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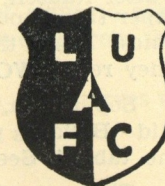
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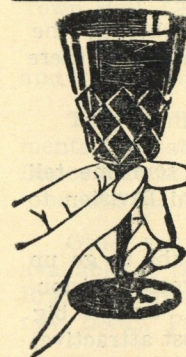
Finale

By IVAN SHARPE

President of the Football Writers' Association, and former Amateur International of the Leeds City and Leeds United Clubs.

This is my farewell appearance. This is your 21st home game in the Second Division of the Football League and that's where my job ends. I'm not sorry. In the summer I fish, except that I'm taking time off this year to see the World Cup in June—July in Switzerland, and I'm sacrificing the fishing because I want to see such as Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Hungary, Italy and Tom Finney. I want to see teams who believe that you play football with two feet.

I want to see countries who say their skill is due (as do Austria) to "ball, ball, ball, ball, ball, ball, ball, ball," meaning

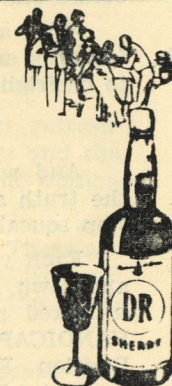


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ball-practice everlasting. Yet when I reproduced those words of Walter Nausch, the expert Austrian team-chief, in a British newspaper they thought the word ball should be mentioned only three times. That's the difference between British and foreign football. They really **WORK** at it.

Sep Smith, Leicester City International between the wars, said "Billiards players don't perfect their touch by running round the table". See what I mean?

Those words should be engraved over the entrance to the F.A. offices in Lancaster Gate and Football League offices in Preston. In capitals.

All the conferences of all the 92 League managers plus officials, all the Grand Inquests into English football, will amount to little or nothing unless they produce as verdict: "Ball, ball, ball, ball, ball, ball, ball."

STRAWHATTERS

Your last home League match is with Luton Town, where the straw hats (used to) come from. I played for them once when the name of Hawkes (Bob and Fred) was heard in the land. There I saw as a youngster the biggest forward line that ever took the field in a first class English match—Hogg, Gemmell, Someone, Holley and Bridgett for Sunderland in an F.A. Cup tie. And Gemmell was the biggest of the lot. John Charles would have needed a stone or more to equal him . . . in weight. Good players too, most of them.

Luton have been one of the progressive clubs. Salute them. They've had courage . . . courage to enter the Football League when all their neighbours for a hundred miles around were in the local and parochial Southern League. Courage to get on their feet at annual meetings of the Football League and say what they think—instead of whispering it into people's ears the night before and then sitting like deaf-mutes at the a.g.m.

Why are clubs feared of speaking their thoughts at the League's annual meetings? Why? Why? Why? What is there to be frightened of? Who is there to be frightened of?

SQUEALS AND FACTS

And while we're on this subject, why doesn't someone tell the truth and say the time has come for the Third Division to stop squealing and practice what it preaches?

Each year it asks for four (instead of two) clubs to go up and down, so giving the big prize to the Third (weakest) Division, a mixed prize to the Second (average) Division, and a big **HANDICAP** with no prize at all to the First (and most attractive) Division. Each year the club says no, and they're right, because the Third Division Give and Take . . . Give nothing and Take all. They Give nothing because each year they bolt the door against

newcomers to their Division (like Wigan, potentially the strongest club of the whole lot, and Peterborough). Yet want to take because they want to open the door to 4 clubs **decending** from the 1st to the 2nd and 3rd Divisions!

Four up and down is dead but it won't lie down. It deserves to be, because of this dog-in-the-manger policy.

NEW OR NOTHING

When the Third Division for the first time in history recommends for election a new club, instead of **recommending for re-election clubs which have been re-elected two, three, four, five and even six times**, then I will think about four up-and-down.

This would alter their fatal Theme Song of "You vote for me and I'll vote for you, even if you've only a hundred supporters". All right. Let them begin to put themselves right with the First and Second Division voters this year by saying:

"We're at a deadlock. We're making no progress. We know the reason why. We've forgotten that we now receive (chiefly through the First and Second Division Clubs) £1000 a year apiece from the F.A. Cup pool and 10% increase free of tax on all our players earnings. So hence forward we will make no **recommendation at all as to which clubs shall take the places of the bottom pair in each Section of the Third Division.**"

Then they'll make new friends. Then they'll get somewhere, or be more worthy of it.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

ANNIVERSARY WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

To commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Supporters' Club movement in Leeds we are, in response to numerous requests holding a Grand Anniversary Whist Drive and Dance at the Town Hall, Leeds on Friday, 14th May, 1954.

