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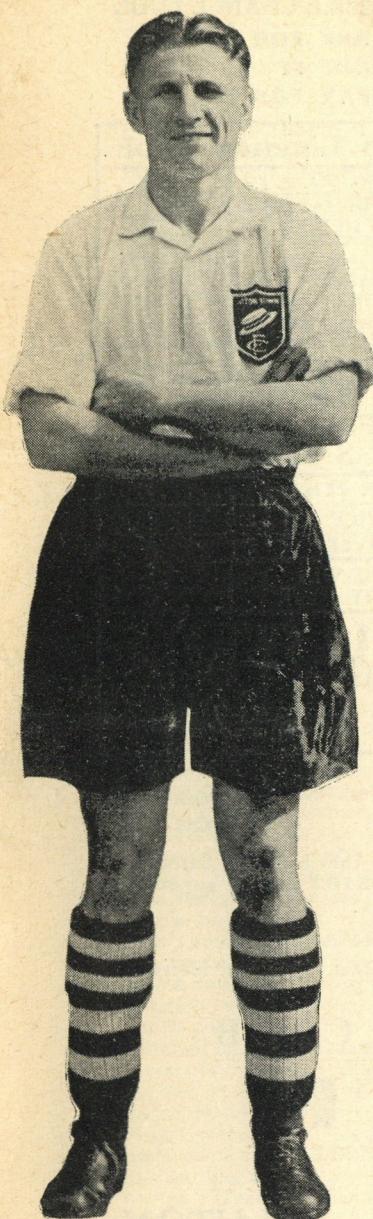
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## CLUB NOTES

WHAT a wonderful evening's entertainment we had here last Wednesday when we received Fener Bahce, the Turkish Champions in our Opening Floodlight Match. It was a wonderful spectacle, and there was a very audible gasp of pleasure when all the lights were switched on after the Chairman had said a few words of welcome to the Turkish team and officials over the microphone and had then officially on behalf of the Club opened the floodlighting installation. And that proved only the opening gambit to the evening's pleasure, for throughout the next hour and threequarters we witnessed one of the most delightful exhibitions of football we have ever seen at Kenilworth Road. In three minutes Joe Scott scored one of those kind of goals spectators usually only dream about, to be followed twenty minutes later by another lovely goal by Jesse Pye. All this time both sides were playing some delightful football and when Fener came along with two goals scored within three minutes of each other the fans were certainly getting their money's worth, for here was football at its very best. A very nice movement ended with George Cummings feinting perfectly to give Bert Mitchell a full sight of the goal and he made no mistake to put us on the right side at half time by three goals to two. After only a few minutes of the second half Bernard Moore took the ball nicely down the right wing, crossing perfectly to Mitchell standing at the corner of the penalty box on the left facing the Fener goal, and he let fly with one of his specials with his right foot first time. It looked a goal all the way, but somehow or other the Fener goalie got across to it and made a magnificent save. And then Fener came along with two well-taken goals to take the lead for the first time in the match—no mean achievement when they had found themselves two goals in arrears so early in the game, and on foreign soil too. Another great goal, this time by Charlie Watkins, who throughout played a very useful game, brought the scores level, and now indeed it was inspired stuff we were watching, both sides striving to get the next goal which would most probably win the match. It was a pity it should come to us by means of a penalty kick, always an unsatisfactory satisfaction, especially in a Friendly Match and more so when it was being played in such a sporting manner without any detriment to the football itself. However our player had been pulled down and Referee Joyce, who handled the game very well indeed throughout, had no alternative but to point to the dreaded spot, from which Bert Mitchell made no mistake. Again the Fener Bahce players felt they had been harshly dealt with, as in Turkey, at a most crucial point in the game, but they took it in a very sporting manner and are to be congratulated on so doing. However it must be understood that the Referee did the correct thing in awarding a penalty—under the circumstances he had no alternative but to do so. And then to rub it in a bit more Bert Mitchell received the ball in what looked like an offside position to carry on and score, to make it 6 to 4. What our friends could not understand was that when the ball was last played Mitchell was onside, running forward,

consequently by the time the defence had turned round Bert was away passed them with only the goalkeeper to beat. Bernard Moore then finished the scoring with a well-judged header from a pass by Jesse Pye a few minutes from the end. And what a reception both teams received when the final whistle blew, and a special and most deserved cheer especially for the gallant losers. What a game! Magnificent we think is not too high a word to use to describe it. Thank you Turkey for the grand impression you created here in Luton. Your football will be remembered here for long time to come. We wish you much success in the remaining matches of your all-too-short tour, and if you play as you did at Luton you will be doing a grand job in helping to bring our two countries closer together still.

Strangely enough we have the pleasure of receiving here today Fener Bahce's opponents of Tuesday evening last, whom they beat by two goals to one. The "Tigers" are not so far this season the force they were two seasons ago but they are always very attractive opponents and we can look forward to this game with much anticipation. Their team had not been selected when these notes were being prepared but it is noted with pleasure that Neil Franklin is once more playing and, we understand, with all his old skill. We sincerely hope he is not prevented by injury from appearing here this afternoon, for it is always a pleasure to see these great players in action.

The Schoolboys take the field here next Saturday morning, when they will have St. Albans Schoolboys as their opponents in the First Round of the English Schools' Shield Competition. We trust quite a few of you will come along to see this match for our Schoolboys are always worth watching and we see some very nice football. Kick-off is at 11 a.m.

