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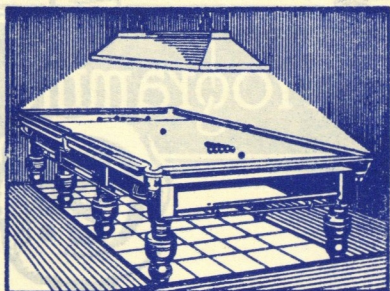
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1954

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DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F. A.	Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	26	17	5	4	64 36	39
West Bromwich A.	26	17	4	5	69 36	38
Huddersfield Town	26	13	7	6	47 32	33
Burnley	26	16	0	10	55 44	32
Bolton Wanderers	26	12	8	6	46 36	32
Manchester United	26	10	10	6	48 36	30
Charlton Athletic	26	12	2	12	49 48	26
Arsenal	25	9	8	8	48 46	26
Cardiff City	26	10	6	10	30 43	26
Preston North End	26	11	3	12	53 38	25
Chelsea	26	9	7	10	45 49	25
Blackpool	26	9	7	10	45 50	25
Tottenham Hotspur	26	11	3	12	41 45	25
Newcastle United	27	8	8	11	44 49	24
Sheffield Wednesday	27	10	3	14	45 60	23
Sheffield United	26	8	6	12	45 51	22
Aston Villa	25	10	2	13	39 44	22
Manchester City	26	8	6	12	35 50	22
Portsmouth	26	7	8	11	54 61	22
Middlesbrough	26	8	4	14	40 53	20
Sunderland	26	7	5	14	48 62	19
Liverpool	26	5	6	15	46 68	16

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F. A.	Pts.
Derby County	25	15	6	4	67 38	36
Burnley	24	15	5	4	47 24	35
Wolverhampton W.	25	15	3	7	61 29	33
Everton	25	13	6	6	49 30	32
Manchester United	25	13	4	8	54 26	30
Blackpool	24	13	4	7	41 28	30
Bolton Wanderers	25	12	5	8	33 22	29
Preston North End	25	12	3	10	52 54	27
West Brom. Albion	25	11	3	11	42 29	25
Sheffield Wednesday	25	11	2	12	48 46	24
Aston Villa	25	10	3	12	47 44	23
Chesterfield	25	10	3	12	37 55	23
Barnsley	25	8	6	11	41 46	22
Liverpool	25	10	2	13	43 49	22
Huddersfield Town	25	10	2	13	48 53	22
Blackburn Rovers	24	10	2	12	37 52	22
Bury	25	9	3	13	40 49	21
Sheffield United	27	6	9	12	33 47	21
Manchester City	25	7	5	13	47 54	19
Newcastle United	24	9	1	14	35 65	19
Leeds United	22	9	1	12	36 66	19
Stoke City	26	6	4	16	25 58	16

(Up to and including matches played Saturday, January 2nd)

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No. 25

JANUARY 9th, 1954

A BLACKPOOL BULLETIN

This afternoon we welcome the Luton Town team to Bloomfield Road as our opponents in the Third Round of the ever-popular Football Association Challenge Cup Competition.

We also extend a most hearty welcome to the many Luton fans who have made the long journey to Blackpool in support of their Kenilworth Road favourites.

The "Hatters" have a very fine post-war Cup record, and with wins over such sides as Portsmouth, Charlton Athletic, Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers to their credit, are capable of providing formidable opposition to-day.

Their present Second Division placing puts them well in the running for promotion and, with 84 League and 12 Cup goals last season, they only just missed joining the First Division ranks as well as making their mark in Cup history.

Bolton Wanderers, the Cup Finalists with Blackpool, had a very tough proposition to face in their Fifth Round visit to Luton, where one goal was sufficient to win a very very close game.

If our visitors can produce that sort of football in to-day's encounter, then we should have a match to remember.

Jesse Pye, the ex-Wolverhampton Wanderers' leader, who scored 24 League and four Cup goals last season, had the misfortune to suffer an injury a few weeks ago which will keep him out of to-day's game. To lose the services of such a player is a severe blow. We, also, are unfortunate in losing the services of centre-half Johnny Crosland through an injury received last week, but we have to accept these reverses which always seem to crop up about the time the Cup matches are due to be played.

Anyhow, whatever our fortunes to-day, we want to hear plenty of vocal encouragement. I am informed that the Luton supporters can muster a very useful choir indeed. So don't forget, do your best, and I am sure that the boys on the field will respond in the proper manner.

Ernie Taylor's two goals at fog-shrouded Bloomfield Road last Saturday should have been good enough to earn the points against any opposition, but it was not to be, for once again, after being in the lead on two occasions, we forfeited a point. This was a game which we might have won handsomely, and indeed it looked as if it would be so after we had taken the lead in the first few minutes, but Sheffield United would not give in and were rewarded for their persistence with an equal share of the spoils.

