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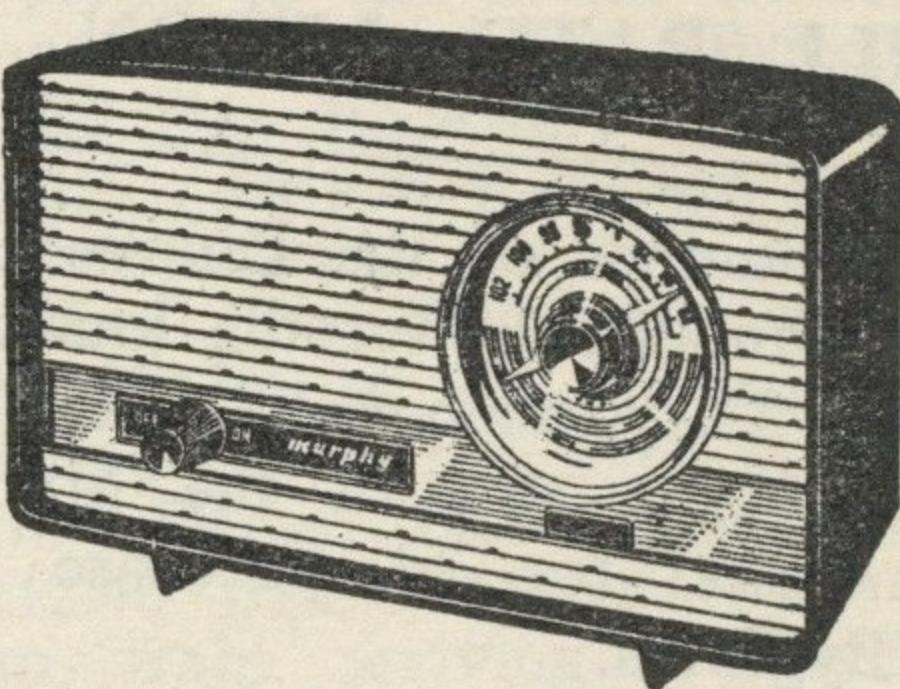
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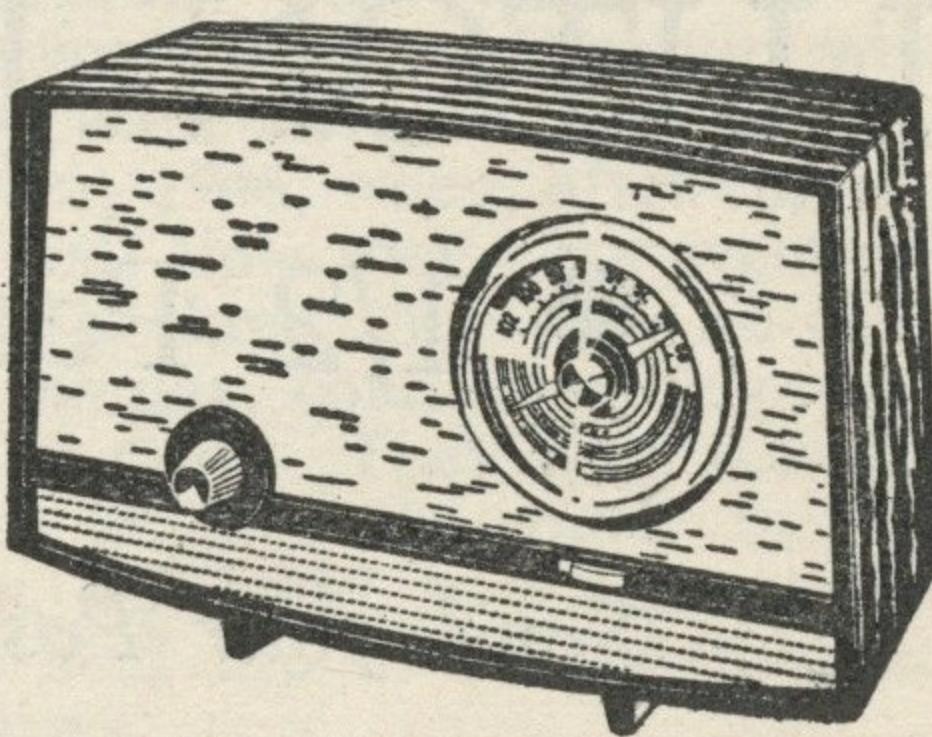
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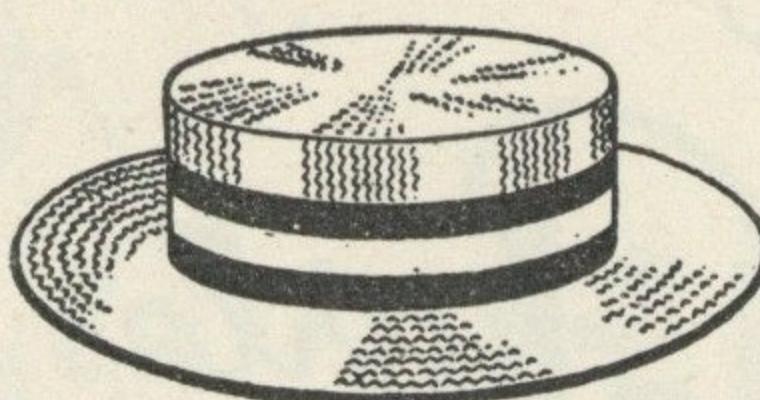
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NOTES

