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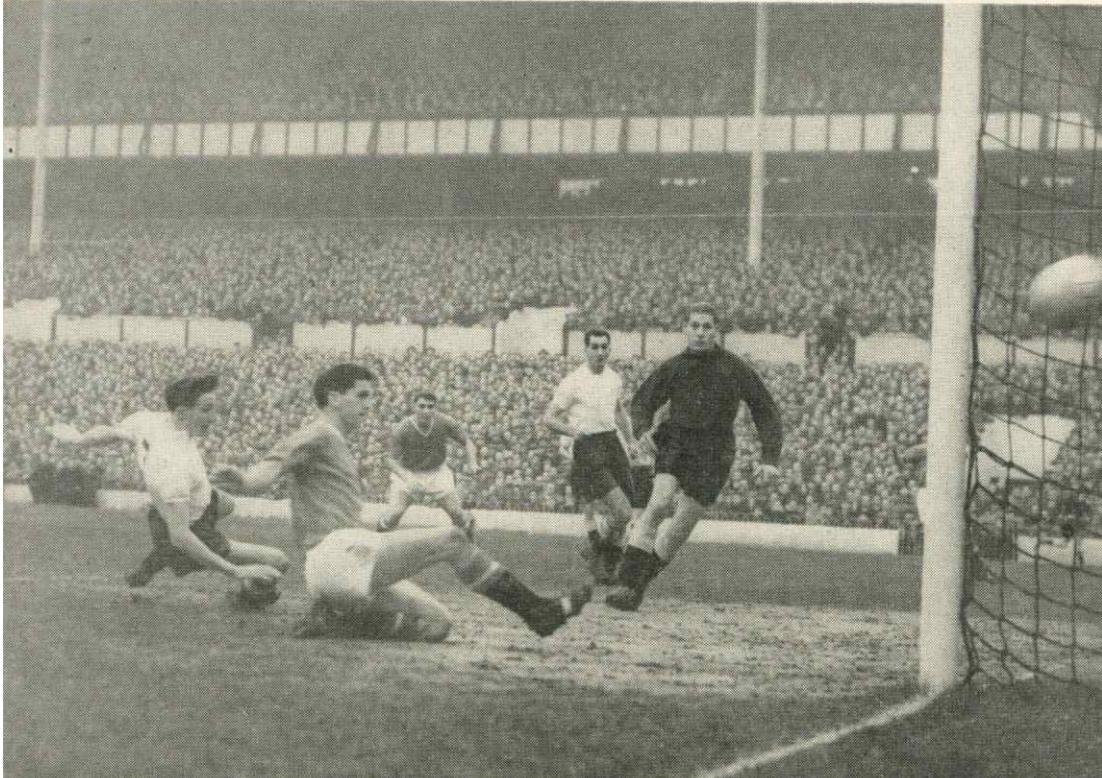
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MATT BUSBY TALKING

have been made since writing these lines.

Then came the match at Tottenham, a game between League champions and leaders, United, and Tottenham, challenging us for the championship. Again we were not prepared for a two-goal set-back in the opening seven minutes, and although we did not equalise until a couple of minutes or so from time, I am certain we had the best of matters in the last hour, and we certainly deserved the point. It was the reward for their high standard of football. Keep it up, boys!

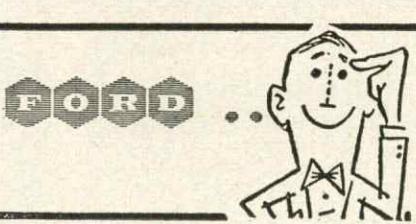
OUR COVER PICTURE . . .

SPURS v. UNITED

November 24th, 1956. Result 2-2.

Was it a goal? Look closely at the ball and you'll see that Taylor's shot missed the net by inches. Left to right you see Spurs Left-back Hopkins, Taylor, Edwards and Spurs Centre-half Clarke and goalkeeper Ditchburn.

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WELCOME TO . . .

LUTON TOWN

by TOM JACKSON

League visitors from the South to-day are Luton Town, who have fully established their right to a place in senior football following their successful promotion bid two seasons ago.

