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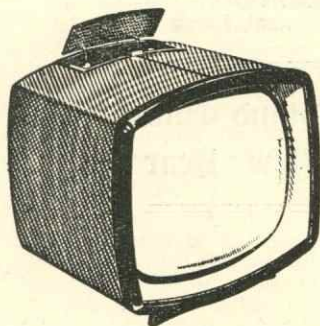


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## CLUB NOTES

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW  
YEAR TO YOU ALL.

We feel that we ended the old year on quite a satisfactory note for our last match here provided football that not even the most ardent Arsenal supporter, although they lost by so large a margin, could find room for complaint. The match had everything—plenty of goals, thrills every minute and football throughout of a very high standard. On top of this we saw our local player Tony Gregory, brought in at the last minute due to the illness of Bob Morton, have a splendid match and undoubtedly his beating of Jim Fotheringham twice in the early minutes of the match resulting in two good goals laid the foundations of the victory. Although he is not playing in the senior side today we know from his success against the Arsenal that we have here an inside forward ready to step into the side at any time.

On the following day, at Highbury, again due to injury and illness, we had to take the field with four of our regular first team players in Syd Owen, Bob Morton, Gordon Turner and Seamus Dunne not able to play. Despite this our lads put up quite a good show, losing by the only goal scored, and with a bit of luck or perhaps a little more determination could have come away from Highbury with at least a share of the spoils. Altogether however it was quite a satisfactory performance in obtaining two points over the holiday especially in view of the last-minute changes which had to be made.

Our first visitors in the New Year are our old friends and bogey team, Birmingham City. Having beaten the City already this season at St. Andrew's today's match gives us a great opportunity of gaining our first double of season 1958/59, and of course such a win would not only be a splendid start to the new year but it would also give the lads much encouragement in their F.A. Cup match here next Saturday with Leeds United. Birmingham are undoubtedly a much-improved side since we met them last August, only four members of that side appearing today. The evergreen Gill Merrick of course is in goal, Richard Neal, at left half, Brian Taylor at outside left and Benny Larkin, at inside left today but played at right half last August. Jeff Hall was picked to play but reported unfit with a chill on Friday morning and Farmer fills the vacancy at right back. Trevor Smith is back in the side, playing as well as ever he did when chosen to play for the England 'under 23' side last season, also when he played for the Football League versus the Irish League at Belfast in October '57. This season until these last few weeks he seemed to be under a cloud, but from all accounts he has now come through that spell so that Allan Brown will have to be on his toes today if he is going to get the better of the exchanges. If Allan however can produce the form he showed against the Arsenal here last week then we have nothing to fear. There is also a change in our side from that originally chosen, as Syd Owen ricked his back whilst training with the youngsters on Thursday evening and Terry Kelly, who has been playing very well in the Reserves, comes in at centre half.

Our Reserve side rather bit the dust at Ipswich last Saturday, but when it is remembered that Alwyn McGuffie at 21 was the oldest member of the side, only two full-time players Allan Collier and Barry Hawkes (and they just

demobbed), the other eight all being part-timers (two of them Amateurs) then perhaps a different picture can be seen. The local player Frank Dunlop played at centre half had quite a good game once he had settled down to the tempo of the game, which he found to be much quicker than he had anticipated. No doubt our regular Reserve side would have made the issue a closer one, but it was valuable experience for these youngsters who had an unenviable task against a much more experienced Ipswich side.

The match here last Saturday provided some good entertainment by the youngsters of the Metropolitan League side against on-the-whole a much older West Ham side. The youngsters had quite a job getting the ball through the mud, but despite this handicap there was some very nice football and our lads deservedly won from goals by Roland Legate and a penalty by John Chambers. These lads had beaten Dunstable Town at Dunstable the previous day by three goals to one, a very good performance, so that our position in the Metropolitan League Table, as a result of the holiday programme, was much improved.

