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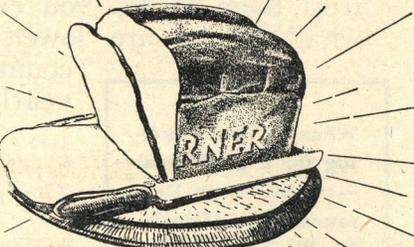
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CLUB NOTES ★ SEASON 1954-55

ALL Supporters will be wondering what happened to our senior team at Boothferry Park last Saturday, when after the joyful news at half-time that the score was one each, the final result indicated defeat by five goals to two. We must be frank with our supporters and say outright that the defeat was as inexplicable as unexpected.

Throughout the first half the County played delightful football. They were head and shoulders better than the Hull side, and we could have been leading at the interval by three or four goals. When Broadbent first hit the post and later scored with a header Notts were playing in a style which befitted their Continental style of jerseys and shorts. There was a semblance of the Continental control of the ball and strict positional play, and so precise were the movements that Hull defenders were constantly chasing. Had it not been for the fine work of Neil Franklin, the former English centre half, Hull would have been in for a heavy beating long before the half-way stage.

Hull were indeed lucky to be on equal terms at the half-way stage,

for Crosbie's shot from an acute angle, one from which it was impossible to score direct, only found the net after the ball had struck the heel of Deans. Even in face of this there was no suggestion that the County would eventually lose. They had withstood a little pressure just before the interval yet they were always masters, both in defence and attack.

Change of Mood

What was so amazing was the County's change of mood when Ackerman gave Hull the lead in the 47th minute. This seemed to knock the sting out of County, and when Deans added to his former misfortune by landing a centre from Horton into his own net when he had plenty of time to clear, Hull took complete command. Yet we feel that if Notts had remained steady they could have overcome these set backs, serious as they were. All of us wondered what had happened to their fighting spirit. The team as a whole became unsettled, forwards began to lose contact with each other and half backs allowed the Hull attack to impose their will.

— continued overleaf

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CLUB NOTES — continued

No blame can be attached to Bradley, except perhaps for Hull's second goal. Otherwise he did everything required of him. County's trouble was a tendency to be too easily pushed off the ball, and from a steady and purposeful style they panicked. Seldom have they been seen in such contrasting moods. So far their away record is none too good, so different to what it was in the last few months of last season's campaign. There is a feeling in the camp that it might be possible to challenge promotion, but if this is to be accomplished there will not have to be any repetition of the second half display against Hull. The first half was sufficient to show

that they can play really attractive football, but why they should have descended to a scrappy display in the second 45 minutes is a mystery.

Harry Jarvis did quite well at left half in place of the injured Chatham, but Albert Broadbent will have to be far more progressive if he is to make good on the left wing. He did not have a good day, and this also was perhaps the poorest match Ron Wylie has had, despite the effort he displayed. It was not the day for him, yet with such weaknesses the whole team were capitally together in the first half. But the front line will have to learn how to take scoring chances for, after all, it is goals that win matches.

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Saturday, November 20th

Notts County v. Leeds United

(Kick-off 2.15 p.m.)

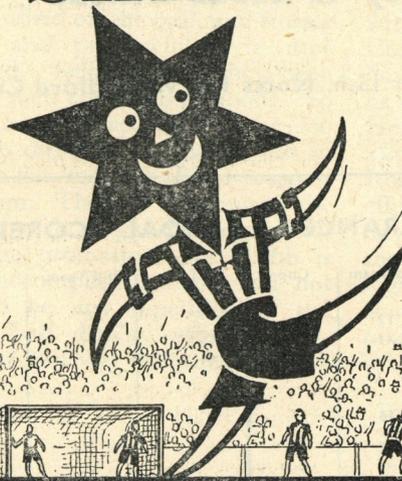
Saturday, November 13th, Notts Res v. Bradford City Res

(Kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

	APPEARANCES			GOAL SCORERS		
	1st Team	2nd Team	Cup	1st Team	2nd Team	Cup
GOALKEEPERS						
BRADLEY, G.	15	...	...	...	...	...
LINTON, J.	...	17	...	...	...	...
SMITH, G. H.	...	...	...	...	...	...
FULL-BACKS						
CRESSWELL, C. A.	...	...	...	...	...	...
CRUICKSHANK, F.	...	16	...	...	...	...
DEANS, T.	15	...	...	...	...	...
GROOME, P.	...	17	...	...	...	...
SOUTHWELL, A. A.	15	...	...	...	...	...
MADDISON, J.	...	...	...	...	...	...
HALF-BACKS						
ADAMSON, H.	15	...	...	...	...	...
BRUNT, G.	...	4	...	...	4	...
BULCH, R.	...	15	...	...	8	...
CHATHAM, R.	11	...	...	2	...	...
LEUTY, L.	14	...	...	...	5	...
LOXLEY, H.	...	8	...	...	1	...
LISTER, E.	...	5	...	...	...	...
McGRATH, J.	...	14	...	...	...	...
RAWSON, K.	...	5	...	...	...	...
WADE, A.	...	11	...	...	...	...
JARVIS, H.	1	12	...	...	...	...
FORWARDS						
ASHER, T.	...	4	...	...	1	...
CARVER, G.	2	9	...	...	4	...
COOLE, W.	7	6	...	2	1	...
CROOKES, R.	6	7	...	1	5	...
BROADBENT, A.	8	5	...	2	4	...
GUYLER, C.	...	...	...	...	...	...
JOHNSTON, T.	8	5	...	2	4	...
LEVERTON, R.	2	8	...	1	1	...
McCORMACK, C.	10	1	...	4	1	...
ROBY, D.	...	9	4	...
TAYLOR, J.	12	4
WILLS, G.	9	6	...	2	2	...
WYLIE, R.	15	2
AMATEURS	...	3

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★ **LUTON TOWN**

AGAIN we extend a hearty welcome to Luton Town, a club which was formed in 1891. After playing in the Southern League they joined the Third League (South) and gained promotion in 1937. Their best season in this league was when they finished third, and it was mainly due to the brilliance of an ex-Notts forward, Jesse Pye, who is now with Derby County.

Bernard Streten, their goalkeeper, is another former Notts player. He was at Meadow Lane as an amateur, and since going to Luton he has been capped.

Here are pen pictures for today's probable team :

STRETEN, BERNARD (Goalkeeper). Started his football with Norfolk Juniors, and later played as an amateur with Notts County and Shrewsbury. Joined Luton in 1947-48, and the following season was capped against Ireland. Born at Gillingham. 5 ft. 9½ ins., weight 11 st. 10 lbs.

DUNNE, SEAMUS (Right-back). A fine defender, who was obtained from Shelbourne - from whom Notts obtained Eddie Gannon. He made his first appearance for Luton in 1951-52. Irish international, born at Wicklow. 5 ft. 8½ ins., weight 11 st. 6 lbs.

AHERNE, BUD (Left-back). Was originally a left-half back. Captain both for Ireland and Eire. His first cap was for Ireland in 1946 when he played at wing half. Signed for Luton from Linfield in 1949. A strong defender. 5 ft. 8 ins., weight 11 st. 10 lbs.

MORTON, BOB (Right-half). Versatile player and has frequently deputised for Owen at centre-half. Locally developed. Formerly played for Eaton Bray and Waterlow. Born at Aston Clinton. 5 ft. 9 ins., weight 12 st.

OWEN, SYD (Centre-half). One of the outstanding players in this position in the country. Was formerly a left-half back for Birmingham. Luton signed him for £1,500 in 1947 - one of the best buys they ever made. Soon became a power in their defence. English international. Born at Birmingham, 6 ft., weight 11 st. 12 lbs.

SHANKS, WALLY (Left-half). Is equally at home as an inside forward. Was originally on Chelsea's books, and was signed by Luton after a month's trial. Born at Malta. 5 ft. 8½ ins., weight 11 st. 4 lbs.

DAVIES, ROY (Outside-right). A South African. Was originally with Clyde, who bought him from Germiston F.C. Can play on either wing and is no stranger to the centre-forward position. 5 ft. 8 ins., weight 11 st. 6 lbs.

CUMMINS, GEORGE (Inside-right). Another international who is normally an inside-left. Was transferred from Everton in 1953. 5 ft. 7 ins., weight 10 st. 6 lbs.

TURNER, GORDON (Centre-forward). Converted to this position although he was normally the scheming inside-forward to Jesse Pye. He was originally a wing-half, and made his first appearance for Luton in 1950-51. 5 ft. 7 ins., weight 10 st. 7 lbs.

GROVES (Inside-left). A young forward who displaced Cummins at the beginning of the season. Son of a former Derby County inside-forward. Can use the ball well and knows how to shoot.

ADAM (Outside-left). A Scot who was signed by Luton from Spennymoor United just over 12 months ago. Quick-footed and a fine opportunist.