The "Hatters", who finished 10th in the League last season, their first ever in Division 1, have gained a reputation for quality football. Now they have a direct link with United in former goalkeeper Jack Crompton, recently appointed trainer-coach at Luton after a distinguished playing career at Old Trafford.

Last season United gained a League "double" over Luton, winning 3-1 here and 2-0 at Kenilworth Road. Teams in last season's corresponding match (1st October, 1955) were:

United: Wood; Foulkes, Bent; Whitefoot, Jones, Goodwin; Berry, Blanchflower, Taylor, Webster, Pegg.

Luton: Streten; Dunne, Ahearne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Groves, McEwan, Cummins, Adam.

Taylor (2) and Webster scored for United; Cummins for Luton. Attendance was 34,409.

Luton Town playing personalities:

Ron Bayham (goalkeeper).

Capped three times for England last season. Hails from Birmingham and joined Luton from Worcester City in 1951, making his League debut the following season. Missed only one senior game last term. Is 6ft. 1in.

Seamus Dunne (full-back).

Product of County Wicklow, who was signed from Shelbourne in 1950 and who has since rendered fine service at right-back. Is an Eire international noted for his polished style.

Tommy Ahearne (full-back).

Has a host of Irish international caps, and a fine League record since joining Luton from Belfast Celtic in 1949. Previously with Linfield, and a native of Limerick, where he began as a wing-half.

John McNally (full-back).

Another Irishman, signed from Shelbourne last May. Aged 21 and a native of Dublin, he

has quickly proved himself a reliable choice at either right- or left-back. Deputized for Dunne (playing for Eire) against Cardiff last week.

Jim Pemberton (wing half-back).

A versatile player who had experience in several positions before taking over at right-half when Bob Morton moved into the attack. Signed from Stourbridge in 1949 as an inside-forward.

Sid Owen (centre half-back).

Another "Hatter" with England honours, winning three full caps in 1954. Was secured at a modest fee from Birmingham City in 1947 and has developed into an outstanding pivot. Born Birmingham.

Wally Shanks (wing half-back).

Was an outside-right when signed after a month's trial in 1947. Born in Valetta (Malta), of Scottish parents, and had a spell at inside-forward before settling down at wing-half. Formerly on Chelsea's books.

Michael Cullen (outside-right).

Gained his first international honour last season, for Scotland against Austria. Is a product of Douglasdale Juniors (Glasgow) signed in 1952, who is adept on either wing. Made his League debut at outside-left.

Roy Davies (outside-right).

A South African who had a spell with Manchester City before joining Scottish club Clyde. Moved to Luton in 1951 and has since figured in most forward positions. Comes from Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Gordon Turner (inside-forward).

Luton's top scorer for the last two seasons. Is the son of a former Hull City player and a real live-wire in attack. Got his League debut at right-half, but has Football League honours at inside-forward. Born at Hull.

John Groves (inside-forward).

Former Derby schoolboy player who also comes from a well-known football family. Joined Luton straight from school at 15, and has recently deputized with success at inside-right.

Bob Morton (centre-forward).

Local discovery, from Aston Clinton (Bucks), who has made a success at centre-forward on being switched from wing-half. Plays well in any role and on the fringe of international honours.

George Cummins (inside-forward).

Moved from Everton to Luton in a five-figure transfer in 1953. A clever ball-player and schemer, he has several Eire caps to his credit. Born in Dublin, where he was first spotted in junior football.

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CASUAL COMMENTS

by ALF CLARKE

of the
"EVENING
CHRONICLE"
MANCHESTER



of songs over the microphone in the bus, by Jackie Blanchflower, Mark Jones, Eddie Colman, John Berry and John Doherty.

Everywhere we went the German public gave us a warm welcome. I was one of several visiting sports journalists, who had our mid-day and evening meals at a friendly restaurant called Ritter-Stuben, in Wagnerstrasse, Dusseldorf, and if you might have been surprised to see us all smoking cigars I can assure you that it was only because they were cheap (but good!).