At Bramall Lane, the Reserves put on a very good show and took both points in a 3-2 victory.

Next Saturday, Huddersfield Town Second team will be on view at Bloomfield Road, and as they won the corresponding game here last season, and also have an early season victory over us at Leeds Road, there should be plenty of excitement.

The First Team face tough opposition in the Huddersfield Town First Eleven at Leeds Road.

The newly-promoted Yorkshiremen came to grief at Blackpool earlier in the season, when the score read 3-1 in our favour. The Fourth Round Cup defeat last season, added to this result, will make the Town doubly keen to bring about our downfall. On present League placings, we must line up as second favourites in this encounter, but we have started in that unfavourable position many times in the past—and won. It is not beyond us to do it again.

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1953		
Aug. 22	—Chelsea	h. 2 1
" 25	—Burnley	a. 1 2
" 29	—Sheffield United	a. 4 3
" 31	—Burnley	h. 2 0
Sept. 5	—Huddersfield Town	h. 3 1
" 7	—Portsmouth	h. 1 1
" 12	—Aston Villa	a. 1 2
" 16	—Portsmouth	a. 4 4
" 19	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	h. 0 0
" 26	—Sunderland	a. 2 3
Oct. 3	—Manchester City	h. 2 0
" 10	—Charlton Athletic	a. 2 4
" 17	—Sheffield Wednesday	h. 1 2
" 24	—Middlesbrough	a. 1 0
" 31	—West Bromwich Albion	h. 4 1
Nov. 7	—Preston North End	a. 3 2
" 14	—Tottenham Hotspur	h. 1 0
" 21	—(1) Manchester United	a. 1 4
" 28	—Bolton Wanderers	h. 0 0
Dec. 5	—Liverpool	a. 2 5
" 12	—(2) Newcastle United	h. 1 3
" 19	—Chelsea	a. 1 5
" 26	—Arsenal	h. 2 2
" 28	—Arsenal	a. 1 1
1954		
Jan. 1	—Newcastle United	a. 1 2
" 2	—Sheffield United	h. 2 2
" 9	—(3) Luton Town	h.
" 16	—Huddersfield Town	a.
" 23	—Aston Villa	h.
" 30	—(4)	h.
Feb. 6	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	a.
" 13	—Sunderland	h.
" 20	—(5) Manchester City	a.
" 27	—Charlton Athletic	h.
Mar. 6	—Sheffield Wednesday	a.
" 13	—(6) Middlesbrough	h.
" 20	—West Bromwich Albion	a.
" 27	—Preston North End	h.
April 3	—Tottenham Hotspur	a.
" 10	—Manchester United	h.
" 16	—Cardiff City	h.
" 17	—Bolton Wanderers	a.
" 19	—Cardiff City	a.
" 24	—Liverpool	h.

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7—MATTHEWS		10—BROWN	
8—TAYLOR		11—PERRY	
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LEFT		3—AHERNE		2—JONES		RIGHT			
		1—STRETEN							

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Central League Fixtures

Gls.
F. A.

1953		
Aug. 22	—Barnsley	a. 2 1
" 24	—Burnley	h. 1 1
" 29	—Sheffield United	h. 1 0
Sept. 1	—Burnley	a. 0 0
" 5	—Huddersfield Town	a. 0 1
" 7	—Blackburn Rovers	a. 4 1
" 12	—Aston Villa	h. 2 0
" 14	—Blackburn Rovers	h. 1 2
" 19	—Everton	a. 1 0
" 21	—Derby County	a. 3 2
" 26	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	h. 1 1
Oct. 3	—Manchester City	a. 3 5
" 10	—Preston North End	h. 1 0
" 17	—Stoke City	a. 3 0
" 24	—Bolton Wanderers	h. 3 0
" 31	—Manchester United	a. 0 2
Nov. 7	—Newcastle United	h. P.
" 14	—Liverpool	a. 2 1
" 21	—West Bromwich Albion	h. 3 0
" 28	—Leeds United	a. 1 2
Dec. 5	—Sheffield Wednesday	h. 1 3
" 12	—Chesterfield	a. 1 1
" 19	—Barnsley	h. 1 2
" 25	—Derby County	h. 3 1
1954		
Jan. 2	—Sheffield United	a. 3 2
" 9	—	h.
" 16	—Huddersfield Town	h.
" 23	—Aston Villa	a.
" 30	—	h.
Feb. 6	—Everton	h.
" 13	—Wolverhampton Wanderers	a.
" 20	—Manchester City	h.
" 27	—Preston North End	a.
Mar. 6	—Stoke City	h.
" 13	—Bolton Wanderers	a.
" 20	—Manchester United	h.
" 27	—Newcastle United	a.
April 3	—Liverpool	h.
" 10	—West Bromwich Albion	a.
" 16	—Bury	a.
" 17	—Leeds United	h.
" 19	—Bury	h.
" 24	—Sheffield Wednesday	a.
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