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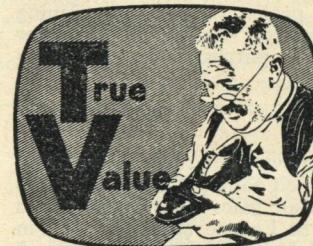
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CLUB NOTES

WE have much pleasure in receiving some old friends here today in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Challenge Cup Competition.

Manchester City was founded in 1894, and was immediately accepted into the Second Division of the Football League. In their second season they missed promotion only on goal average, finishing in third place with the same number of points as near neighbours Liverpool. Three seasons later, 1898/99, they did gain their way into the First Division, where they stayed for three years. At the end of 1901/02 they finished bottom position and so found themselves back in the Second Division. After only one season they were back with the seniors and in fact finished as Runners-up in League One the first year of their return, as well as winning the F.A. Cup for the first time in their history. Season 1909/10 saw them back in Division Two, but again for one season only for they finished as Champions, and this time remained in Division One for twelve seasons until they returned to Division Two season 1926/27. The previous season had seen them as F.A. Cup Finalists, losing to Bolton Wanderers at Wembley by the only goal scored. Back to Division One in Season 1928/29, where they remained until the end of 1937/38, during which period they again won the F.A. Cup in 1933/34, beating Portsmouth by two goals to one, also being Finalists the previous year only to be beaten by Everton by three clear goals, as well as becoming Champions of Division One in Season 1936/37, the only time so far they have gained this honour. Two seasons only were sufficient to win their way back amongst the seniors, back again in Division Two for again one season only in 1950/51, and they have remained in the First Division since then. With a ground capacity of 85,000 they are undoubtedly one of the foremost Clubs of the North. Our lads will go out to win and if they are beaten by a better team then good luck to the victors and may they go forward to that most elusive of all prizes these days, the Football Double.

We will not harp back on the result of our previous encounter with the City down here, also in the F.A. Cup, for that is now football history, but it is remarkable how little changed Manchester City are today from the team which last played here on Wednesday, 4th February, 1953 in that Fourth Round Replay. It was, Trautmann; Branagan, Little; Revie, Ewing, Paul; Meadows, Spurdle, Williamson, Broadis and Cunliffe. Our team was Baynham; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Hall, Watkins; Cullen, Moore, Pye, Turner and Mitchell. The City have been going great guns lately, and have certainly set the football world talking with their new-style deep centre forward type of game. It is not really new, of course, but as the City team is at present constituted it is paying great dividends. We hope the weather is kind to us for this match, for under normal conditions this would be a classic of football skill so well are both teams playing these days. We are in the happy position of being pleased whatever the result, for if we come out of the Competition we can then concentrate on our great hope of promotion, and yet if we win we shall be more than delighted, for a win, whenever it is, is a great tonic, particularly in a match as this one today.

Despite our attempts to try and distribute the tickets for this match as equitably as possible there are still people who are dissatisfied because they are unlucky enough not to obtain one. The usual various methods for distribution have again been put forward, the main one this time being that they should be distributed at a Reserve team match. This seems fair enough, but we remember vividly enough when this method was tried out only recently that there was equally an outcry as to the unfairness of it. We have tried personal applications only, postal applications only, distribution at a Reserve match, and each one has brought its criticism from the unfortunates. Another method that has been suggested is a token or voucher to be given at so many matches, but have you people recommending this given any thought to the stupendous task this would entail for the people carrying it out, as well as the nice point as to when these tokens would be returned to the senders, for they could not be returned with the tickets themselves, otherwise unless each and every one had been marked in some way they could be used again. Whatever method is used the old cry would be raised in one way or another simply because there are not enough tickets for a match such as this one today. Each applicant feels he has some good reason for expecting his application to be successful, and when there are many thousands of such applicants it stands to reason many must be disappointed. All the methods put forward will be given close scrutiny during the close season to see if there is a workable arrangement, but all Clubs are working under the same difficulties and the problem seems an insoluble one. However some attempt will be made to try and give the "regulars" some preference.

The Luton Band we are pleased to say is again on duty today with their high class playing for your entertainment. We have been fortunate today in obtaining the services of Mr. Bill Corless, the well-known local baritone, to lead you all in the singing pieces and particularly in the singing of the below-mentioned poem which has been composed by "Two Proud Luton Supporters" as they call themselves. It is to be sung to the tune of "Happy Wanderer" and should sound very nice if you will all join in—

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hip hoorah...ah...ah...ah...ah.
They never let us down.
We've Ronnie as our goalkeeper,
Of him we can be sure.
And it's nothing for our Gordon
To smack in three or four.—Chorus.
There's sturdy Sid in our defence,
Seamus and Bud there too,
With Jimmy and our Wally there
How can a goal get through.—Chorus.
We've Micky tearing up the field
And Georgie with him too,
Roy and Bob always on the mark
To show what they can do.—Chorus.
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Baynham
Goal

