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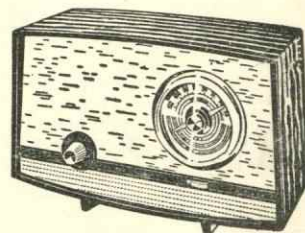
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CLUB NOTES

Whenever we have the pleasure of the visit of Tottenham Hotspur in a League match at Kenilworth Road we are assured of a full-house, and this season has all the evidence of proving no exception. We have had a most difficult time these last two weeks in having the unpleasant task of refusing applications for reserved seats. It is a nice change to have a complete sell-out of tickets, but that does not make the situation any more pleasant when having to refuse.

Tottenham, of course, have begun this Season extremely well, and up to last Saturday, of the 15 games played they had "at home" won three and drawn four and "away" won five, drawn two, lost one, enjoying a lead of two points over their then nearest rivals, Wolves. They blotted their copy book however, to some extent, last Saturday when Bolton Wanderers beat them at White Hart Lane by two clear goals, which just goes to prove that even the best have their off days or meet a team whose style of play proves unsurmountable. Tottenham can thus be fully expected to come down today determined to make up for the ground they lost last week and as we ourselves are showing signs of improvement can fully anticipate a struggle of the highest order.

It has been said that money cannot buy a successful football team these days, but Tottenham so far this Season have rather belied this saying, as their record shows. Last year the saying held good, or appeared to do so, for the Spurs did not have a very successful Season and in fact finished in fifth place from the bottom of the table, one position below ourselves. It seems however, that their defence was the reason for this disappointing position for they conceded no less than 95 goals in the 42 matches played. Realising that their defence was perhaps the reason for their lack of success they secured last April the services of David Mackay from Hearts, a Scottish international wing half back and a very strong player, who undoubtedly has made a big difference in this department. He came in to replace Jim Iley, who has since been transferred to Nottingham Forest, for it was felt that Danny Blanchflower and Iley, both being attacking wing halves, left a big gap behind them when joining in the attacks. With the acquisition of Mackay there is now that nice blend in the half back line which has proved manager Bill Nicholson's point, for so far this Season Tottenham have conceded only 19 goals in the 16 matches played to date.

They then looked round for ways of completing their attacking line and acquired the services of John White of Falkirk, an inside left, playing him at the first opportunity at Sheffield Wednesday on October 17th, when he scored the goal for Tottenham although Spurs lost that match by two goals to one, their only away defeat of the Season to date.

The previous Saturday Spurs had Wolves as their visitors and won by five goals to one. No doubt Tottenham would have liked to have kept the same forward line in view of such a resounding victory especially over such formidable opponents, but unfortunately changes had to be made in view of the fact that both their wingers, Medwin and Jones, were required for the International game at Ninian Park between Wales and England. Incidentally, Mel Hopkins was also selected to play for Wales that day, so that Tottenham had the proud honour of having three of their players playing in the same team for their country. Hopkins received a facial injury in that match which unfortunately has prevented him from playing since.

We shall also have the pleasure of seeing Tottenham's new goal-keeper, Billy Brown, in action today for the first time, reputed to be one of the best goalies in Great Britain today. He was born in Arbroath, joined Dundee in 1949 and was selected to play for Scotland 'B' against England 'B' in 1956. Two seasons later he played for Scotland in a full International match against France in the World Cup. When Dundee toured the United States last summer he continued to give sterling performances and shortly upon his return to Britain was signed by Tottenham at a five figure fee. From all accounts he has fully justified the cheque.

We brought a point back from St. Andrews, last Saturday, and although Birmingham are not doing so well this season, the fact that we brought back some reward gives some satisfaction, for Birmingham are always a difficult team to beat on their own ground at any time. We could so easily have made it two for in the closing minutes of the game Dave Pacey was right through and lobbed the ball over the advancing goal-keeper's head, but agonisingly had to watch it just scrape the wrong side of the upright. An earlier effort by John Kilgannon when he ran twenty yards or more to connect first time a cross from Billy Bingham only to see the ball whistle past the upright deserved a better fate for it was a splendid effort. There was certainly more cohesion, last Saturday, which makes us feel we are coming through our spell of lack of success, and if we can avoid defeat today we shall certainly have hopes that we have at last turned the corner.

Billy Bingham has again been selected to play for his country in the full International match to be played at Wembley, on Wednesday next, 18th November, and although it is against the Old Country we trust Billy has another good match thus justifying his selection.

We have the Luton Schoolboys playing here again next Saturday morning, when they meet Cambridge Boys in the Divisional Final of the English Schools' Shield Competition. On their previous appearance here they played very well, beating Harpenden Boys by 10 goals to 1. This coming match will, no doubt, prove a stiffer test, but not one they are not capable of overcoming, and so we should see a very good game of football from these eager youngsters. Kick-off 11 a.m.

