see Bud Aherne come back playing with all his old assurance and not affected at all by his recent injury. And it was also nice to see George Cummins have a crack at goal, especially when it was so successful. And last but not least we must mention the very gallant efforts of Michael Cullen to overcome the effects of a dislocated shoulder joint suffered in the very first minute. After the doctor had put it back into place just before half time it went again during the second half and although in great pain Michael stuck it out to the bitter end, playing even then a useful game. Here we would like to pay a tribute to Ken Green, the Birmingham right back, for the sporting way in which he played Cullen. It is a very difficult position for a defender to find himself in, for he must not allow the injured man to cause too much danger to his side, at the same time he does not want to aggravate the other man's injury. We think Green came through with flying colours and showed us again what a very good player he is.

Our Reserves too, last Wednesday, seemed to come out of their lethargic spell and hit Ipswich Reserves well and truly to the extent of four goals. Their spectators could not imagine how it was that their side had beaten ours at Kenilworth Road the

previous Wednesday. It just did not appear possible on this showing. Hugh McJarrow scored a very nice hat trick and altogether our lads were much too clever and experienced for the Ipswich team.

The Floodlighting Installation was tried out after the match last Wednesday evening and it appeared to be very successful, subject to a few minor adjustments. We are therefore going well ahead with our arrangements to have our Official Opening Night on Wednesday, October 7th, when we shall have as our opponents the Turkey Champions of 1952-53, Fener Bahce. We met them when we toured Turkey and Greece last May and you can take it from us that they are a very good side, playing typical Continental style football, which should look even more entertaining under the floodlights. If the weather is good to us we can look forward to a very fine evening's entertainment. Prices of admission will be Centre Stand (tickets only) 5/- each, Wing Stands 3/6, Bobbers Stand 2/-, Terraces 1/9. Tickets for the Centre Stand will be available as from Monday next, September 21st, and Season Ticket Holders are being given until Saturday, October 3rd, in which to apply for a ticket for their own seat. Any tickets not sold will be available to the public as from Monday morning, October 5th. Applications may be made either by calling at the Office or by post, but if by post each must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. Each Season Ticket Holder must produce the **right hand side of white** **Ticket No. 35** from his Season Book when making application.

The Lapel Badges are going quite well and there are still a few left. They are 1/6 each and can be purchased at the Office in Kenilworth Road after the match or any time during office hours.

Our opponents today from Leicester are going great guns at the moment and are off to a flying start. Last season they averaged more than two goals per match, scoring more goals than even our splendid record, and so far with almost a quarter of the season gone, that average is being maintained. These Leicester forwards certainly know where the goal lies. It is noticed with interest that Peter Small has earned himself a regular place in the first team at Outside Left, and is among the goal scorers. We trust he is not too successful in that sphere this afternoon although we wish him well. We can always expect an exciting game with Leicester City and after our showing on Wednesday last, feel this match is going to be no exception.

THE COVERMAN

Robert Hendry Morton

Bob Morton cost us a £10 signing-on fee in February, 1946, and if ever a payment has earned dividends this one surely has. Born at nearby Aston Clinton, now living at Edlesborough, Bob is local born and bred and has proved beyond question that local boy can make good.

His game last Wednesday, against Birmingham City in the position of Centre Half Back was soundness itself and the rock on which many a "Blues" attack founded. Will not be 26 until later this month, there are years of football in this player, a cause of great satisfaction to us all.

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11 Small
Outside Left

10 Rowley
Inside Left

6 Dunne
Left Half

3 Jackson
Left Back

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Football League—Division II

Bayham
Goal

3 Aherne
Left Back

5 Merton
Centre Half

7 Scott
Centre

10 Downie
Inside Left

11 Davies
Outside Left

Linesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. C. H. ALLEN
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Orange Flag: Mr. N. ONLEY-WILDE
(London)