Speaking personally, I have memories only of a great trip, meeting many new faces and making many new friends. And I think I am right in saying that the broadcast to the Manchester Hospitals from the Dortmund ground must have given great pleasure to the many thousand patients to whom many of the visiting Manchester sports journalists were able to talk during the game.

Thursday afternoon was spent in buying presents, etc., and then the return flight to Manchester, achieved in one hour thirty-five minutes! How different from the nearly five hours journey (without heat in the carriages!) from London to Manchester after the Tottenham game. At this match, too, I linked-up again with a war-time acquaintance, Mr. Gunther Rackow. You may remember he was a prisoner-of-war in this country, and stationed at Dunham Massey.

He became an ardent United supporter and came in to see me at the office. Curiously enough, it turned out that he, too, was a sports journalist, in Hamburg, and when I met him at the Tottenham ground he told me he was en route to Dublin, where Germany were playing Eire last Sunday.

In conclusion, a warm welcome from all to Jack Crompton, our former goalkeeper, who is back at Old Trafford to-day as trainer-coach to our visitors, Luton Town.

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UNITED TOPICS

by TOM JACKSON

of the
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Whatever are United's fortunes in the later stages of the European Cup, the goodwill and friendships created in the first two ties on the Continent — first in Belgium and last week in Germany — will always serve as happy reminders of the important part soccer can play in bringing the nations of the world together.

It was a tired, but extremely happy party of 19 United players and officials, eight well-known sports-writers and a pioneer group from the Manchester Hospital Commentaries Association which touched down at Ringway Airport a week last Thursday night after the exciting adventure against the Borussia club in Dortmund.

The fact that, thanks to a magnificent backs-to-the-wall display by United in holding the Dortmund team to a goalless draw, Roger Byrne and his team colleagues have qualified for the quarter-finals of this great tournament, made the occasion all the merrier. Yet I'm sure that even if United had lost the tie, their impressions of the way they were received by the German club and their supporters would still rank as high as they are at this moment.

There has been so much said and written about the "rough treatment" meted out to British teams when playing abroad, that it is a pleasure to be able to say United could not have wished for fairer or more sporting rivals than the German champions.

Though naturally disappointed in losing the chance of further progress in the European Cup, the Borussia officials and players were sincere in their good wishes to United and in a cut-and-thrust match, played on a frost-bound pitch, there was not a

single foul to which one could have taken exception.

In fact, the only time the game was stopped because of an injury to a player was late on when Tom Curry, the United trainer, was called to attend to goalkeeper Ray Wood during the courageous "last-ditch" stand in which the United defence has never played better.

At the lavish reception given to the United party by Borussia after the match when Mr. Harold Hardman, the United chairman, was presented with a silver cup to adorn the Old Trafford boardroom, the friendliness was so marked that Bert Tratmann remarked to me: "All this makes me proud to be a German playing in English football."

Memories of this Dortmund trip still come crowding back . . . of the fever-heat excitement of the 45,000 crowd as Borussia pressed hard for a vital goal; the hip-pocket brandy flasks freely proffered by German spectators on this bitterly cold night; and of the unflinching defence sustained by United in avoiding the necessity of a replay.

And finally a hearty pat on the back for the two commentators who kept this thrill-a-minute game alive for the thousands of patients in Manchester hospitals who were linked with the Borussia ground by a telephone-broadcast. They did a magnificent job in this first-ever broadcast of its kind from the Continent. They were never lost for the right word throughout a two-hour "ordeal" on a night when most of us were at our wits end trying to beat the ice-cold weather.