Next Saturday we have Leeds United as our visitors in their attempt to progress further in the F.A. Cup at our expense. Since we met earlier in the season, when two draws of one goal each was the result of our two encounters, Leeds have considerably improved and have in fact won five matches away from home. They are therefore a team which cannot be taken lightly, and their recent capture of Don Revie seems to have changed their style to an attacking one, for in their last three away matches they have won 4-2, 3-2 and 2-1 against such redoubtable teams as Blackburn Rovers, West Ham United and West Bromwich in that order, although Leeds did lose at home last Saturday by one goal to nil in the return match with West Bromwich. They are three very fine victories, however, so that we shall have to be on our best form if we are to progress further than the Third Round this season. Our defeat at Stockport last season following our splendid win against the Arsenal by four goals to nil the previous Saturday was a big disappointment, but on the day's play the Northerners fully deserved their victory. They nearly pulled off another surprise in the next Round when they visited Upton Park but the Hammers won in the end by three goals to two after a very hard struggle. Tickets for the Enclosure at 5/- each are still available at the Bobbers Club, but it is regretted tickets for Reserved Seats at 7/6 are not available unless Leeds return some from their allocation.

We have been informed by Bunty Coaches, Costins Limited and Messrs. Seamarks Bros. that they are running coaches to Upton Park, on Saturday, 17th January, when we play West Ham United. Bunty Coaches will leave The Square, Dunstable, at 12.15 p.m. Costins Coaches will leave Dunstable Town Hall, at 12.15 p.m. and both will pick up at Alma Street, at 12.30 p.m. Seamarks Coaches will leave Alma Street, at 12.30 p.m. Fares are 8/- Return. Anyone interested please enquire at the respective offices.

The B.B.C's T.V. cameras are here again today and excerpts of the match should be shown tonight in Sports Special, at 11.15 p.m.

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9 **Brown**  
Centre



9 **Jackson**  
Centre  
5 **Smith**  
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**Merrick**  
Goal

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6 **Pacey**  
Left Half  
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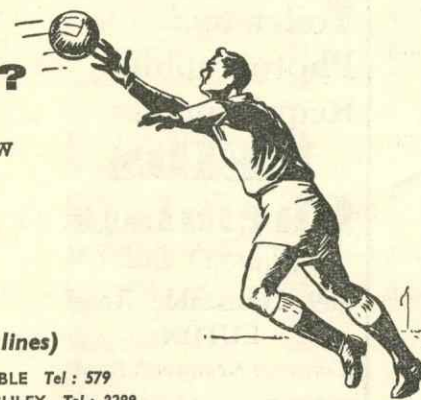
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## Today's Half-Time Scores

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

A	Aston Villa	West Ham U.
B	Bolton Wan.	West Brom.
C	Burnley	Leeds United
D	Leicester City	Arsenal
E	Manchester U.	Blackpool
F	Newcastle U.	Everton
G	Portsmouth	Notts. Forest
H	Preston N.E.	Manchester C.
K	Tottenham H.	Blackburn R.
L	Wolverh'pton	Chelsea
M	Bristol City	Sheffield Utd.
N	Cardiff City	Rotherham U.

### SECOND LIST

A	Charlton Ath.	Brighton & H.
B	Fulham	Swansea T.
C	Huddersfield	Barnsley
D	Leyton O.	Derby County
E	Lincoln City	Stoke City
F	Liverpool	Sunderland
G	Middlesbro'	Grimsby T.
H	Scunthorpe U.	Bristol Rov.
K	Sheffield Wed.	Ipswich Town
L	Bournemouth	Bury
M	Brentford	Wrexham
N	Chesterfield	Newport Co.

### THIRD LIST

A	Colchester U.	Q. P. R.
B	Hull City	Bradford City
C	Mansfield T.	Accrington
D	Norwich City	Southend Utd.
E	Notts. County	Halifax Town
F	Reading	Rochdale
G	Stockport Co.	Doncaster R.
H	Swindon T.	Southampton
K	Tranmere R.	Plymouth A.
L	Bradford	York City
M	Coventry City	Shrewsbury
N	Birm'gh'm Res.	Luton T. Res.