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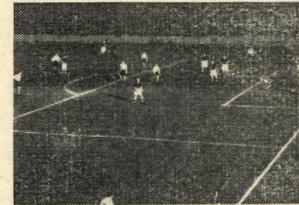
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LEFT

BRADLEY
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SOUTHWELL
2

DEANS
3

JARVIS
6

ADAMSON
4

WADE
5

BROADBENT
11

JOHNSTON
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McCORMACK
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WYLIE
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WILLS
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DAVIES
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TURNER
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MORTON
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GROVES
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ADAM
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PEMBERTON
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OWEN
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SHANKS
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DUNNE
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AHERNE
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STRETEN
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RIGHT

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VOICES FROM THE PAST

★ Horace Cope

Horace Cope, who was one of that ever to be remembered trio - Iremonger, Ashurst and Cope - one of the finest rear divisions Notts County have ever had, this week contributes his thoughts regarding football in the days of his career compared with the present.

As I look back on the past, he says, I am not one who desires to decry modern football and to laudate everything in the past. Football today is interesting but there are some things about it which, to my mind, have tended to rob it of a great deal of attractiveness. I think the change started with the alteration in the offside rule, which brought into being the stopper centre-half. I know that the alteration was made in the hope of more goals being scored for defences like Notts had developed the offside game to an art. But has the alteration had the desired effect? I don't think so. Ever since the change managers and trainers have tried scheme after scheme to defeat the stopper centre-half system. There have been big scores in some matches, I know, but as a general rule they have not been able to counter successfully in attack the role of a centre-half continually playing deep.

That is one change I deplore, and another is the elimination of the legitimate charge. I realise that a fair shoulder charge should not be penalised, but how often it is, and I feel that shoulder charging is gradually dying out, and so far as goalkeepers are concerned - well, if we follow the Continental style, they must not be touched even when in possession.

It would appear that the Continental style is being much favoured, but it is only the type of football we used to play when we had so many individualists who knew how to control and hold the ball, and to make the best use of it when passing to a colleague.

When asked if he thought the training methods today were wrong, Horace said: I do not believe in training morning and afternoon except in the first month or so of the season. After that if a player cannot keep fit with an hour and a half training each day it is a poor tale, but I do think that on a Friday every player should have a brief limbering up, like we did when I left Notts to go to the Arsenal.

The real question is whether or not the players are really interested in their job. In the main we had a love of football, and we looked upon it more or less as a crime if we had a couple of goals scored against us. We always had our own private inquests as to how a certain goal was scored and did our best to rectify the mistake we had made. Today I am afraid too much fuss is made of footballers. Everything is done for them which in my opinion robs them of a great deal of initiative. It is a well paid profession even considering the differences in the cost of living compared with my playing days, and I do not think the idea of paying "stars" big sums would ever work.

What is essential to the success of every footballer is love of the game and playing as a team, and putting everything into it. I remember an old manager once telling his staff, who thought they ought to have more money, that if they could find him a job outside football with the same wages and hours he would take it. Football is a good living today, and players are well looked after. Consequently there should be every incentive for good play.

For HOME or AWAY

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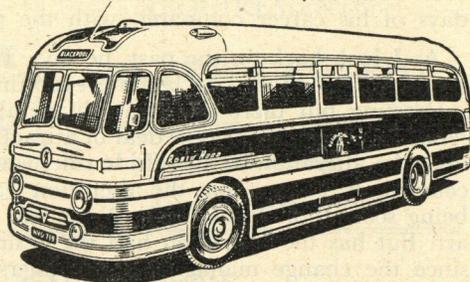
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HEADQUARTERS NOTES

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Enrolment forms are available at the Supporters' Club Office or from the General Secretary, Mr. A. Ward, 47 Swains Avenue, Nottingham.

Rotherham United v. Notts County. Members interested in arrangements for the above match at Rotherham on Saturday, November 13th, should contact Mr W. Reynolds at the Supporters' Club Office after today's match, or at 45 Bridlington Street, Hyson Green, as soon as possible.

BRANCH NOTES

Aspley. Will members please note that the "Whitemoor Hotel" is now branch headquarters.

Carlton. A very attractive competition will commence on Saturday, November 6th, at the weekly Whist Drive, held in Standhill Road Schools (top-end), 7.30 p.m., admission 1/6d. Buses 54 and 65 pass the door. Old and new friends welcome.

Hyson Green. A football match versus "Forest" Sportsmen's Club (Stapleford Branch) will take place on Sunday, November 7th, at the Lace Web ground, Sandiacre, kick-off 2.30 p.m. All supporters welcome.

Beeston. Arrangements for the Children's New Year Party at the "White Lion", Beeston, on Saturday, January 22nd, are now in hand. Juvenile members wishing to attend should notify Mr Bostock, 30 Marlborough Road, Beeston, before November 29th.