A souvenir brochure is being compiled to mark the occasion and a copy will be presented free to all purchasers of tickets.

There will be the usual facilities for late transport, refreshments. Valuable prizes are on offer for both the Whist and the Dance and the music will again be provided by Johnnie Addles-tone and his Alvanos.

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There is also a limited amount of advertising space still available in the brochure and enquiries in this respect should be addressed to:— Mr. S. Biggins,

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Pen Pictures of our visitors— LUTON TOWN

B. STRETEN (Goal). Was serving in the R.A.F. when he joined Luton as an amateur in January, 1947. Was demobbed exactly a year later and signed professional forms. Six Amateur and one full International Cap to his credit.

L. JONES (Right-back). A young Welshman who has recently been watched by the Welsh F.A. Selectors, and we expect him to gain a place in the Welsh team in the near future.

T. AHERNE (Left-back). Signed from Belfast Celtic in March, 1949. Played for his country, Eire, in every International in the past three seasons, and has already played versus Luxemburg this season.

R. MORTON (Right-half). Local boy who signed professional in February, 1946. Was freely tipped for International honours last season through his brilliant displays at right-half.

S. OWEN (Centre-half). Secured from Birmingham City in 1947. Toured Australia with the F.A. two years ago and was a member of the Football League team which played in Copenhagen in May, last year. Is one of the 32 players nominated by the Football Association to take part in the Continental Tour of Europe about the middle of May.

W. SHANKS (Left-half). Was born in Valetta, Malta. Since joining Luton, after a month's trial, in January, 1947, has played in a great variety of positions. Is a full ninety minutes player.

R. DAVIES (Outside-right). A native of South Africa. Came to this country to try his luck with Clyde from whom he was signed by Luton in May, 1951.

G. CUMMINS (Inside-right). An Irishman secured by Luton from Everton for a five figure fee. Has played for his country, Eire, versus Luxemburg twice this season.

G. TURNER (Centre-forward). A Doncaster boy who was recommended to Luton whilst playing in Navy football. The son of a former Hull City player. Selected to play for F.A. XI versus Cambridge University last season, scoring three goals.

J. DOWNIE (Inside-left). Secured from Manchester United for a large fee during the close season. A brilliant ball player who also knows the way to goal. Previously with Bradford Park Avenue.

A. MITCHELL (Outside-left). Secured by Luton from Northampton Town two seasons ago. A strong raider with a powerful shot. Scored 13 goals last season and already has ten to his credit this season.

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NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION FINAL TABLE

							Goals
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	20	11	4	5	44	30	27
Newcastle U.	20	11	5	4	65	32	26
Rotherham U.	20	11	5	4	32	21	26
Hull City	20	10	5	5	41	28	25
Barnsley	20	9	5	6	34	38	24
Chesterfield	20	7	8	5	51	59	19
Huddersfield T.	20	7	9	4	32	36	18
Middlesbro	20	7	10	3	40	44	17
Doncaster R.	20	4	9	7	27	48	15
Bradford P.A.	20	4	12	4	35	44	12
Wolves	20	5	14	1	25	46	11

*Last match of the season
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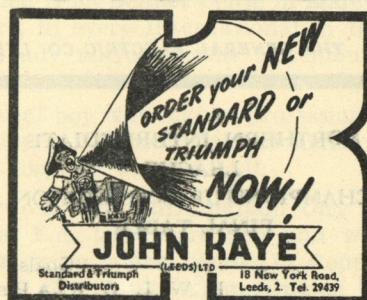
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6—BURDEN

10—JGGLE DEN

11—WILLIAMS

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GROVES.

11—MITCHELL

10—DOWANE

6—SHANKS

9—TURNER

5—OWEN

8—CUMMINS

7—DAVIES

4—MORTON

3—AHERNE

2—JONES

STRETEN

LUTON TOWN

Left

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Right

Result of corresponding game last season: LEEDS UNITED 2. LUTON TOWN 2.

CLUB NOTES

Owing to the holidays, today's programme had to be printed before the games at Luton on Good Friday and Bury on Saturday.

Therefore there is nothing to report regarding these two games apart from hoping for the best.

Originally we should have met Notts. County on May 1st, but as this match was brought forward and played at the opening of the season, today's game brings to a close our home Second Division fixture list.

Today we are devoting space to our Intermediate team. As champions of the Northern Intermediate League they met the Rest of the League at Elland Road on Tuesday evening, and after an interesting game were successful by the only goal, scored by Peter Flynn. As both Arthur Rich and Michael Evans were unable to make the journey from Oswestry where they are now doing their National Service, our team had to be re-arranged with Alan Morgan at centre-half for Rich, with the ex-Gloucester County boy David Jones at outside-left in place of Evans, while Derek Powell, normally a left-back, took the centre-forward position. Unfortunately Joe Reynolds was unable to play in this position, not having recovered from the injury he received at West Bromwich last month.