8 Morris
Inside Right

5 Gillies
Centre Half

7 Griffiths
Outside Right

4 Baldwin
Right Half

2 Lever
Right Back

Anderson
Goal

Watkins
Left Half

Mitchell
Outside Left

10 Downie
Inside Left

11 Davies
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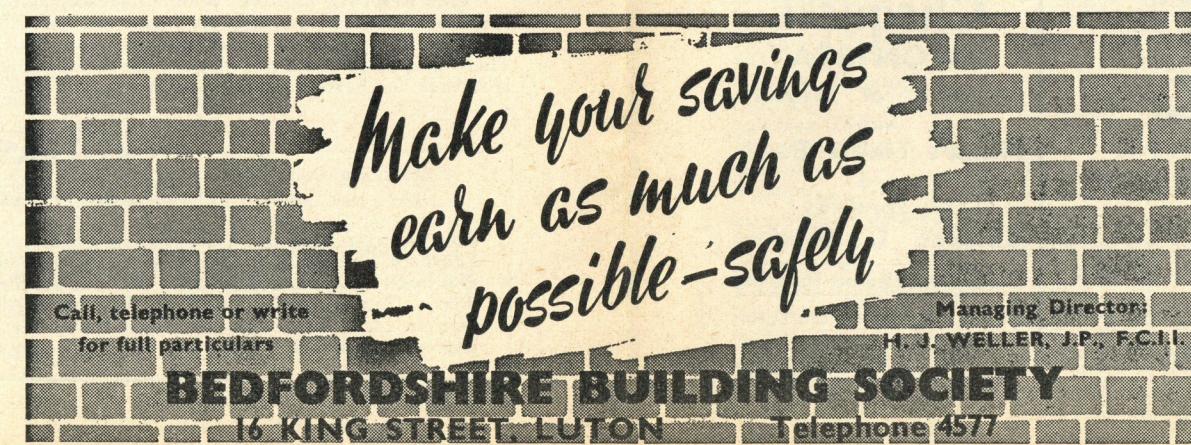
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FIRST XI Division II

F. A.

	1952/53		
Wed., Aug. 19	Oldham Athletic	...	H 4 4
Sat., 22	Everton	4 2	H 1 1
Wed., 26	Nottingham Forest	3 0	H 0 1
Sat., 29	Plymouth Argyle	1 2	A 2 2
Wed., Sept. 2	Nottingham Forest	3 4	A 1 2
Sat., 5	Birmingham City	3 1	H 2 0
Wed., 9	Rotherham United	2 2	A 1 5
Sat., 12	Birmingham City	3 1	A 1 2
Wed., 16	Leicester City	0 1	H 2 0
Sat., 19	Stoke City	2 0	H
Sat., 26	Fulham	...	A
Sat., 10	Hull City	2 3	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	1 1	A
Sat., 19	Everton	1 0	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	2 2	H
Mon., 19	Leeds United	2 2	A
Sat., 24	Bury	0 1	A

RESERVE FIXTURES Combination Cup

F. A.

	1952/53		
Tues., Aug. 25	Watford	...	0 3 A 1 2
Sat., 29	Northampton Town	...	1 1 A 3 1
Wed., Sept. 2	Birmingham City	...	3 0 H 4 0
Sat., 5	Norwich City	...	1 4 A 0 0
Wed., 9	Ipswich Town	...	5 1 H 1 2
Sat., 12	Watford	...	1 2 H 2 1
Sat., 16	Ipswich Town	...	1 4 A 4 1
Sat., 19	Northampton Town	...	3 3 H
Sat., 26	Leicester City	...	4 1 H
Sat., 30	Coventry City	...	3 3 H
Sat., Oct. 3	Leicester City	...	3 2 A
Sat., 10	Coventry City	...	1 1 A
Wed., 14	Norwich City	...	3 1 H
Wed., 21	Birmingham City	...	2 3 A

Football Combination

	1952/53		
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
Sat., 25	Plymouth Argyle	...	A
Sat., 26	Fulham	...	H
Sat., Jan. 2	Leicester City	...	2 1 A
Sat., 9	Norwich City	...	H
Sat., 16	Plymouth Argyle	...	A
Sat., 23	Fulham	...	A
Sat., 30	Fulham	...	H
Sat., Feb. 6	Charlton Athletic	...	H
Sat., 13	Charlton Athletic	...	A
Sat., 20	Tottenham Hotspur	...	A
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
Sat., 16	Tottenham Hotspur	...	A
Sat., 17	Chelsea	...	A
Sat., 24	Reading	...	H
Wed., 28	West Ham United	...	H

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

Up to and including
16th September, 1953

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Doncaster Rovers	9	7	1	1	21	8	15
Everton	8	5	3	0	20	9	13
West Ham United	9	5	3	1	23	12	13
LEICESTER CITY	9	4	4	1	20	12	12
Notts. Forest	9	5	1	3	16	11	11
Leeds United	9	4	3	2	22	17	11
Blackburn Rovers	8	4	3	1	17	15	11
Derby County	8	3	4	1	14	11	10
Rotherham Utd.	9	5	0	4	19	20	10
Stoke City	9	2	6	1	12	14	10
Birmingham City	9	4	1	4	21	11	9
Bristol Rovers	9	3	3	3	16	12	9
Lincoln City	9	3	3	3	15	12	9
Bury	9	1	6	2	10	13	8
Plymouth Argyle	9	1	6	2	9	14	8
LUTON TOWN	9	2	3	4	14	17	7
Oldham Athletic	9	1	4	4	9	16	6
Hull City	9	2	1	6	8	15	5
Swansea Town	9	2	1	6	10	22	5
Notts. County	8	2	1	5	9	20	5
Brentford	9	1	2	6	9	24	4
Fulham	9	0	3	6	14	23	3

COMBINATION CUP—Section III

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	6	5	1	0	20	7	11
LUTON TOWN	7	4	1	2	15	7	9
Norwich City	7	3	2	2	11	8	

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