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The first thing that all of us must say for the supporters point of view is "well done" to the team for their two away victories and their win on Wednesday evening. Two more points from this afternoon's game will give everyone something to think and talk about. So let us all do our part by giving the Boys on the field all the encouragement possible.

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CLUB NOTES

AFTER a very hard struggle last Wednesday night here we obtained maximum points against Lincoln City to obtain our first "double" of the season and to place us nicely in the Table. Our lads played much better football the previous Wednesday against this team at Lincoln, for at Kenilworth Road there were few of those swift passing movements which the spectators love to see. Of course we had General Pye missing from our ranks for the match here and undoubtedly his experience and ball control would have made a big difference to the way this game was played, particularly when Lincoln resorted to "offside" tactics. Also Sid Owen began to feel the effects of the slight touch of the Flu' he had felt earlier in the week. Although he felt better for the match it is a most weakening illness and he soon began to feel that he was not as strong as he had thought. Fortunately he was able later in the match to shake off this feeling and finished on a very strong note, which was just as well for towards the end Lincoln threw in everything in an effort to get at least their very first point on this ground. The two goals scored by Gordon Turner were extremely well taken and it was a great pity his effectiveness was so reduced by a nasty knock on the head he received early in the second half. Roy Davies recovered much quicker than seemed possible from the knock he received at Middlesbrough, and both he and Jimmy Adam had a good match, particularly the latter who with any luck at all would have had at least two goals to his name. Peter MacEwan tried very hard on his First Team appearance this season but he was up against a very strong centre half in Tony Emery, and although he did not let the side down, was not able to show the fine form recently displayed in the Reserve side. A little more experience and undoubtedly we have here a centre forward who is going to make a name for himself.

The news of Jesse Pye asking to be placed on the Transfer List has come as quite a shock to a lot of fans, as indeed it was to us when first mentioned. Health however plays a very important part in everybody's life and if local conditions only aggravate a certain ailment then we all try to move on to another place where the condition can at the least be relieved. Mrs. Pye has had recently a very nasty operation for sinus trouble which has been successful but the conditions here are not conducive to a complete recovery. She finds much relief when she goes North for a holiday and Jesse has come to the conclusion that the only thing to do is to live where the condition can be improved. We do not blame him making such request—considering the circumstances it would be quite

foolish for him not to do so—but we shall be very sorry to see him go for he has certainly been a great asset to this Club. If he does move on, then we shall wish him well in his new surroundings and his wife a complete recovery.

We have the men from the Potteries as our visitors today in their second only appearance on this ground. On their first visit last February they won by the only goal scored, although we had held them to a one-goal draw on their own ground earlier in the season. They began the present season with much promise, for they won their first two home games as well as their three matches so far played "away," but inaccountably they have picked up only one point out of their last three matches at "home." This has indeed set them back a peg but no doubt they have come South today hoping to repeat the dose they gave us on their previous visit and so putting them right back again at the top of the Table. We want to remain at least in our present position and so a most enjoyable match should be on view this afternoon with such entertaining opponents.

The Reserves did very well indeed to beat a very strong Birmingham side at St. Andrews last Wednesday evening in the Combination Cup. Our boys played super football and could quite easily have been six goals up so well did they play. Mike Cullen came along with two very nicely taken goals, and Terry Kelly, after having a spell at centre half when Willie Dallas was off the field injured, scored a lovely goal from 20 yards out when he had returned to the centre forward position. Terry is another who is settling down nicely in the forward line and it is worth recording that he has already scored seven goals this season in the Combination side.

Tickets for Reserved Seats in the Centre Stand only, at 4/6 each, are on sale in the Office for the Challenge Shield Match between Bedfordshire and Crook Town to be played on this ground on Saturday next, September 25th, kick-off 3 p.m. This match is for the Albert E. Ansell Trophy, which is a Shield containing all the Medals presented to the late Mr. Ansell during his period of service with Bedfordshire from 1905 and the Council of the Football Association from 1910. Already we are assured that at least 400 supporters are making the journey all the way from Durham to see this match, and we do sincerely trust that the match will receive a good response locally for we would like the Amateur Cup Winners to feel that they are an attraction down here. In addition we feel that a very good match will be witnessed for undoubtedly the game will be played in its most sporting spirit.