British Railways are providing excursion facilities to Manchester, next Saturday, when we are due to play the United at Old Trafford. The train will leave Luton at 8.30 a.m., arriving at Manchester Central at 11.48 a.m. Two trains are available for the return journey—the first leaving Manchester Central at 5.55 p.m., arriving Luton 10.18 p.m.; the second leaving at 12.05 (midnight), arriving Luton 4.52 a.m. (Sunday). The fare from Luton is 27/6 return, and as accommodation is limited anyone interested is advised to make early application at the station booking office.

Although we do not usually agree to requests for posters to be displayed round the ground for it is most difficult to know where to draw the line there are so many deserving appeals, we do feel justified in granting permission in the case of the World Refugee Appeal. As you all know collectors were on duty as you arrived at the ground, and we do hope you have all contributed something, however small, to this most appealing cause. The more one hears about the situation of the World Refugees, the more one realises how very lucky we are who live and work in these Isles. We do assure you that the money you contribute will all be most wisely and effectively used.

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Right Back

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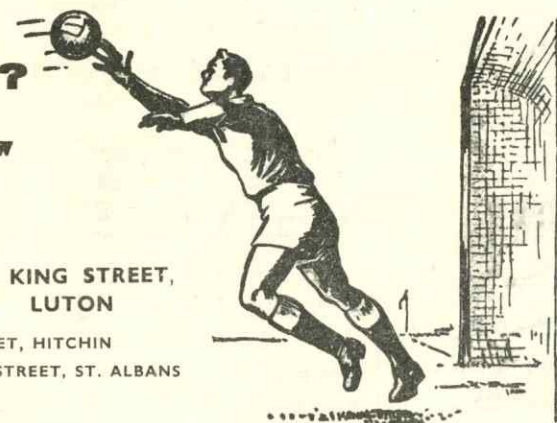
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FIRST LIST

A Arsenal	West Ham U.
B Blackburn R.	West Brom.
C Blackpool	Newcastle U.
D Bolton Wan.	Manchester U.
E Everton	Birmingham
F Fulham	Preston N. E.
G Manchester C.	Chelsea
H Notts. Forest	Leicester City
K Sheffield Wed.	Burnley
L Wolverh'pton	Leeds United
M Aston Villa	Charlton Ath.
N Brighton & H.	Cardiff City

SECOND LIST

A Bristol Rov.	Sheffield Utd.
B Huddersfield	Derby County
C Ipswich Town	Middlesbro'
D Leyton O.	Plymouth A.
E Lincoln City	Liverpool
F Portsmouth	Scunthorpe U.
G Stoke City	Rotherham U.
H Sunderland	Bristol City
K Swansea T.	Hull City
F. A. CUP — Round 1	
L Bath City	Millwall
M Bedford T.	Gillingham
N Brentford	Ashford T.

THIRD LIST

A Burscough	Crewe Alex.
B Cheltenham	Watford
C Coventry City	Southampton
D Doncaster R.	Gainsboro'
E Dorchester T.	Port Vale
F King's Lynn	Aldershot
G Norwich City	Reading
H Peterborough	Shrewsbury
K Rhyl	Grimsby T.
L Southend Utd.	Oswestry T.
M Walthamstow	Bournemouth
N South'pt'n Res.	Luton T. Res.

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Aug. 22 Sat.	Everton	38539	1 3 A	2 2	
" 26 Wed.	Blackpool	19095	1 1 H	0 1	
" 29 Sat.	Leeds United	15822	1 1 H	0 1	
" 31 Mon.	Blackpool	22008	0 3 A	0 0	
Sept. 5 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	15604	0 0 H	0 0	
" 9 Wed.	Manchester City	13122	5 1 H	1 2	
" 12 Sat.	Fulham	30100	" A	2 1	
" 16 Wed.	Manchester City	29309	1 1 A	2 1	
" 19 Sat.	Notts. Forest	16634	5 1 H	1 0	
" 26 "	Sheffield Wed.	25138	" A	0 2	
Oct. 3 "	Wolverhampton	22908	0 1 H	1 5	
" 10 "	West Ham United	23500	0 0 A	1 3	
" 17 "	Chelsea	18831	2 1 H	1 2	
" 24 "	West Brom. Albion	22400	0 2 A	0 4	
" 31 "	Burnley	15638	6 2 H	1 1	
Nov. 7 "	Birmingham C.	19007	1 0 A	1 1	
" 14 "	Tottenham H. (1)	"	1 2 H	"	
" 21 "	Manchester United	"	1 2 A	"	
" 28 "	Preston N. End	"	4 1 H	"	
Dec. 5 "	Leicester City (2)	"	1 3 A	"	
" 12 "	Newcastle U.	"	4 2 H	"	
" 19 "	Everton	"	0 1 H	"	
" 26 "	Arsenal	"	0 1 A	"	
" 28 Mon.	Arsenal	"	6 3 H	"	
1960					
Jan. 2 Sat.	Leeds United	"	1 1 A	"	
" 9 "	F.A. Cup—3	"	"	"	
" 16 "	Bolton Wanderers	"	4 2 A	"	
" 23 "	Fulham	"	" H	"	
" 30 "	F.A. Cup—4	"	"	"	
Feb. 6 "	Nottingham Forest	"	1 3 A	"	
" 13 "	Sheffield Wed.	"	" H	"	
" 20 "	Wolverhampton (5)	"	0 5 A	"	
" 27 "	Leicester City	"	4 3 H	"	
March 5 "	Chelsea	"	3 3 A	"	
" 12 "	West Brom. (6)	"	1 1 H	"	
" 19 "	Newcastle Utd.	"	0 1 A	"	
" 26 "	Birmingham (S.F.)	"	0 1 H	"	
April 2 "	Tottenham H.	"	0 3 A	"	
" 9 "	Manchester Utd.	"	0 0 H	"	
" 15 Fri.	Blackburn Rov.	"	1 3 A	"	
" 16 Sat.	Burnley	"	2 2 A	"	
" 18 Mon.	Blackburn Rov.	"	1 1 H	"	
" 23 Sat.	West Ham Utd.	"	4 1 H	"	
" 30 "	Preston North End	"	0 0 A	"	
May 7 "	F.A. Cup—Final	"	"	"	