5 Owen
Centre Half

9 Morton
Centre



19 Revie
Centre

5 Ewing
Centre Half

F.A. CUP—Round 5

3 Aherne
Left Back

6 Shanks
Left Half

10 Cummins
Inside Left

11 Cullen
Outside Left

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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

F.A. CUP—Round 5

A	Birmingham	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
B	Liverpool	.....	Huddersfield	.....
C	Notts. Forest	.....	Newcastle U.	.....
D	Notts. County	.....	Chelsea	.....
E	Swansea T.	.....	Sunderland	.....
F	Wolver'pton	.....	Charlton Ath.	.....
G	York City	.....	Tottenham H.	.....

LEAGUE MATCHES

H	Arsenal	.....	Leicester City	.....
K	Blackpool	Sheffield Wed.
L	Portsmouth	Preston N.E.
M	Sheffield Utd.	Burnley
N	Blackburn R.	Port Vale

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A	Derby County	Bristol Rovers
B	Fulham	Plymouth A.
C	Middlesbro'	Bury
D	Rotherham U.	Hull City
E	Stoke City	.....	Lincoln City	.....
F	Bournemouth	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
G	Bristol City	.....	Brighton & H.	.....
H	Crystal Palace	.....	Leyton O.	.....
K	Exeter City	.....	Torquay Utd.	.....
L	Gillingham	.....	Millwall Ath.	.....
M	Newport Co.	.....	Colchester	.....
N	Q.P.R.	.....	Norwich City	.....

				THIRD LIST
A	Reading	.....	Southampton	.....
B	Shrewsbury T.	.....	Coventry City	.....
C	Walsall	.....	Brentford	.....
D	Watford	.....	Aldershot	.....
E	Accrington	.....	Scunthorpe	.....
F	Barrow	.....	Oldham Ath.	.....
G	Bradford	.....	Darlington	.....
H	Carlisle U.	.....	Wrexham	.....
K	Chester	.....	Crewe Alex.	.....
L	Grimsby T.	.....	Chesterfield	.....
M	Mansfield	.....	Barnsley	.....
N	Rochdale	.....	Gateshead	.....

FIXTURES :: 1954 - 1955

		FIRST XI Division II			F. A.		RESERVE FIXTURES Combination Cup		F. A.	
Sat., Aug.	21	Notts. Forest	...	19,832	0	1	H	3	0	
Tues., "	24	Bury	...	15,535	1	0	A	1	2	
"	28	Ipswich Town	...	20,265	...	A	I	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	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		
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		
Sat., "	18	Nottingham Forest	11,943	1	2	A	5	1		
Sat., "	25	Hull City	15,853	3	1	H	1	1		
Sat., "	27	Hull City	39,890	2	1	A	4	0		
Sat., Jan.	1	Ipwich Town	16,581	...	H	3	2			
Sat., "	8	Workington (F.A. Cup—3)	18,853	...	H	5	0			
Sat., "	12	Middlesbrough	13,372	...	H	2	0			
Sat., "	29	Rotherham U. (F.A. Cup—4)	21,231	A	5	1				
Sat., Feb.	5	Stoke City	21,156	1	1	A	0	0		
Sat., "	12	Rotherham United	18,450	1	1	H	4	0		
Sat., "	19	Manchester C. (F.A. Cup—5)	...	...	H	1				
Wed., "	23	Derby County	...	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					
Sat., "	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	...	3	1	H				
Sat., "	30	Doncaster Rovers	...	3	1	A				
To be arranged		Birmingham City	...	1	5	A				

LEAGUE TABLES, 1954-55

Up to and including
Saturday, 12th Feb., 1955

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 2											
Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	
LUTON TOWN	28	17	4	7	64	36	38	15	9	3	38
Blackburn Rov.	29	18	2	9	95	58	38	16	9	3	38
Leeds United	29	15	5	9	48	43	35	15	8	3	33
Notts. County	28	15	4	9	53	46	34	27	12	4	31
Rotherham Utd.	28	15	3	10	63	51	33	26	12	6	29
Stoke City	27	12	8	7	39	28	32	28	12	4	28
West Ham U.	28	12	8	8	57	52	32	17	8	2	37
Swansea Town	28	12	7	9	59	51	31	16	7	2	30
Birmingham C.	26	12	6	8	52	29	30	18	6	3	25
Fulham	27	12	6	9	56	52	30	18	6	6	22
Liverpool	28	12	5	11	60	60	29	17	8	2	35
Bury	28	10	8	10	52	49	28	17	6	4	27
Bristol Rovers	28	12	4	12	59	56	28	17	6	4	27
Middlesbrough	29	12									

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