So from Germany in less than 48 hours to the fever-heat of the title battle with Spurs at White Hart Lane. And what a thriller this was, to be sure! Two goals down inside seven minutes, United proceeded to put on a power-display which had a real "champion" look. Goals by Johnny

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LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Manchester United	18	12	2	4	44	27	28
Tottenham Hotspur	18	12	4	2	51	28	26
Leeds United	19	9	5	5	36	29	23
Blackpool	18	9	5	4	44	32	22
Birmingham City	18	9	5	4	37	27	22
Bolton Wanderers	19	8	5	6	28	24	22
Wolverhampton Wanderers	18	9	6	3	46	34	21
Burnley	19	7	5	7	27	22	21
West Bromwich Albion	18	7	5	6	27	24	20
Arsenal	19	9	8	2	41	38	20
Preston North End	19	7	7	5	38	34	19
Luton Town	18	7	6	5	30	33	19
Aston Villa	17	6	5	6	24	24	18
Chelsea	18	5	6	7	27	29	17
Manchester City	19	6	9	4	32	37	16
Everton	19	6	9	4	26	37	16
Cardiff City	18	5	8	5	36	18	15
Newcastle United	18	5	8	5	21	37	15
Sheffield Wednesday	19	6	11	2	39	43	14
Portsmouth	18	3	9	6	31	44	12
Charlton Athletic	19	4	13	2	26	49	10
Sunderland	18	3	13	2	31	44	8

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Sheffield Wednesday	19	14	3	2	42	19	30
Huddersfield Town	18	12	2	4	44	21	28
Liverpool	17	11	2	4	39	16	26
Blackpool	19	11	6	3	44	29	23
Manchester City	17	9	4	4	40	28	22
Everton	18	9	6	3	41	28	21
Stoke City	18	8	6	4	30	25	20
Manchester United	17	8	6	3	44	30	19
Wolverhampton Wanderers	18	6	5	7	44	32	19
West Bromwich Albion	19	7	7	5	45	38	19
Newcastle United	19	7	7	5	43	38	19
Sheffield United	18	8	7	3	22	27	19
Bolton Wanderers	18	7	7	4	35	37	18
Derby County	17	7	8	2	35	41	16
Preston North End	19	8	11	0	24	41	16
Bury	20	6	11	3	25	38	15
Blackburn Rovers	18	4	8	6	23	37	14
Burnley	18	4	10	4	27	39	12
Aston Villa	16	5	9	2	31	40	12
Chesterfield	18	3	11	4	26	49	10
Barnsley	18	2	10	6	24	45	10
Leeds United	17	3	12	2	20	48	8

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Progress to Date			
Preliminary Round			
12 Sept.	R.S.C.	Anderlecht	v. Man. United
26 Sept.	Man.	United	v. R.S.C. Anderlecht
First Round			
17 Oct.	Man. United	v. D'mund Borussia	3-2
21 Nov.	D'mund Borussia	v. Man. United	0-0
Second Round			
Man. United	v. Honved (Hungary)	or	Balboa (Spain)
(Dates to be arranged.)			

WELCOME TO LUTON—continued from page 4

Tony Gregory (outside-left).

Nineteen-year-old local product who has acquitted himself well in senior games. Is a versatile player who has led the attack several times since being recruited from the Vauxhall Motors team.

UNITED TOPICS—continued from page 8

Berry and Eddie Colman won United a handsome point, but even die-hard Tottenham supporters agreed that victory would not have flattered United in the light of such an all-out display of attacking football. But then, that's another story in itself!



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With the Reserves . . .

United Res. 2, Wolverhampton Res. 0.

Both sides were soon on the attack. The left wing were particularly aggressive and Scanlon was dangerous. Doherty tried a header which Sidebottom just managed to hold under the bar.

A hard shot by Dawson seemed a certain goal but again Sidebottom saved well.

In the 30th minute Charlton put United in front when he cleverly deceived Sidebottom and scored from close range. The home team kept up the pressure right up to half-time.

Within 5 minutes of resuming play Doherty

scored number two for United with a grand shot, again from close range.

Whitefoot was unlucky when he kicked just wide of the post.

After 20 minutes Wolves full-back Stewart was injured and took no further part in the game.

Doherty had the 'keeper completely beaten but his shot hit the upright.

Manchester United: Clayton; Fulton, Beswick; Goodwin, Jones, Whitefoot; Webster, Doherty, Dawson, Charlton, Scanlon.