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FIRST LIST

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| A | Aston Villa | Charlton Ath. |
| B | Burnley | West Brom. |
| C | Cardiff City | Manchester C. |
| D | Chelsea | Everton |
| E | Leicester City | Newcastle U. |
| F | Manchester U. | Huddersfield |
| G | Preston N.E. | Arsenal |
| H | Sheffield Utd. | Sheffield Wed. |
| K | Sunderland | Blackpool |
| L | Tottenham H. | Portsmouth |
| M | Wolverh'pton | Bolton W. |
| N | Bristol Rovers | Blackburn R. |

SECOND LIST

| | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| A | Bury | Ipswich Town |
| B | Hull City | Middlesbro' |
| C | Leeds United | Notts. Forest |
| D | Lincoln City | Birmingham |
| E | Liverpool | Fulham |
| F | Notts. County | Swansea T. |
| G | Plymouth A. | West Ham U. |
| H | Port Vale | Derby County |
| K | Rotherham U. | Doncaster R. |
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| D | Gillingham | Swindon T. |
| E | Leyton O. | Reading |
| F | Millwall Ath. | Shrewsbury T. |
| G | Norwich City | Watford |
| H | Southampton | Walsall |
| K | Southend Utd. | Northampton |
| L | Bradford City | Southport |
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FIXTURES, 1954-55

| FIRST XI | Division II | Attendance | 1953/54 | F. A. |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|---------|-------|
| Sat., Aug. 21 | Notts. Forest | 19,832 | 0 1 H | 3 0 |
| Tues., .. 24 | Bury | 15,535 | 1 0 A | 1 2 |
| Sat., .. 28 | Ipswich Town | 20,265 | ... | A 1 3 |
| Wed., Sept. 1 | Bury | 13,654 | 3 2 H | 3 2 |
| Sat., .. 4 | Birmingham City | 16,347 | 2 0 H | 1 0 |
| Wed., .. 8 | Lincoln City | 13,390 | 1 1 A | 2 1 |
| Sat., .. 11 | Middlesborough | 15,891 | ... | A 2 0 |
| Wed., .. 15 | Lincoln City | 11,972 | 1 0 H | 2 1 |
| Sat., .. 18 | Stoke City | ... | 0 1 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 25 | Rotherham United | ... | 1 2 A | ... |
| Sat., Oct. 2 | Derby County | ... | 2 1 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 9 | Bristol Rovers | ... | 3 3 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 16 | Plymouth Argyle | ... | 2 1 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 23 | Fulham | ... | 1 5 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 30 | Swansea Town | ... | 2 0 H | ... |
| Sat., Nov. 6 | Notts. County | ... | 2 1 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 13 | Liverpool | ... | ... | H |
| Sat., .. 20 | West Ham United (1) | ... | 0 1 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 27 | Blackburn Rovers | ... | 2 1 H | ... |
| Sat., Dec. 4 | Port Vale | ... | ... | H |
| Sat., .. 11 | Doncaster Rovers (2) | ... | 2 0 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 18 | Nottingham Forest | ... | 1 2 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 25 | Hull City | ... | 3 1 H | ... |
| Mon., .. 27 | Hull City | ... | 2 1 A | ... |
| Sat., Jan. 1 | Ipswich Town | ... | ... | H |
| Sat., .. 8 | F.A. Cup—Round 3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Sat., .. 15 | Birmingham City | ... | 1 5 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 22 | Middlesborough | ... | ... | H |
| Sat., .. 29 | F.A. Cup—Round 4 | ... | ... | ... |
| Sat., Feb. 5 | Stoke City | ... | 1 1 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 12 | Rotherham United | ... | 1 1 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 19 | Derby County (5) | ... | 2 1 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 26 | Bristol Rovers | ... | 1 1 H | ... |
| Sat., March 5 | Plymouth Argyle | ... | 2 2 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 12 | Fulham (6) | ... | 1 2 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 19 | Swansea Town | ... | 1 1 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 26 | Notts. County | ... | 2 1 H | ... |
| Sat., April 2 | Liverpool | ... | ... | A |
| Fri., .. 8 | Leeds United | ... | 1 1 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 9 | West Ham United | ... | 3 1 H | ... |
| Mon., .. 11 | Leeds United | ... | 1 2 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 16 | Blackburn Rovers | ... | 0 2 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 23 | Port Vale | ... | ... | H |
| Sat., .. 30 | Doncaster Rovers | ... | 3 1 A | ... |