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1958	FIRST XI—Division 1	Attendance	1957/8	F	A
Aug. 23 Sat.	West Brom.	24425	5 1	H	1 1
" 26 Tues.	Leeds United	25498	2 0	A	1 1
" 30 Sat.	Birmingham City	32000	1 1	A	1 0
Sept. 3 Wed.	Leeds United	13497	1 1	H	1 1
" 6 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	25715	2 2	H	4 1
" 10 Wed.	Manchester City	30771	2 2	A	1 1
" 13 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	19699	1 0	H	0 0
" 17 Wed.	Manchester City	18160	1 2	H	5 1
" 20 Sat.	Burnley	23760	2 1	A	2 2
" 27 "	Preston N. End	23056	1 3	H	4 1
Oct. 4 "	Leicester City	32017	1 4	A	1 3
" 11 "	Nottingham Forest	30187	0 1	A	1 3
" 18 "	Chelsea	24864	0 2	H	2 1
" 25 "	Portsmouth	24831	0 5	A	2 2
Nov. 1 "	Aston Villa	18714	3 0	H	2 1
" 8 "	Newcastle United	53420	2 3	A	0 1
" 15 "	Tottenham H. (1)	23592	0 0	H	1 2
" 22 "	Manchester United	41195	0 3	A	1 2
" 29 "	Wolves	20648	3 1	H	0 1
Dec. 6 "	Blackpool (2)	14140	2 1	A	0 3
" 13 "	Blackburn Rov.	13475	1 1	H	1 1
" 26 Fri.	Arsenal	21870	4 0	H	6 3
" 27 Sat.	Arsenal	56501	0 2	A	0 1

1959					
Jan. 3 Sat.	Birmingham C.	3 0	H		
" 10 "	Leeds United	F.A. Cup-3		A	
" 17 "	West Ham United			A	
" 24 "	F.A. Cup-4				
" 31 "	Bolton Wanderers	2 1	A		
Feb. 7 "	Burnley	3 2	H		
" 14 "	Preston N. End (5)	0 1	A		
" 21 "	Leicester City	2 1	H		
" 28 "	Notts. Forest (6)	3 1	H		
March 7 "	Chelsea	3 1	A		
" 14 "	Portsmouth (S.F.)	2 1	H		
" 21 "	Aston Villa	0 2	A		
" 27 Fri.	Everton	0 1	H		
" 28 Sat.	Newcastle U.	0 3	H		
" 30 Mon.	Everton	2 0	A		
April 4 Sat.	Tottenham H.	1 3	A		
" 11 "	Manchester Utd.	2 2	H		
" 18 "	Wolves	1 1	A		
" 20 Mon.	Blackburn Rov.	1 1	A		
" 25 Sat.	Blackpool	2 0	H		
To be arranged	West Brom. Albion	2 4	A		

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## League Table 1958/59

### DIVISION ONE

Up to and including Saturday, 27th December, 1958

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolverhampton W.	24	15	2	7	54	28	32
West Bromwich ...	23	11	7	5	54	34	29
Arsenal ...	25	13	3	9	58	41	29
Manchester United	25	12	5	8	57	44	29
Bolton Wand. ...	24	11	7	6	44	35	29
Blackpool ...	24	9	10	5	36	26	28
Preston North End	25	12	4	9	44	41	28
Nottingham Forest	24	12	3	9	46	32	27
Blackburn Rov. ...	24	10	7	7	51	40	27
West Ham United	24	11	3	10	50	44	25
Burnley ...	24	9	6	9	44	42	24
Leeds United ...	24	8	7	9	33	40	23
Everton ...	24	10	3	11	43	53	23
LUTON TOWN	23	7	8	8	37	33	22
Newcastle Utd. ...	24	10	2	12	44	47	22
BIRMINGHAM C.	24	9	4	11	41	47	22
Chelsea ...	24	10	1	13	46	58	21
Manchester City ...	24	7	6	11	41	57	20
Leicester City ...	24	7	6	11	41	58	20
Tottenham H. ...	24	6	5	13	44	59	17
Portsmouth ...	24	6	5	13	40	62	17
Aston Villa ...	25	6	4	15	36	63	16

## NEXT MATCH

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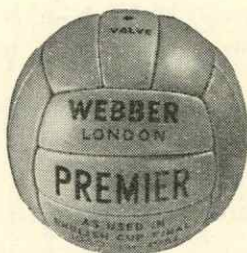
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