Sneinton. An outing to Rotherham is arranged for Saturday, November 13th. Members requiring full particulars are invited to contact Mr A. Ward. All members are invited to attend the weekly Whist Drive, held on Thursdays at Edale Road Schools, 7.45 p.m., admission 1/-.

Sherwood. The attention of members is drawn to the following events: Solo Drive on Mondays and Whist Drive on Thursdays of each week at Haydn Road Schools, 7.30 p.m. Next General Meeting, Wednesday, December 1st, 7.45 p.m.

Will any member interested in the Games Section of the branch please notify the Secretary, Mrs Hurst.

Current Thoughts

★ The majority of the Hull spectators were thrilled with the play of Notts in the first half, and like us could not understand the change subsequently.

Partisan though they may be – and were pleased to see the home team win – they were generous enough to say that the score did not do justice to the County.

One well known critic went so far as to say “Notts did not deserve to lose by this margin; in fact, they were the better as a football side.”

★ It is good news that Jack Taylor has started light training, and that Ray Chatham will soon have the plaster off his knee, if it has not already been removed.

★ Many of our supporters who watch the Reserves in action have become convinced that Bobby Crookes is much too good for Midland League class of football. He has been able to do much as he liked in recent matches. And he has been among the goals.

★ It's a long time since Tommy Deans, our popular captain, had such an unhappy day. Hull's first goal entered the net off his heel, and he gave them their third – a wonder shot when he was trying to concede a corner. No wonder he held his head in shame.

And no wonder Gordon Bradley reminded him that he did not wish to see him perform the hat trick.

★ After all it is very seldom that Tommy has a bad match. He is, without doubt, one of our most consistent players, and we all sympathised with him on this occasion.

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Date	Opponents	Gr.	F. A.
AUGUST 1954			
21 S	Derby County	h	2 3
23 M	Port Vale	a	1 1
28 S	West Ham	a	0 3
SEPTEMBER			
2 Th	Port Vale	h	1 1
4 S	Blackburn	h	3 1
9 Th	Plymouth	h	2 0
11 S	Fulham	a	1 3
15 W	Plymouth	a	3 1
18 S	Swansea Town	h	2 1
25 S	Nottm. Forest	a	1 0
OCTOBER			
2 S	Liverpool	a	1 3
9 S	Stoke City	h	1 0
16 S	Middlesbrough	a	0 2
23 S	Lincoln City	h	2 1
30 S	Hull City	a	2 5
NOVEMBER			
6 S	Luton Town	h	h
13 S	Rotherham	a	a
20 S	(1) Leeds	h	h
27 S	Bury	a	a
DECEMBER			
4 S	Birmingham	h	h
11 S	(2) Ipswich	a	a
18 S	Derby County	a	a
25 S	Bristol Rovers	h	h
27 M	Bristol Rovers	a	a
JANUARY 1955			
1 S	West Ham	h	h
8 S	(3)	a	a
15 S	Blackburn	a	a
22 S	Fulham	h	h
29 S	(4)	a	a
FEBRUARY			
5 S	Swansea Town	a	a
12 S	Nottm. Forest	h	h
19 S	(5) Liverpool	h	h
26 S	Stoke City	a	a
MARCH			
5 S	Middlesbrough	h	h
12 S	(6) Lincoln	a	a
19 S	Hull City	h	h
26 S	(S.F.) Luton	a	a
APRIL			
2 S	Rotherham	h	h
8 F	Doncaster	a	a
9 S	Leeds United	a	a
11 M	Doncaster	h	h
16 S	Bury	h	h
23 S	Birmingham	a	a
30 S	Ipswich Town	h	h
MAY			
7 S	(F.)	a	a