| RESERVE FIXTURES | Combination Cup | Attendance | 1953/54 | F. A. |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------|---------|-------|
| Wed., Aug. 25 | Coventry City | 2,833 | 2 0 H | 2 2 |
| Sat., .. 28 | Northampton | 3,045 | 1 2 H | 8 2 |
| Mon., .. 30 | Coventry City | 2,759 | 1 4 A | 0 3 |
| Sat., Sept. 4 | Watford | 3,417 | 1 2 A | 2 4 |
| Wed., .. 8 | Birmingham City | 1,999 | 4 0 H | 4 2 |
| Sat., .. 11 | Watford | 3,109 | 2 1 H | 4 0 |
| Wed., .. 15 | Birmingham City | ... | 1 1 A | 3 1 |
| Sat., .. 18 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Wed., .. 22 | Norwich City | ... | 0 0 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 25 | Leicester City | ... | 2 1 A | ... |
| Wed., .. 29 | Norwich City | ... | 2 0 H | ... |
| Sat., Oct. 2 | Ipswich Town | ... | 4 1 A | ... |
| Wed., .. 6 | Leicester City | ... | 3 4 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 9 | Ipswich Town | ... | 1 2 H | ... |
| Thurs., .. 14 | Northampton Town | ... | 3 1 A | ... |
| Football Combination | | | | |
| Sat., Oct. 16 | Charlton Athletic | ... | 1 1 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 23 | Norwich City | ... | 2 1 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 30 | Bournemouth | ... | 2 2 A | ... |
| Sat., Nov. 6 | Arsenal | ... | 5 3 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 13 | West Ham United | ... | 0 1 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 20 | Coventry City | ... | ... | H |
| Sat., .. 27 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Sat., Dec. 4 | Portsmouth | ... | 4 2 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 11 | Tottenham Hotspur | ... | 0 0 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 18 | Birmingham City | ... | ... | H |
| Sat., .. 25 | Norwich City | ... | 1 1 A | ... |
| Mon., .. 27 | Bristol City | ... | ... | A |
| Sat., Jan. 1 | Brighton & Hove | ... | ... | A |
| Sat., .. 8 | Charlton Athletic | ... | 3 2 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 15 | Cardiff City | ... | 4 0 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 22 | Portsmouth | ... | 2 2 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 29 | Millwall Athletic | ... | 5 1 H | ... |
| Sat., Feb. 5 | West Ham United | ... | 2 1 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 12 | Arsenal | ... | 3 2 A | ... |
| Sat., .. 19 | Bournemouth | ... | 2 2 H | ... |
| Sat., March 5 | Birmingham City | ... | ... | A |
| Sat., .. 12 | Tottenham H. | ... | 2 1 H | ... |
| Sat., April 2 | Bristol City | ... | ... | H |
| Fri., .. 8 | Coventry City | ... | ... | A |
| Mon., .. 11 | Leicester City | ... | 5 2 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 16 | Chelsea | ... | 2 2 H | ... |
| Sat., .. 30 | Millwall Athletic | ... | 3 1 A | ... |
| Sat., May 7 | Leicester City | ... | 4 3 A | ... |
| To be arranged | | | | |
| ... | Brighton & Hove | ... | ... | H |
| ... | Cardiff City | ... | 2 1 A | ... |
| ... | Chelsea | ... | 0 0 A | ... |

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|----------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|----|
| Fulham | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 14 | 13 |
| Rotherham Utd. | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 12 |
| LUTON TOWN | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 12 |
| Blackburn Rov. | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 28 | 18 | 12 |
| STOKE CITY | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 11 |
| Hull City | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 10 |
| Birmingham C. | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 10 |
| West Ham Utd. | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 19 | 9 |
| Bristol Rovers | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 16 | 8 |
| Notts. County | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 8 |
| Lincoln City | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 8 |
| Port Vale | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 7 |
| Doncaster Rov. | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 7 |
| Swansea Town | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 17 | 7 |
| Ipswich Town | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 17 | 6 |
| Bury | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 17 | 19 | 6 |
| Leeds United | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 6 |
| Liverpool | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 5 |
| Plymouth A. | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 5 |
| Derby County | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 24 | 5 |
| Notts. Forest | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 4 |
| Middlesbrough | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 24 | 1 |

Combination Cup—(Section 3)

| | Pld. | Won | Drn. | Lost | For | Agst. | P. |
|------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|----|
| Norwich City | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 11 | 12 |
| Leicester City | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 10 |
| LUTON TOWN | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 14 | 9 |
| Coventry City | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 22 | 8 |
| Ipswich Town | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 7 |
| Birmingham C. | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 19 | 23 | 5 |
| Northampton Town | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 21 | 5 |
| Watford | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 4 |

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