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How often we hear the phrase: let so and so take back the can
So Boys make sure that the ones to do that is Nottingham

Our visitors today are also interested in the promotion race
But they are better known as the makers of lace

We made a draw when we played them at Meadow Lane
It's two points we want today and let them have the blame

They have plenty of room to drown their losses in the River Trent
But they will never forget where Dick Turpin and Bess went

Millions today hope to get 8 or 7 points on the Pools
But we will be content with 1 next week from Liverpool

The time is near to hand when we must clear our gardens of weeds
But not on Good Friday as that is when we play Leeds

On Easter Saturday we have our London friends—West Ham
Two points from them would be like Mint Sauce to Roast Lamb

We then have to play two home games and four away
Which should indicate if we are going up or stay

You have done well Boys, which way it may be
It's been grand football you have given the critics to see

The support the Club and you have had has been poor
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So you regular supporters on the terraces or in the stands
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CLUB NOTES

EVERY match we now play until the end of the season, a matter of ten in all, will be fraught with importance and not a little anxiety. Having occupied first or second position for so long we are quite determined to stay there but every match now is becoming more and more difficult with the opposition trying their very best to oust us from our perch. Two points today will place us five points clear of our opponents whereas the alternative would mean the County being only one point behind us and right bang in the promotion race once more. It is a match full of possibilities and if we do not today get our biggest attendance of the season then we just do not know what will attract the crowds, for this match has everything about it one would wish.

It is therefore with much pleasure that we welcome Notts. County to our Ground today. When we visited them early last November we felt we were well on our way to a useful away win for we were leading by three goals to one with only about ten minutes to go, when suddenly the County found some inspiration to pop in two goals and were going hammer and tongs to snatch a victory when the final whistle sounded. Our lads until those closing minutes had been playing some delightful football, finding their own men with wonderful accuracy which must have made the County supporters wonder what was happening to their team for only the previous week at Hull they had been well and truly beaten to the tune of five goals to two. The return of Jimmy Jackson from Canada late in November however seems to have added the missing link in their forward line for in the 13 League matches in which he has played he has scored 11 goals. The "Magpies" as they are called (not to be confused with Newcastle) have the best "away" record this season in the Second Division for they have been on the winning side no less than seven times, at Plymouth, Notts. Forest, Bury, Ipswich, Bristol Rovers (4 goals to 1), Middlesb' (also 4 goals to 1), Blackburn (5 goals to 4), with two drawn matches at Port Vale and Derby County. With so much at stake they will undoubtedly go all out to improve on this very satisfactory record and so we should see a most entertaining match. The County are the oldest Club in the Football League, in fact we believe there is only one other Club in the country which is older. Founded in 1862 the County were one of the original twelve Clubs when the Football League was formed in season 1888/89. Their honours are many, although they have won the F.A. Cup once only, season 1893/94, when they beat Bolton Wanderers at Everton by four goals to one. They were hoping to emulate this feat this year but unfortunately met York City in the Sixth Round on one of those days when nothing would go right and so had to accept defeat at the hands of their Third Division opponents by the only goal scored.

A most creditable performance in every way was given by our Reserve string here last Saturday when they beat a very strong Tottenham team by the odd goal in three. We saw some lovely

football from the Spurs, reminiscent of their palmy days of three and four years ago. Their quick interpassing and taking up of the open spaces were object lessons for all football fans, but it was not all one-way traffic, for our lads played some splendid football at times and only the experience of Ted Ditchburn on at least two occasions prevented George McLeod from scoring. George had a very good game right through and undoubtedly we have a great forward here in the making. When "Sos" Allen had to leave the field with a dislocated arm shortly after the Spurs had been able to penetrate our defence the match looked as good as lost for Allen was out for the rest of the afternoon, but the remaining ten seemed to gather strength from such misfortune and from then on surprisingly there was only one team in it. We simply hammered the Spurs' defence and the two goals we scored during the closing ten minutes of the game made a most thrilling finish to a game in which there was never a dull moment. Well done the Reserves for a game won against great odds.

Our congratulations to Harry Wright for again being selected to act as Trainer to the England 'B' team for their match against Germany 'B' team at Hillsborough last Wednesday, and to Gordon Turner for his inclusion as a Reserve. Although not called upon to play it does show that the F.A. are aware of this brilliant young inside forward's form as well as his capabilities. We trust this will lead to further recognition for with 31 goals in the bag he is a player the Selectors must take into consideration when discussing their national teams. At the same time Turner is the first one to say that his goals have come as a result of team work rather than from his own individual efforts. All the same it is nice to see that he is being recognised.