Everybody who saw the Floodlight Match here last Wednesday, was very impressed with the lighting. There were no shadows, the ball was always in sight, and the local firm of Messrs Williams and Richardson who installed entirely to their own design are to be congratulated on a very fine job. Many people who have seen other Clubs' efforts say that ours compares most favourably with any of them, which is praise indeed. We ourselves are very pleased with it.

Our thanks are due too, to the Luton Band for being present and adding to the enjoyment of the evening. It is very nice to see the enthusiasm of their members in so readily agreeing to come along on these occasions, for apart from helping to entertain you they are very glad of the money collected to help pay for instruments and uniforms very badly needed. Therefore we do hope you all show your appreciation of their efforts when the collecting boxes come round. It is all for a very good cause.

We have the honour of being the Club chosen to meet Watford in the Official Opening of their Floodlighting Installation next Tuesday. Kick-off is at 7.30 and we do hope quite a few of you will be able to make the short journey and so make our lads feel "at home."

## THE COVERMAN

### Bernard John Moore

BERNARD MOORE was signed by us from Hastings United in January, 1951 and has proved a most useful acquisition. Prefers the heavy grounds to play on, but was doing very well indeed against Leicester City here three weeks

ago when he unfortunately pulled a muscle, which made him little more than a passenger for more than three parts of the game. A great pity for he was playing with great confidence that day and was most dangerous. Has a great shot, and it is worth recording that in the 136 appearances he made for Hastings United he scored 144 goals, a fact which speaks for itself.



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**TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCORES**

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**  
INTERNATIONAL MATCH

A WALES	ENGLAND
LEAGUE MATCHES	
B BOLTON W	MANCH. CITY
C BURNLEY	PORTSMOUTH
D CH. RLTON	BLACKPOOL
E LIVERPOOL	ASTON VILLA
F MANCH. UN.	SUNDERLAND
G MIDDLESBRO'	SHEFFIELD UN.
H NEWCASTLE	WOLVES
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Watford 13 6 2 5 20 21 14  
Coventry City 13 5 3 5 26 23 13  
**LUTON TOWN** 12 5 1 6 23 19 11  
Northampton Town 12 5 1 6 15 17 11  
Birmingham City 12 3 1 8 16 30 7  
Ipswich Town 12 3 1 8 15 30 7

**FIXTURES, 1953-54****FIRST XI Division II**

			1952/53	F. A.
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	Swansea Town	3 1	H 2 0
Wed.,	9	Birmingham City	2 2	A 1 5
Sat.,	12	Rotherham United	3 1	A 1 2
Wed.,	16	Birmingham City	0 1	H 2 0
Sat.,	19	Leicester City	2 0	H 2 2
Sat.,	26	Stoke City	...	A 1 1
Sat., Oct.	3	Fulham	2 0	H 1 2
Sat.,	10	Hull City	3 2	H 1 1
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	6 0	H
Sat.,	21	Blackburn Rovers	0 1	A
Sat.,	28	Doncaster Rovers	...	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	...	A
Sat.,	16	Swansea Town	2 4	A
Sat.,	23	Rotherham United	2 1	H
Sat.,	30	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	A
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	1 1	H
Sat.,	27	Blackburn Rovers	1 1	A
Sat., April	3	Doncaster Rovers	1 2	H
Sat.,	10	Brentford	1 1	A
Sat.,	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 Combination Cup**

		1952/53	F. A.
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	...	
Wed.,	23	Northampton Town	3 3 H 1 2
Sat.,	26	Leicester City	4 1 H 3 4
Sat.,	30	Coventry City	3 3 H 2 0
Sat., Oct.	3	Leicester City	3 2 A 1 2
Sat.,	10	Coventry City	1 1 A 1 4
Wed.,	14	Norwich City	3 1 H
Wed.,	21	Birmingham City	2 3 A

**Football Combination**

		1952/53	F. A.
Sat., Oct.	17	Ipswich Town	3 2 H
Sat.,	24	Bournemouth & Boscombe	3 3 H
Sat.,	31	Portsmouth	H
Sat., Nov.	7	Cardiff City	A
Wed.,	11	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	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 TABLES, 1953-54**Up to and including  
8th October, 1953**LEAGUE DIVISION II**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Everton	12	7	4	1	26	14	18
Doncaster Rovers	12	8	1	3	24	12	17
Rotherham Utd.	13	8	1	4	27	24	17
Leicester City	12	5	6	1	26	16	16
Lincoln City	12	6	3	3	21	12	15
Notts. Forest	12	7	1	4	26	18	15
West Ham United	12	6	3	3	26	19	15
Derby County	11	5	4	2	21	15	14
Blackburn Rovers	11	5	4	2	21	18	14
Birmingham City	12	5	3	4	28	17	13
Bristol Rovers	12	5	3	4	25	16	13
Stoke City	13	2	9	2	20	23	13
Leeds United	12	4	4	4	26	24	12
Bury	12	2	6	4	15	20	10
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	12	2	5	5	18	22	9
Plymouth Argyle	12	1	7	4	12	21	9
Fulham	12	2	4	6	21	27	8
Oldham Athletic	12	2	4	6	11	20	8
Swansea Town	12	3	2	7	13	25	8
<b>HULL CITY</b>	12	3	1	8	12	21	7
Brentford	12	2	3	7	10	25	7
Notts. County	12	2	2	8	12	31	6

**COMBINATION CUP—Section III**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	12	10	1	1	35	14	21
Norwich City	12	6	2	4	20	16	14
Watford	13	6	2	5	20	21	14
Coventry City	13	5	3	5	26	23	13
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	12	5	1	6	23	19	11
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