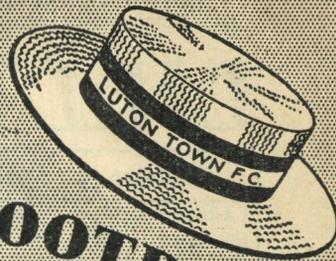


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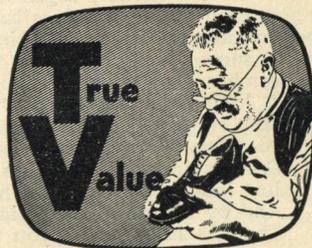
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It does good to have a friendly argument with different points of view
For exchanging each other's opinions can be stimulating too
Some supporters disagree with most things done, and what one may say
And try to stir some opposition in the routine for the Saturday
They search and research for remarks to start a battle of wits
But they little know it often brings amusement and laughing fits
How many supporters often disagree and their thoughts never concealing
But have a friendly argument that ends without any ill-feeling
Don't write nasty letters to let one know you're in a paltry mood
Just look both ways, you may then take up a different attitude
And by talking and thinking things over you may often find
That the harsh words you may have written were wrong and very unkind
It is then that a fresh light you may see of the whole situation
And always remember it is promotion we are after and not relegation
Look at the play, note the results, they do it all in a friendly tone
The Club, team or supporter would be useless doing or thinking alone
So why go around with a harboured grudge
With the wrong attitude and refuse to budge
It is far better to assist someone and help them bear this blame
Than judge them for their wrongs or even denounce their name
The secret of life is not to do what one likes
But to try to like that which one has to do
Still how true it is for many a feeble sheep will go
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CLUB NOTES

WHAT better prospect for our fans for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year than the news last Saturday that we had won at the City Ground, Nottingham to the tune of five goals to one. The impression given by some sections of the Press that we were fortunate to be leading by two goals to nil at half time was not altogether a right one. The Forest certainly did most of the pressing in the opening twenty minutes or so, but apart from two excellent saves by Ron Baynham everything else at him was all well within his capabilities, for the shooting was mostly from outside the penalty box and it will take some extraordinary shot from such a distance to beat either of our two goalies. Even under this pressure our defence always appeared to be playing well within themselves and in no serious trouble. We are not disparaging in any way the footballing ability of the Forest team, but we do feel justified if only in fairness to our lads to point out that we were not over-run to anything like the extent reported upon by some papers.

This win was indeed a splendid start for Christmas Week and we hope you will all return home from this match this morning with the lovely feeling that all is right with the world. It is amazing the satisfaction and contentment that can be obtained by the average fan from watching his or her team win their match, especially when it is allied with the lovely football our lads have been playing lately. We have now settled down into a well-knit footballing machine, and while no doubt we shall experience a few disappointments before the season closes, we venture to say that there will be very few occasions when you will return home dissatisfied with your hour and a half's entertainment at Kenilworth Road. Since that unfortunate day at the end of October when we lost our unbeaten home record to Swansea Town, we have scored 23 goals in the seven matches played, twelve goals against, points ten, which is indeed promotion form especially when four of those matches were played "away." Our lads face a pretty stiff Christmas programme for they are due at Hull on Boxing Day for the return match with our opponents of today. If we can win today's match and avoid defeat at Boothferry Park, we shall most probably find ourselves at the top of the Table with which to start the New Year. We hope this is not merely wishful thinking.

We are very pleased to welcome Hull City to our Ground today, although it is a long way to travel just at this particular time. Until very recently they have been keeping us down one place in the Table but only three points obtained from their last six matches has made a big difference to their immediate prospects. They always play entertaining football however and for us it is an attractive fixture. They have kindly sent us Pen Portraits of the players they are hoping will be doing duty for them this morning and these are printed on the page usually used for half-time scores, there being no half-time scores shown this morning.

Having reached the half century mark in the "goals for" column we show you below who has scored them, together with the Reserve's scorers.