We shall probably stage our last Floodlight match of the season, certainly as far as our First and Second teams are concerned, when our Combination side meet Charlton Reserves on Thursday next, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Our previous match with Cardiff Reserves was a very good match and we have no doubt this next match under the lights also will be well worth watching.

We are sorry to say we shall not be extending our Main Stand this next season as had been hoped. Plans had been drawn up, but after visiting other Grounds where new Stands had been erected recently the Board decided to incorporate certain improvements which will necessitate more steel and re-inforced concrete. As it is now too late to put this extra work in hand for this year a decision has been made to delay the work for twelve months. We shall therefore not have the new seats ready for Season Ticket Holders which at one time we had hoped would be available, but so as not to disappoint those of you who have already applied for seats for next season the matter of a slight extension to the Centre Stand to incorporate these will be considered by the Board at an early date. As soon as a definite decision has been made details will be given in these Notes as well as by the local Press.

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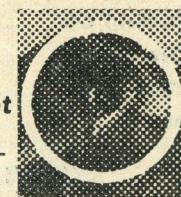
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FIRST LIST

F.A. CUP—Semi-Finals	
A	Manchester C. Sunderland
B	York City Newcastle U.
LEAGUE MATCHES	
C	Arsenal Bolton W.
D	Burnley Wolverh'pton
E	Cardiff City Tottenham H.
F	Everton Portsmouth
G	Leicester City Aston Villa
H	Preston N. E. Manchester U.
K	Sheffield Utd. Huddersfield
L	West Brom. Charlton Ath.
M	Birmingham West Ham U.
N	Bury Plymouth A.

SECOND LIST

A	Hull City Liverpool
B	Ipswich Town Derby County
C	Leeds United Port Vale
D	Lincoln City Bristol Rovers
E	Middlesbro' Blackburn R.
F	Notts. Forest Doncaster R.
G	Rotherham U. Swansea T.
H	Stoke City Fulham
K	Brentford Aldershot
L	Brighton & H. Swindon T.
M	Bristol City Northampton
N	Coventry City Southend Utd.

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FIXTURES

1954 - 1955

FIRST XI DIVISION II

Attendance 1953/54 F. A.

Sat., Aug. 21	Notts. Forest	... 19,832	0 1	H 3 0
Tues., ..	Bury	... 15,535	1 0	A 1 2
Sat., ..	Ipswich Town	... 20,265	...	A 1 3
Wed., Sept. 1	Bury	... 13,654	3 2	H 3 2
Sat., ..	Birmingham City	... 16,347	2 0	A 1 0
Wed., ..	Lincoln City	... 13,390	1 1	A 2 1
Sat., ..	Middlesbrough	... 15,891	...	A 2 0
Wed., ..	Lincoln City	... 11,972	1 0	H 2 1
Sat., ..	Stoke City	... 17,325	0 1	H 3 1
Sat., ..	Rotherham United	... 17,114	1 2	A 0 2
Sat., Oct. 2	Derby County	... 17,156	2 1	H 2 0
Sat., ..	Bristol Rovers	... 30,623	3 3	H 2 3
Sat., ..	Plymouth Argyle	... 15,059	2 1	H 3 1
Sat., ..	Fulham	... 33,500	1 5	A 1 3
Sat., ..	Swansea Town	... 15,555	2 0	H 1 2
Sat., Nov. 6	Notts. County	... 10,395	2 1	A 3 3
Sat., ..	Liverpool	... 15,887	...	H 3 2
Sat., ..	West Ham United	... 23,034	(1) 0 1	A 1 2
Sat., ..	Blackburn Rovers	... 17,314	2 1	H 7 3
Sat., Dec. 4	Port Vale	... 14,052	...	A 1 1
Sat., ..	Doncaster Rovers	... 14,541	(2) 2 0	A 3 0
Sat., ..	Nottingham Forest	... 11,943	1 2	A 5 1
Sat., ..	Hull City	... 15,853	3 1	A 4 0
Sat., ..	Hull City	... 39,890	2 1	A 4 0
Sat., Jan. 1	Ipswich Town	... 16,581	...	H 3 2
Sat., ..	Workington (F.A. Cup—3)	... 18,853	...	H 5 0
Sat., ..	Middlesbrough	... 13,372	...	H 2 0
Sat., ..	Rotherham U. (F.A. Cup—4)	... 21,231	...	A 5 1
Sat., Feb. 5	Stoke City	... 21,156	1 1	A 0 0
Sat., ..	Rotherham United	... 18,450	1 1	H 4 0
Sat., ..	Manchester C. (F.A. Cup—5)	... 23,104	...	H 0 2
Wed., March 2	Derby County	... 5,987	2 1	A 0 0
Sat., ..	Plymouth Argyle	... 25,975	2 2	A 1 2
Sat., ..	Fulham (6)	... 17,966	1 2	H 3 0
Sat., ..	Swansea Town	... 19,422	1 1	A 1 2
Sat., ..	Notts. County	... 2 1	H	
Sat., April 2	Liverpool	A
Fri., ..	Leeds United	...	1 1	H
Sat., ..	West Ham United	...	3 1	H
Mon., ..	Leeds United	...	1 2	A
Sat., ..	Blackburn Rovers	...	0 2	A
Sat., ..	Birmingham City	...	1 5	A
Wed., ..	Port Vale	...	1 1	H
Sat., ..	Bristol Rovers	...	3 1	A
Sat., ..	Doncaster Rovers	...	3 1	A