Wolverhampton Wanderers: Sidebottom; Stewart, Tether; Thompson, Kyle, Timmins; Hancocks, Broadbent, Stobart, Jackson, Neil.

With the Juniors . . .

17th November.

Bury "A" 2, United "A" 1.

Scorer: Whitehurst.

Team: Hawksworth; Fulton, Shiels; Whitehurst, Holland, English; Beswick, English (R), Harrop, Brennan, Fidler.

* * *

United "B" 3, Blackburn Rovers "B" 1.

Scorer: Mooney 3.

Team: Gaskell; Smith B, Maddison; Carolan, Holland, Bratt; Morgans, Pearson, Mooney, Hunter, Johnson.

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United Juniors 8, Irwin Rangers 1.

Scorers: Toulster 3, Thornton 2, Murtagh 2, Giles.

Team: Allen; Ravenscroft, Smith J; Hennessey, Walker, Elms; Lawton, Toulster, Thornton, Giles, Murtagh.

* * *

24th November.

Blackpool "A" 1, United "A" 1.

Scorer: Brennan.

Team: Gaskell; Smith B, Shiels; Carolan, Holland, Bratt; Morgans, Pearson, Mooney, Brennan, Hunter.

* * *

United "B" 2, Oldham Ath. "A" 0.

Scorers: Toulster, Hardy.

Team: Allen; Butterworth, Maddison; Walker G., Olive, Elms; Smith G., English B., Toulster, Hardy, Johnson.

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United Juniors 4, Park Avenue 2.

Scorers: Lydiate 2, Thornton, Lawton.

Team: Thomson; Prince, Connor; Hennessey, Walker W., Gault; Lydiate, Lawton, Thornton, Giles, Murtagh.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Supplementary Cup Competition.

Division One.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Oldham Ath. Res.	...	10	8	2	0	34	15 16
Bolton W. "A"	...	8	4	1	3	14	9 9
United "A"	...	7	3	0	4	13	17 6
City "A"	...	6	2	3	1	12	16 5
Rochdale Res.	...	6	1	3	2	5	11 4
Bury "A"	...	7	2	0	5	8	18 4

Division Two.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
United "B"	...	9	7	2	0	34	13 16
Rochdale "A"	...	7	4	1	2	22	11 9
Bury "B"	...	6	4	0	2	21	12 8
City "B"	...	8	4	0	4	25	27 8
Oldham Ath. "A"	...	8	1	1	6	11	30 3
Stockport Co. "B"	...	8	1	0	7	13	32 2

ALTRINCHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
United Juniors	...	11	11	0	0	26	11 22
Stamford Lads	...	9	9	0	0	47	7 18
Park Avenue	...	11	9	0	2	86	21 18
Adswood Albion	...	11	8	0	3	43	19 16
Brunswick Alb.	...	10	6	0	4	50	25 12

FOOTBALL AT OLD TRAFFORD

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SUNDERLAND

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DIVISION I

A	Preston v. City
B	Arsenal v. Sunderland
C	B'gham v. Spurs
D	Burnley v. Charlton
E	Cardiff v. Everton
F	Chelsea v. Blackpool
G	Newcastle v. Wolves
H	P'mouth v. Bolton
J	Sheff. W. v. Aston V.
K	W. Brom v. Leeds U.

DIVISION II

L	Bristol R. v. Port V.
M	Bury v. West Ham.
N	D'caster v. Fulham

O Grimsby v. Notts F.

P Hudd. T. v. Blackburn

Q Leicester v. Roth'm

R Leyton O. v. Bristol C.

S Liverpool v. Sheff. U.

T M'brough v. Lincoln

V Notts. C. v. Barnsley

W Stoke C. v. Swansea T.