GOALSCORERS—LEAGUE, DIVISION II

18 Turner, 9 Adam, 7 Davies, 6 Morton, 4 Pye, 2 Pemberton, 1 each Cummins, Kelly, Mitchell, Watkins. Total 50.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

10 Allen, 8 Kelly, 5 McEwan, 4 Cullen, 2 Cummins, Scott, 1 Watkins, Brown, Groves. 2 opponents own goal. Total 36.

LEAGUE

9 Kelly, 4 Cullen, Groves, 3 Allen, 1 Cummins, McEwan, Smith, P. Petersen, opponent's own goal 1. Total 25.

Readers will be interested to note the publication of a new official book of The Football Association called "Skilful Soccer for Young Players," price 6/-. We can thoroughly recommend this book for the young player who is keen to improve his skill and match play. The book is full of illustrated exercises which the player can practice by himself or with his colleagues, and there is also advice on basic team work, with suggestions as to the amount and type of weekly training and practice. If any father is looking for some little extra present to give to his son and who is football minded we feel he could not think of a better choice. The book is obtainable from most Booksellers.

Directors, Players and Staff in closing Wish you all the Compliments of the Season and a really Happy and Prosperous New Year.

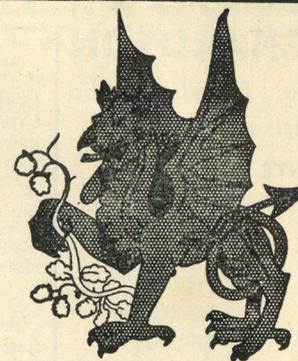
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2 Dunne Right Back
4 Pemberton Right Half
7 Davies Outside Right
8 Turner Inside Right

Referee: Mr. F. L. OVERTON (Derby)

11 Ackerman Outside Left
10 Jensen Inside Left
6 Durham Left Half
3 Neal Left Back

HULL CITY

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Baynam Goal

5 Owen Centre Half

9 Morton Centre



9 Crosbie Centre

5 Franklin Centre Half

Teece Goal

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3 Aherne Left Back

6 Shanks Left Half

10 Cummins Inside Left

11 Cullen Outside Left

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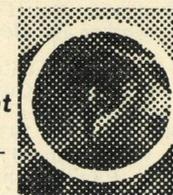
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Pen Pictures of Hull City

David Teece (Goalkeeper). Joined the Club in February, 1952 from Hyde United. Made his League debut on 10th April, 1954 against Leicester City. A most capable young player who has proved an able deputy for Billy Bly when Billy has been injured.

Brian Whitnall (Full Back). Has been with the Club since 1950, completed his National Service at the end of last season, and has been shaping very well in the Reserve team.

John Neal (Full Back). A native of Silksworth. Joined City in 1949 and made his first team debut against Luton in 1950. A keen tackler, very fast on recovery.

Ken Horton (Inside Forward or Right Half). Was signed from Preston North End in 1952 where he had been Tom Finney's partner. A very enthusiastic worker and clever schemer.

Neil Franklin (Centre Half). The Team Captain. Joined Hull City from Stoke City on February 1st, 1951 for City's record fee. Joined Stoke's office staff in 1937 and played in their first team when only 17. Has played on 40 occasions for England in International matches against Italy, France, Portugal, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and all the home countries. Made his debut for City on February 3rd, 1951. A very talented and resourceful player. Has made a grand come-back after injuries for which he has undergone two operations. Now playing as well as ever.

Denis Durham (Left Half). One of City's long service players. Strong, both in attack and defence. Very consistent. Has been a regular member of the team for a number of years.

Charlie Atkinson (Wing or Inside Forward). Another local product who signed for City in 1950 as an amateur and later signed professional forms. A very clever young player.

Johny Downie (Inside Forward). Signed on 16th July, 1954 from Luton Town at a substantial fee. Had previous service with Bradford P.A. and Manchester United, who paid a fee reputed to be £18,000 for him from Bradford P.A. in 1949. Was a regular member of Manchester United's team who won the Division I championship. A very clever player.

Bob Crosbie (Centre or Wing Forward). Was transferred from Bradford P.A. in October 1953 after previous service with Bury. A Scot, a clever ball player and goal getter.

Viggo Jensen (Inside Left). One of the most versatile players on Hull City's books. Has occupied all inside forward, half back and full back berths since joining the Club in 1948. A native of Skagen, Denmark. Was signed professional in 1950. Holds 15 Danish international caps. Represented his country in the 1948 Olympic Games.

Alf Ackerman (Inside Forward). Joined the Club from Clyde in July, 1950. Was transferred to Norwich City in July, 1951 and rejoined Hull City in October, 1953. An attractive player and goal getter. A native of South Africa. Has figured in representative games.