RESERVE FIXTURES

Combination Cup

Attendance 1953/54

Wed., Aug. 25	Coventry City	... 2,833	2 0	H 2 2
Sat., ..	Northampton T.	... 3,045	1 2	H 8 2
Mon., ..	Coventry City	... 2,759	1 4	A 8 3
Sat., Sept. 4	Watford	... 3,417	1 2	A 2 4
Wed., ..	Birmingham City	... 1,999	4 0	H 4 2
Sat., ..	Watford	... 3,109	2 1	H 4 1
Wed., ..	Birmingham City	... 1,638	1 1	A 3 0
Sat., ..	Norwich City	... 3,667	0 0	A 1 4
Sat., ..	Leicester City	... 1,913	2 1	A 3 1
Wed., ..	Norwich City	... 3,372	2 0	H 2 1
Sat., Oct. 2	Ipswich Town	... 3,814	4 1	A 0 0
Wed., ..	Leicester City	... 3,398	3 4	H 2 2
Sat., ..	Ipswich Town	... 3,298	1 2	H 3 0
Thurs., ..	Northampton Town	... 360	3 1	A 2 0
Football Combination				
Sat., Oct. 16	Charlton Athletic	1,216	1 1	A 1 1
Sat., ..	Norwich City	2,779	2 1	H 6 1
Sat., ..	Bournemouth	3,251	2 2	A 4 0
Sat., Nov. 6	Arsenal	4,010	5 3	H 1 6
Sat., ..	West Ham United	4,304	0 1	A 0 1
Sat., ..	Coventry City	1,873	...	H 7 0
Sat., ..	Charlton Athletic	...	3 2	H
Sat., Dec. 4	Portsmouth	3,221	4 2	H 4 1
Sat., ..	Birmingham City	2,701	1 1	A 2 3
Sat., ..	Norwich City	911	1 1	A 0 2
Sat., ..	Bristol City	3,197	...	H 2 1
Sat., Jan. 1	Brighton & Hove	1,683	...	A 3 1
Sat., ..	Portsmouth	3,031	2 2	A 5 2
Sat., ..	Millwall Athletic	3,292	5 1	H 5 0
Sat., Feb. 5	West Ham United	4,399	2 1	A 2 4
Sat., ..	Arsenal	3,595	3 2	A 1 1
Wed., March 2	Bournemouth	463	2 2	H 2 3
Sat., ..	Birmingham City	2,910	...	A
Mon., ..	Chelsea	285	6 0	A 1 2
Thurs., ..	Cardiff City	2,115	4 0	H 3 1
Sat., ..	Tottenham H.	3,153	2 1	A 2 1
Sat., ..	Charlton Athletic	3 2	H	
Sat., April 2	Bristol City	H
Mon., ..	Tottenham Hotspur	0 0	0 0	A
Fri., ..	Coventry City	A
Mon., ..	Leicester City	5 2	H	
Sat., ..	Chelsea	2 2	2 2	H
Mon., ..	Cardiff City	2 1	A	
Thurs., ..	Leicester City	4 3	A	
Sat., ..	Millwall Athletic	3 1	A	

Up to and including
Mon., March 21st 1955

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Pld. Won Drn. Lost For Agst. P.

Blackburn Rov.	...	34	20	3	11	101	66	43
LUTON TOWN	...	32	18	5	9	69	40	41
Leeds United	...	34	17	5	12	53	50	39
Rotherham Utd.	...	32	17	4	11	71	54	38
West Ham Utd.	...	32	15	8	9	63	55	38
NOTTS. COUNTY	...	32	17	4	11	59	54	

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