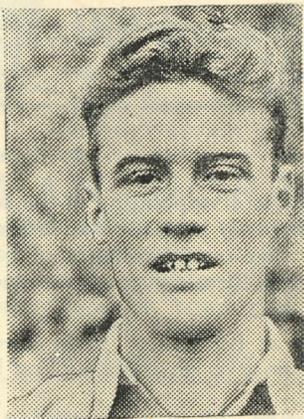


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CLUB NOTES

By Watchman

THE last month has been probably the most disappointing of the season from the point of view of results. Not only have we lost interest in the F. A. Cup and Welsh Cup, but that outside chance of getting promotion also slipped from our grasp when Birmingham completed the "double" at our expense.

Rock bottom was reached, however, at Boothferry Park, where a very ordinary Hull team pipped us on the post to record their first home win since October 30th.

There can be no denying that we are conceding too many goals and unless there is a tightening up we may run into trouble later on. It would be unwise, however, to overlook the fact that the injury to Medwin and the illness of Charles had a marked effect on the smooth running of the team.

Charles came back last week-end to play at centre-forward and again demonstrated his versatility by scoring two of the three goals. He played for the Army in mid-week as well as his unit.

Unhappily Terry Medwin's knee has not fully recovered from the nasty jar it received in Middlesbrough. Terry has been in light training and it is to be hoped that he will soon regain that confidence which made him one of the best leaders in the second division.

MORE CONSISTENT RECORD

Today's opponents, Luton Town, provided us with our first away win of the season on October 30th, and at the same time heralded a very successful period before our cup defeat at Sunderland. But Luton, too, have come on by leaps and bounds since that day and have a much more consistent record than our own.

At the moment they are joint leaders with Blackburn Rovers and have the advantage of two games in hand. More important is that they have one of the best goal averages in the division—66-38. The goals against figure leaves no doubt that their defence is very formidable, while their forwards, like our own, have averaged two goals a match.

Key players in the defence are Morton (centre-half), Bernard Streten (goalkeeper), former English international, and Bud Aherne (left back), who is also an Irish "cap."

A big effort will be needed from our team today. We start with the knowledge that we defeated our guests, but on that occasion we played superlative football, and our defence gave one of its best performances. If the team can reproduce that form supporters are sure of seeing a thrilling struggle.



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SET-BACK FOR RESERVES

Our reserve team lost a good chance of consolidating their position among the leaders of the Combination League, when they lost to Brentford Reserves, but they still have some games in hand, and on Monday, Aldershot Reserves, one of the most improved teams in the division, will be at the Vetch.

Hearty congratulations to Melvyn Nurse, a member of our Youth team, who has been honoured with the captaincy of the Welsh Youth team against Ireland today. This is his second Youth "cap" for he played against England at Milford Haven.

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1954	Aug. 21	West Ham ..	H	5 2	Allchurch, Palmer, Jones C. Charles, 2.
	" 25	Doncaster ..	A	1 2	Kiley
	" 28	Blackburn ..	A	1 4	Jones, C.
	Sept. 2	Doncaster ..	H	3 0	Allchurch, I., Griffiths, Charles.
	" 4	Fulham ..	H	2 2	Griffiths, Allchurch, I.
	" 6	Port Vale ..	A	0 1	
	" 11	Leeds United	A	2 5	Jones, C., Griffiths.
	" 16	Port Vale ..	H	7 1	Allchurch, I., Griffiths, Allchurch L., Jones, C. 2 Medwin, 2.
	" 18	Notts County	A	1 2	Jones, C.
	" 25	Liverpool ..	H	3 2	Allchurch, L., Griffiths 2
	Oct. 2	Bristol Rovers	A	0 7	
	" 9	Middlesbrough	H	2 0	Allchurch, I., Medwin
	" 16	Birmingham	A	0 2	
	" 23	Hull City ..	H	1 0	Griffiths.
	" 30	Luton Town	A	2 1	Griffiths. 2
	Nov. 6	Rotherham ..	H	2 1	Allchurch, L., Charles
	" 13	Stoke City ..	A	1 4	Allchurch, I.
	" 20	Bury ..	H	1 1	Medwin.
	" 27	Lincoln City	A	2 2	Medwin, Jones, C.
	Dec. 4	Ipswich Town	H	6 1	Allchurch I., 3 Medwin, 2 Allchurch L., 1
	" 11	Notts Forest ..	A	0 0	
	" 18	West Ham United	A	3 3	Charles, Griffiths, Medwin
	" 25	Plymouth Argyle	A	2 2	Allchurch I., Allchurch L.
	" 27	Plymouth Argyle	H	4 2	Allchurch I., Charles, Medwin (2)
1955	Jan. 1	Blackburn ..	H	2 3	Griffiths 2
	" 15	Fulham ..	A		(Postponed)
	" 22	Leeds United	H	2 0	Allchurch I., Allchurch L.
	Feb. 5	Notts County	H	3 0	Allchurch I., Allchurch L. Griffiths
	" 12	Liverpool ..	A	1 1	Allchurch L.
	" 19	Bristol Rovers	H		(Postponed)
	" 26	Middlesbrough	A	2 4	Jones, Griffiths
	Mar. 5	Birmingham ..	H	0 3	
	" 12	Hull City ..	A	3 4	Charles 2, Allchurch, I.
	" 19	Luton Town	H		
	" 26	Rotherham	A		
	" 31	Bristol Rovers	H		
	April 2	Stoke City ..	H		
	" 8	Derby County	A		
	" 9	Bury ..	A		
	" 11	Derby County	H		
	" 16	Lincoln City	H		
	" 23	Ipswich Town	A		
	" 30	Notts Forest	H		