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FIXTURES

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1954 - 1955

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	Middlesbrough	15,891	...	...	A	2	0
Wed.	"	15	Lincoln City	11,972	1	0	H	2	1
Sat.	"	18	Stoke City	17,325	0	1	H	3	1
Sat.	"	25	Rotherham United	17,114	1	2	A	0	2
Sat.	Oct.	2	Derby County	17,156	2	1	H	2	0
Sat.	"	9	Bristol Rovers	30,623	3	3	A	2	3
Sat.	"	16	Plymouth Argyle	15,059	2	1	H	3	1
Sat.	"	23	Fulham	33,500	1	5	A	1	3
Sat.	"	30	Swansea Town	15,555	2	0	H	1	2
Sat.	Nov.	6	Notts. County	10,395	2	1	A	3	3
Sat.	"	13	Liverpool	15,887	...	...	H	3	2
Sat.	"	20	West Ham United	23,034 (1)	0	1	A	1	2
Sat.	"	27	Blackburn Rovers	17,314	2	1	H	7	3
Sat.	Dec.	4	Port Vale	14,052	...	...	A	1	1
Sat.	"	11	Doncaster Rovers	14,541 (2)	2	0	H	3	0
Sat.	"	18	Nottingham Forest	11,793	1	2	A	5	1
Sat.	"	25	Hull City	...	3	1	H	...	...
Mon.	"	27	Hull City	...	2	1	A	...	...
Sat.	Jan.	1	Ipswich Town	...	...	...	H	...	...
Sat.	"	8	Workington (F.A. Cup—3)	...	...	...	H	...	...
Sat.	"	15	Birmingham City	...	1	5	A	...	...
Sat.	"	22	Middlesbrough	...	...	...	H	...	...
Sat.	"	29	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	...	H	...	...
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	...	0	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 T.	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	1		
Wed.	"	15	Birmingham City	1,638	1	1	A	3	0		
Sat.	"	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wed.	"	22	Norwich City	3,667	0	0	A	1	4		
Sat.	"	25	Leicester City	1,913	2	1	A	3	1		
Wed.	"	29	Norwich City	3,372	2	0	H	2	1		
Sat.	Oct.	2	Ipswich Town	3,814	4	1	A	0	0		
Wed.	"	6	Leicester City	3,398	3	4	H	2	2		
Sat.	"	9	Ipswich Town	3,298	1	2	H	3	0		
Thurs.	"	14	Northampton Town	360	3	1	A	2	0		

Football Combination				Attendance		1953/54		F. A.			
Sat.	Oct.	16	Charlton Athletic	1,216	1	1	A	1	1		
Sat.	"	23	Norwich City	2,779	2	1	H	6	1		
Sat.	"	30	Bournemouth	3,251	2	2	A	4	0		
Sat.	Nov.	6	Arsenal	4,010	5	3	H	1	6		
Sat.	"	13	West Ham United	4,304	0	1	A	0	1		
Sat.	"	20	Coventry City	1,873	...	...	H	7	0
Sat.	"	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sat.	Dec.	4	Portsmouth	3,221	4	2	H	4	1		
Sat.	"	11	Tottenham Hotspur	Postponed	0	0	A	...	...
Sat.	"	18	Birmingham City	2,701	...	...	H	2	2
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.	"	19	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		
				Cardiff City		...		2		1	
				Chelsea		...		0		0	

LEAGUE TABLES, 1954-55

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 2											FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division 1										
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst	P.		Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.						
Leeds United	22	13	3	6	41	35	29 30	West Ham U.	10	5	4	1	17	13	14						
Blackburn Rov.	22	13	2	7	67	41	28 30	Chelsea	7	6	1	0	22	9	13						
LUTON TOWN	22	13	2	7	50	33	28 29	Portsmouth	10	5	3	2	22	11	13						
Stoke City	22	11	5	6	33	22	27 29	Tottenham H.	8	4	3	1	19	7	11						
Rotherham Utd.	22	12	3	7	52	38	27 29	LUTON TOWN	8	4	2	2	25	12	10						
Fulham	22	11	5	6	51	43	27 29	Birmingham C.	7	4	2	1	17	12	10						
Bristol Rovers	22	10	4	8	48	37	24 24	Bristol City	10	3	4	3	14	15	10						
Bury	22	9	6	7	46	41	24 24	Arsenal	8	4	1	3	20	13	9						
West Ham U.	22	9	6	7	44	43	24 26	Norwich City	9	4	1	4	17	15	9						
Notts. County	22	10	4	8	33	36	24	Brighton	7	3	2	2	9	14	8						
Birmingham C.	21	9	5	7	44	25	23	Millwall	10	2	3	5	15	20	7						
Swansea Town	22	9	5	8	45	43															

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