LEAGUE TABLE 1959 - 60

Up to and including Saturday, 7th November, 1959

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
TOTTENHAM H.	16	8	6	2	36	19	22
West Ham United	16	9	3	4	31	20	21
Preston North End	16	9	3	4	34	27	21
Wolverhampton W.	16	9	2	5	46	33	20
Burnley	16	9	2	5	35	30	20
Fulham	16	9	2	5	36	38	20
Blackburn Rov.	16	8	3	5	29	24	19
Chelsea	16	8	2	6	34	32	18
Bolton Wand.	16	8	3	6	21	17	17
Arsenal	16	6	5	5	27	25	17
Manchester United	16	6	4	6	38	35	16
Manchester City	16	8	0	8	36	35	16
West Bromwich	16	5	5	6	28	25	15
Sheffield Wed.	16	6	2	8	20	20	14
Newcastle Utd.	16	5	3	8	29	32	13
Nottingham Forest	16	5	3	8	17	22	13
Leeds United	16	4	5	7	24	35	13
Leicester City	16	4	5	7	26	40	13
Everton	16	4	4	8	26	33	12
Blackpool	16	4	4	8	21	28	12
Birmingham C.	16	3	5	8	21	29	11
LUTON TOWN	16	2	5	9	13	29	9

1959	Reserve XI Fixtures	Attendance	1958/9	F	A
Aug. 22 Sat.	Ipswich Town	2143	1 5 H	3 4	
" 26 Wed.	Brighton & H. A.	2827	1 1 A	2 2	
" 29 Sat.	"	"	"	"	
Sept. 5 "	Leyton Orient	2652	1 5 A	1 1	
" 12 "	Bournemouth	1255	" H	1 1	
" 19 "	Nottingham Forest	1331	1 4 A	0 2	
" 26 "	Portsmouth	1512	4 1 H	4 2	
Oct. 3 "	Arsenal	4618	1 1 A	3 5	
" 10 "	Leicester City	1266	0 2 H	1 1	
" 17 "	Bristol City	1971	0 1 A	1 0	
" 24 "	Charlton Ath.	1419	1 1 H	2 2	
" 31 "	Tottenham H.	4333	0 1 A	1 3	
Nov. 7 "	Birmingham C.	2164	1 2 H	1 0	
" 14 "	Southampton	"	" A	"	
" 21 "	Chelsea	"	2 1 H	"	
" 28 "	West Ham United	"	3 3 A	"	
Dec. 5 "	Bristol City	"	1 3 H	"	
" 12 "	Leicester City	"	1 4 A	"	
" 19 "	Ipswich Town	"	1 5 A	"	
" 26 "	Southend Utd.	"	" H	"	
1960					
Jan. 2 Sat.	Southend United	"	" A	"	
" 9 "	"	"	"	"	
" 16 "	Leyton Orient	"	3 1 H	"	
" 23 "	Bournemouth & B.	"	" A	"	
" 30 "	Swansea Town	"	5 2 H	"	
Feb. 6 "	Nott. Forest	"	2 1 H	"	
" 13 "	Portsmouth	"	1 0 A	"	
" 20 "	Arsenal	"	3 3 H	"	
" 27 "	Charlton Athletic	"	4 3 A	"	
March 5 "	Tottenham H.	"	2 0 H	"	
" 12 "	Birmingham C.	"	3 2 A	"	
" 19 "	Southampton	"	" H	"	
" 26 "	Chelsea	"	0 3 A	"	
April 2 "	West Ham Utd.	"	" H	"	
" 9 "	"	"	"	"	
" 16 "	Swansea Town	"	2 1 A	"	
" 23 "	"	"	"	"	
" 30 "	Brighton & H. A.	"	4 2 H	"	

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