With so many alterations from the usual side, our boys were not quite as impressive as in the majority of their games, but sufficient evidence was forthcoming to anticipate a bright future for many of these youths.

Throughout the season several have been outstanding, Malcolm Lawton the local boy, who bids fair to become a grand full-back. Peter McConnell, a most promising right-half, and Dilwyn Jones at left-half, come readily to mind. Arthur Rich has given many excellent displays and providing he can obtain leave, should be ready for promotion early next season along with Evans.

Without any doubt we have the most promising array of "up and coming" youngsters on our books at the present time than ever before. So here's wishing them all the best of luck in the future.

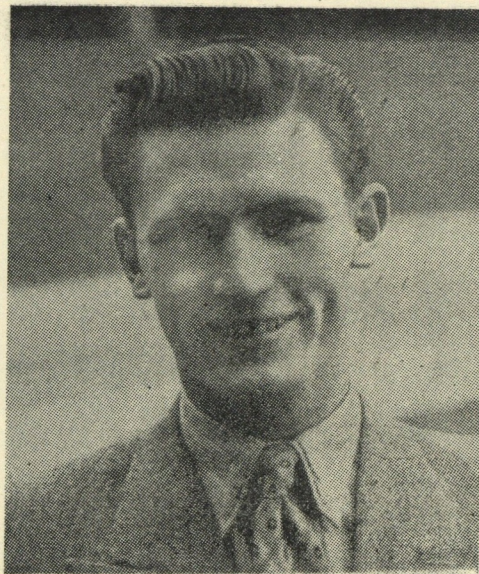
Holding the leading position, the Juniors are already assured of taking part in the play-off by the top four teams in the Intermediate Cup Competition, the other most probable teams being Barnsley, Chesterfield and Rotherham.

Once again we have pleasure in congratulating John Charles on being selected to play for Wales against Austria at Vienna on May 9th. We have also to offer our congratulations to Mr. Arthur W. Luty upon his appointment to take charge of the F.A. Cup Final.



Left to Right—Noble, Lawton, Hurford, McConnell, Rich, Powell, Conroy, Emmonds, Reynolds, Jones (David), Evans, Jones (Dilwyn), Flynn.

Photograph by courtesy of The Yorkshire Evening News.



ANDREW McCALL

One of the few Scottish boys on our staff, being a native of Hamilton. They certainly do catch 'em young in Scotland, for Andy was only seven years of age when he was playing at inside-left for the Woodside School juniors, and continued playing for the school until he went off to work. As a member of the Bent Royal Oak P.S.A. team for several seasons in the Hamilton and District League, he won numerous medals.

Was only 17½ when he joined the Royal Navy, and after 2½ years spent in Combined Operations, chiefly in landing craft, was transferred to the Army. With the K.O.S.B. went off to India for three years playing in many representative games including the F.A. Touring Side led by Tommy Walker.

Returning to civilian life, he joined Blantyre Celtic and was selected to play for the Scottish Eleven against Ireland. Du'ry received a Cap for only eight minutes play, being injured in the early stages of the game.

Spotted by Blackpool scouts and signed on for the 'Seasiders' in 1947. Stayed there 3½ years and has happy memories of playing between the two Stanleys—Matthews and Mortensen. Then on to West Bromwich for a season and a half with the Albion before coming to Leeds in August, 1953.

Though married to a wee Scottish Lassie from Hamilton, he has now settled down amongst us and likes nothing better than a quiet evening by his own fireside reading or listening to the radio, while during the summer he keeps fit by a spot of hard work in his garden.

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DART AND DOMINOE LEAGUES

The Final League Positions are as follows—

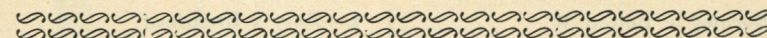
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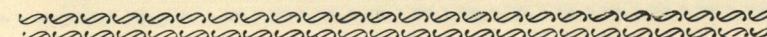
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E—Manchester City v Chelsea	P—Lincoln City v Everton
F—Portsmouth v Arsenal	Q—Notts Co. v Hull City
G—Sheffield U. v Sunderland	R—Oldham Ath. v Bristol R.
H—Tottenham v Preston N.E.	S—Plymouth A. v West Ham U. ...
I—West Brom A. v Aston Villa	T—Stoke C. v Rotherham United.....
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