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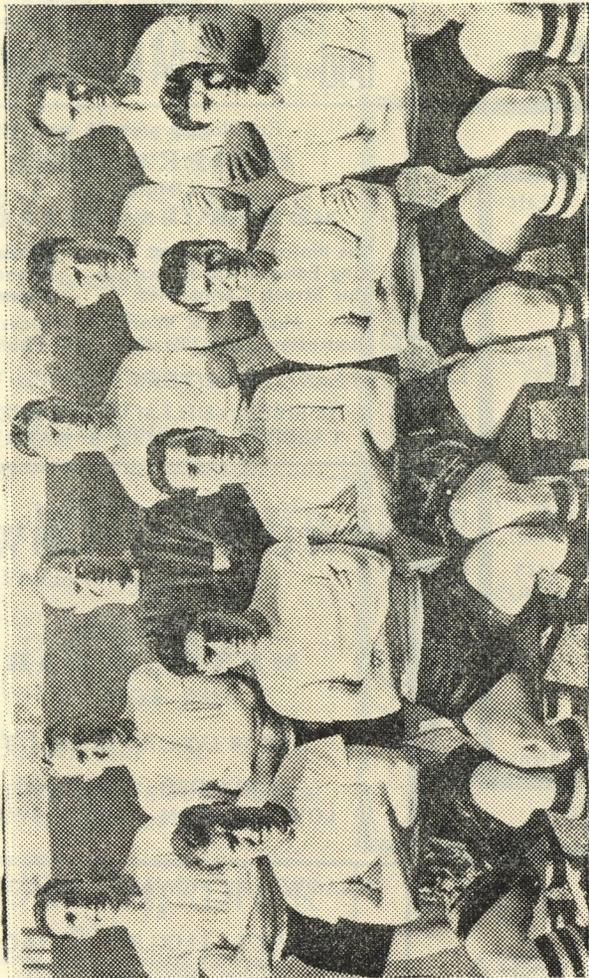
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Ivor Allchurch	15	34
Terry Medwin	13	32
Cliff Jones	9	34
Len Allchurch	9	33
Melvyn Charles	8	33
Des Palmer	1	2
Tom Kiley	1	31
John King	0	28
K. Evans	0	7
R. Keane	0	6
A. Willis	0	23
J. Pressdee	0	3
D. Thomas	0	33
D. Williams	0	1
R. Burgess	0	32
D. Pearson	0	10
A. McIntosh	0	1
W. Rees	0	1

Combination and Welsh League.

D. Palmer 24, L. Rowden 18, D. Price 17, McIntosh 16, Jones (B.) 8, Henning 6, Howells 4, Pearson 3, Leavy 3, Williams 3, Jones (D.) 2, McCarthy 2, Rees (W.) 2, Keane 1, Lewis 1, Long 1, Pressdee 1.

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Rotherham United	31	17	3	11	70	53	37	
Birmingham City	29	15	6	8	61	30	36	
Notts County	31	16	4	11	58	53	36	
Stoke City	30	14	8	8	47	34	36	
West Ham United	31	14	8	9	61	54	36	
Middlesbrough	32	15	4	13	57	60	34	
Liverpool	31	14	5	12	69	67	33	
Fulham	30	13	6	11	62	61	32	
Swansea Town	31	12	7	12	64	62	31	
Bristol Rovers	31	13	5	13	61	59	31	
Bury	31	11	8	12	59	59	30	
Doncaster Rovers	31	12	4	15	46	70	28	
Hull City	31	10	8	13	36	46	28	
Notts Forest	31	11	5	15	39	46	27	
Lincoln City	31	9	8	14	54	65	26	
Port Vale	31	7	10	14	35	55	24	
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