DIVISION III (North)

X Oldham v. Barrow

Y Stockport v. Derby C.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Z Barnsley v. United R.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

OLD TRAFFORD

		RESULTS				1956-57	1955-56
		F	A	1955-56	F	A	
1956							
Aug. 18	Birmingham City	H	2	2	2	1	
20	Preston North End	A	3	1	1	3	
25	West Bromwich Albion	A	3	2	4	1	
29	Preston North End	H	3	2	3	2	
Sept. 1	Portsmouth	H	3	0	1	0	
5	Chelsea	A	2	1	4	2	
8	Newcastle United	A	1	1	0	0	
15	Sheffield Wednesday	H	4	1			
22	Manchester City	H	2	0	2	1	
29	Arsenal	A	2	1	1	1	
Oct. 6	Charlton Athletic	H	4	2	5	1	
13	Sunderland	A	3	1	2	2	
20	Everton	H	2	5	2	1	
27	Blackpool	A	2	2	0	0	
Nov. 3	Wolverhampton W.	H	3	0	4	3	
10	Bolton Wanderers	A	0	2	1	3	
17	Leeds United	H	3	2			
24	Tottenham Hotspur	A	2	2	2	1	
Dec. 1	Luton Town	H		3	1		
8	Aston Villa	A		4	4		
15	Birmingham City	A		2	2		
22	West Bromwich Albion	H		3	1		
25	Cardiff City	A		1	0		
26	Cardiff City	H		1	1		
29	Portsmouth	A		2	3		

1957

Jan. 1	Chelsea	H		3	0		
5	F.A. Cup (3rd Round)						
12	Newcastle United	H		8	2		
19	Sheffield Wednesday	A					
26	F.A. Cup (4th Round)						
Feb. 2	Manchester City	A		0	1		
9	Arsenal	H		1	1		
16	Charlton Athletic (6th)	A		0	3		
23	Blackpool	H		2	1		
Mar. 2	Everton (6th)	A		2	4		
9	Aston Villa	H		1	0		
16	Wolverhampton W.	A		2	0		
23	Bolton W. (S.F.)	H		1	0		
30	Leeds United	A					
April 6	Tottenham Hotspur	H		2	2		
13	Luton Town	A		2	0		
19	Burnley	A		0	0		
20	Sunderland	H		2	1		
22	Burnley	H		2	0		
27							
May 4	F.A. Cup Final						

CENTRAL LEAGUE

OLD TRAFFORD

		RESULTS				1956-57	1955-56
		1956-57	F	A	1955-56	F	A
1956							
Aug. 18	Stoke City	A	2	3	0	0	0
20	Preston North End	H	6	0	0	0	0
25	Chesterfield	H	6	2	5	1	
27	Preston North End	A	3	1	0	0	
Sept. 1	West Bromwich Albion	A	2	2	0	0	
8	Newcastle United	H	3	1	2	0	
10	Huddersfield Town	A	1	3	1	1	
15	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1	3	0	1	
22	Manchester City	A	1	1	3	0	
29	Champions v The Rest	H	1	7			
Oct. 6	Blackburn Rovers	A	0	2	3	0	
10	Bury	A	2	2	6	1	
13	Blackpool	H	0	1	2	0	
20	Everton	A	3	2	4	1	
27	Leeds United	H	4	1	2	1	
Nov. 3	Bolton Wanderers	A	2	3	0	1	
10	Aston Villa	H	5	2	0	0	
17	Derby County	A					
24	Wolverhampton W.	H	2	0	4	0	
Dec. 1	Barnsley	A				2	0
8	Sheffield United	H				1	1
15	Stoke City	H				1	0
22	Chesterfield	A				0	1
28	Bury	H				7	1
29	West Bromwich Albion	H				8	0

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Jan. 5							
12	Newcastle United	A				2	1
19	Sheffield Wednesday	H				1	1
26							
Feb. 2	Manchester City	H				6	2
9	Liverpool	A				2	2
16	Blackburn Rovers	H				5	2
23	Blackpool	A				2	1
Mar. 2	Everton	H					
9	Leeds United	A				4	0
16	Bolton Wanderers	H				2	0
23	Aston Villa	A				1	0
30	Derby County	H				4	2
April 6	Wolverhampton W.	A					
13	Barnsley	H				7	1
19	Burnley	H				7	1
20	Sheffield United	A				4	0
22	Burnley	A				0	3
27	Huddersfield Town	H				8	0
Undated	Liverpool	H					