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Date	Opponents	Gr.	F. A.
AUGUST 1954			
21 S	Denaby United	a	1 3
26 Th	Grantham	h	4 1
28 S	Bradford	h	1 5
30 M	Grantham Town	a	2 2
SEPTEMBER			
4 S	Frickley	a	6 1
6 M	Gainsborough	a	3 0
11 S	Grimsby	h	7 0
16 Th	Gainsborough	h	0 1
18 S	Scarborough	a	1 2
22 W	Wisbech Town	a	3 1
30 Th	Wisbech	h	1 1
OCTOBER			
2 S	Nottm. Forest	h	2 2
9 S	Lincoln City	a	2 4
14 Th	Corby Town	h	4 0
16 S	York City	h	7 2
23 S	Mansfield Town	a	3 3
30 S	Rotherham	h	4 1
NOVEMBER			
6 S	Scunthorpe	a	a
13 S	Bradford City	h	h
27 S	Hull City	h	h
DECEMBER			
4 S	Boston United	a	a
11 S	King's Lynn	h	h
18 S	Denaby	h	h
25 S	Peterborough	h	h
27 M	Peterborough	h	h
JANUARY 1955			
1 S	Bradford	a	a
8 S	Worksop	h	h
15 S	Frickley	h	h
22 S	Grimsby Town	a	a
29 S	Worksop Town	a	a
FEBRUARY			
5 S	Scarborough	h	h
12 S	Corby Town	a	a
19 S	Nottm. Forest	a	a
26 S	Goole Town	h	h
MARCH			
5 S	York City	a	a
12 S	Mansfield	h	h
19 S	Rotherham	a	a
26 S	Scunthorpe	h	h
APRIL			
2 S	Bradford City	a	a
8 F	Doncaster	h	h
9 S	Lincoln City	h	h
11 M	Doncaster	a	a
16 S	Hull City	a	a
23 S	Boston	h	h
30 S	King's Lynn	a	a
	Goole Town	a	a

MID-WEEK LGE.

Date	Opponents	Gr.	F. A.
SEPTEMBER 1954			
29 W	Derby County	a	1 3
OCTOBER			
20 W	Aston Villa	a	1 4
28 Th	Port Vale	h	2 1
NOVEMBER			
4 Th	Stoke City	a	a
11 Th	Leicester City	h	h
25 Th	Derby County	h	h
JANUARY 1955			
13 Th	Stoke City	h	h
FEBRUARY			
3 Th	West Brom	h	h
16 W	West Brom.	a	a
24 Th	Aston Villa	h	h
MARCH			
3 Th	Leicester City	a	a
17 Th	Port Vale	a	a
FRIENDLIES			
11 Oct	M Clyde	h	0 2
3 Nov	W Maccabi	h	4 2
	Tel Aviv	h	4 2

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SECOND DIVISION

(Up to and including October 30th, 1954)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn Rovers	15	10	2	3	45	26	22
Fulham	15	10	1	4	41	30	21
Stoke City	16	8	3	5	20	14	19
Rotherham United	15	9	1	5	38	28	19
Hull City	15	8	3	4	22	13	19
Bristol Rovers	15	8	2	5	40	31	18
Luton Town	15	9	0	6	27	21	18
Leeds United	15	8	1	6	29	30	17
West Ham United	15	7	2	6	28	30	16
NOTTS COUNTY	15	7	2	6	22	25	16
Bury	15	6	3	6	30	29	15
Swansea Town	15	7	1	7	30	31	15
Doncaster Rovers	14	7	1	6	23	33	15
Lincoln City	15	6	2	7	27	29	14
Birmingham City	14	5	4	5	19	15	14
Liverpool	15	5	3	7	33	33	13
Port Vale	15	4	4	7	16	26	12
Middlesbrough	15	5	1	9	20	29	11
Nottingham Forest	15	4	1	10	19	27	9
Ipswich	16	4	1	11	29	36	9
Plymouth Argyle	15	2	5	8	21	30	9
Derby County	15	3	3	9	25	38	9

MIDLAND LEAGUE

(Up to and including October 30th, 1954)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rotherham United	17	10	4	3	29	19	24
Nottingham Forest	16	9	5	3	42	27	23
Bradford P.A.	17	10	3	4	35	17	23
Peterborough United	16	8	6	2	25	13	22
NOTTS COUNTY	17	8	4	5	51	29	20
Scunthorpe United	16	8	3	5	33	26	19
Corby Town	15	8	2	5	24	24	18
Gainsborough Trinity	16	8	2	6	22	23	18
Boston United	14	7	3	4	38	16	17
Hull City	16	7	3	6	24	20	17
Lincoln City	16	7	3	6	33	30	17
King's Lynn	12	6	4	2	26	19	16
Doncaster Rovers	14	6	3	5	23	21	15
Worksop Town	13	4	4	5	23	20	12
Grantham	13	4	4	5	17	17	12
Frickley Colliery	15	5	2	8	24	34	12
Denaby United	14	4	3	7	20	29	11
Scarborough	14	3	5	6	18	31	11
Goole Town	15	4	3	8	23	34	11
York City	15	3	4	8	27	39	10
Grimsby Town	16	3	4	9	20	34	10
Mansfield Town	16	3	4	9	26	41	10
Wisbech Town	14	3	3	8	22	31	9
Bradford City	17	3	1	13	17	48	7

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