IT is a most unusual experience for us that at the time of the festive season we find ourselves right at the bottom of our division. Usually we have made a good start to each Season and at the turn of the year found ourselves in a fairly strong position and then in the last two or three years our position has gradually deteriorated until we have found that if the trend continued we would be in fear of relegation. As soon as the firmer grounds came round again however, we got back into our stride and so finished well clear of going down. This season with no such reserve in hand it means that we shall not have to allow this recent trend of dropping points in the months of January, February and March to continue if relegation is to be avoided, and so a great effort will have to be made from our lads from now until the end of the Season. Looking back on the seven matches we have lost this Season here at Kenilworth Road, six of them (and the exception is the match with Wolverhampton Wanderers), we enjoyed most of the play and with any luck at all would have won all six. People say there is no such thing as bad luck, but having seen the way the ball has not run for us on these occasions justifies us in the view that there is such a phenomena or whatever category such an item comes under.

We most certainly have not resigned ourselves to relegation and we are quite sure (and those of you who saw the match here last Saturday against Newcastle United would agree that it was football at its best) that if only we could get the run of the ball (and as this has run so constantly badly for us this season it must soon turn) that when it does we can anticipate a rapid rise in the table. As an instance taking only last Saturday's match Newcastle had had two shots at goal and had scored twice and there was no semblance of another goal coming forth for them, yet we on the other hand had bombarded the Newcastle goal, shots went off their defenders for corners, other shots went just wide and yet we were two goals down. As one reporter put it 'if Luton had enjoyed the Newcastle luck the result would certainly have been different!' But that is football.

We now take on Everton, the team we played in our opening match of the season, when we had the satisfaction of drawing two goals each, quite a good performance and, we felt, a good start. Then followed our two disastrous home games, with Blackpool and Leeds United, both of which we should have won but lost by an only goal in each case. Somehow we have never been able to shake off the great disappointment felt on the losing of those two matches. On the face of it we should get back into winning vein today for Everton is the only club in the First Division which has yet to win an "away" match this season. They have drawn on three occasions, the last when they went to Preston a fortnight ago to hold the leaders to a goalless draw. Last Saturday they drew at home to West Bromwich two goals each, and it is noticed that their recent signing from Leeds United Alan Shackleton was

amongst the goals. Two points today will help us to approach Christmas in a happier frame of mind.

This Christmas Day, as last, the lads have a holiday which, we feel, is a good move. A match at Highbury on Boxing Day, and the return match here on the following Monday is an ideal arrangement, for which our thanks are due to the compilers of the fixtures. The British Railways, London Midland Region, are arranging a Special Excursion to St. Pancras, on Saturday, 26th December, for the match at Highbury, leaving Bedford at 12 noon, Harlington, Leagrave, Luton (12.40), Harpenden and St. Albans (1.05) to reach St. Pancras 1.30 p.m. Return Fares ranging from 7/9 from Bedford to 5/6 from St. Albans, return by any train from St. Pancras after the match. Children under fourteen at half fare. Tickets can be obtained in advance at stations and Official Railway Agents. We hope to see quite a few of you at Highbury to help cheer the lads (as you did last Saturday) in their search for further points, and as Arsenal are finding the going a bit sticky at present, losing another home game last Saturday to Burnley by four goals to two despite a two goal lead at half time, we might be able to bring off a surprise here. It is rather surprising that Arsenal have lost five games at home to date this season, like ourselves, more than they have lost away. Just no accounting for it for undoubtedly Arsenal have the players.

We have not yet received the tickets for our F.A. Cup match at Exeter, but should do so by Wednesday at the latest. We shall, of course, post the tickets as soon as we receive them. Meanwhile there are still a few in hand for Season Ticket Holders who have not yet applied. Anyone applying for Stand Tickets need not apply by post if they prefer to call at the Office for them, but not before Wednesday next. Prices of the Tickets are Seats 7/6, Enclosure (Standing) 3/- and Terrace 2/6. British Railways are not providing an Excursion Train on this occasion, but they are making the following arrangements: A SPECIAL FARE of 30/- Return Luton to Exeter, train leaving Luton 7.30 a.m., arriving St. Pancras 8.15 a.m. Depart Paddington 9.30 a.m., arrive Exeter 12.40 p.m. Return from Exeter on the 5.40 p.m. train, arriving at Paddington 9 p.m. Return to Luton by any train from St. Pancras. There will be Refreshment facilities on both trains to and from Paddington. Accommodation is strictly limited, so anyone interested is advised to get in touch with their particular station without delay.

A very nice tribute was paid to us last Saturday, by the Newcastle United Directors when they saw our pitch. With vivid memories of that 30th day of November, 1946, when, after enjoying a three goal lead at half time they were eventually beaten by four goals to three, they were no doubt expecting to find similar conditions, especially after the recent heavy rains. They were therefore pleasantly surprised to find the pitch in such wonderful condition, and said so. Groundsman Tom King and his staff are to be congratulated on their excellent work.

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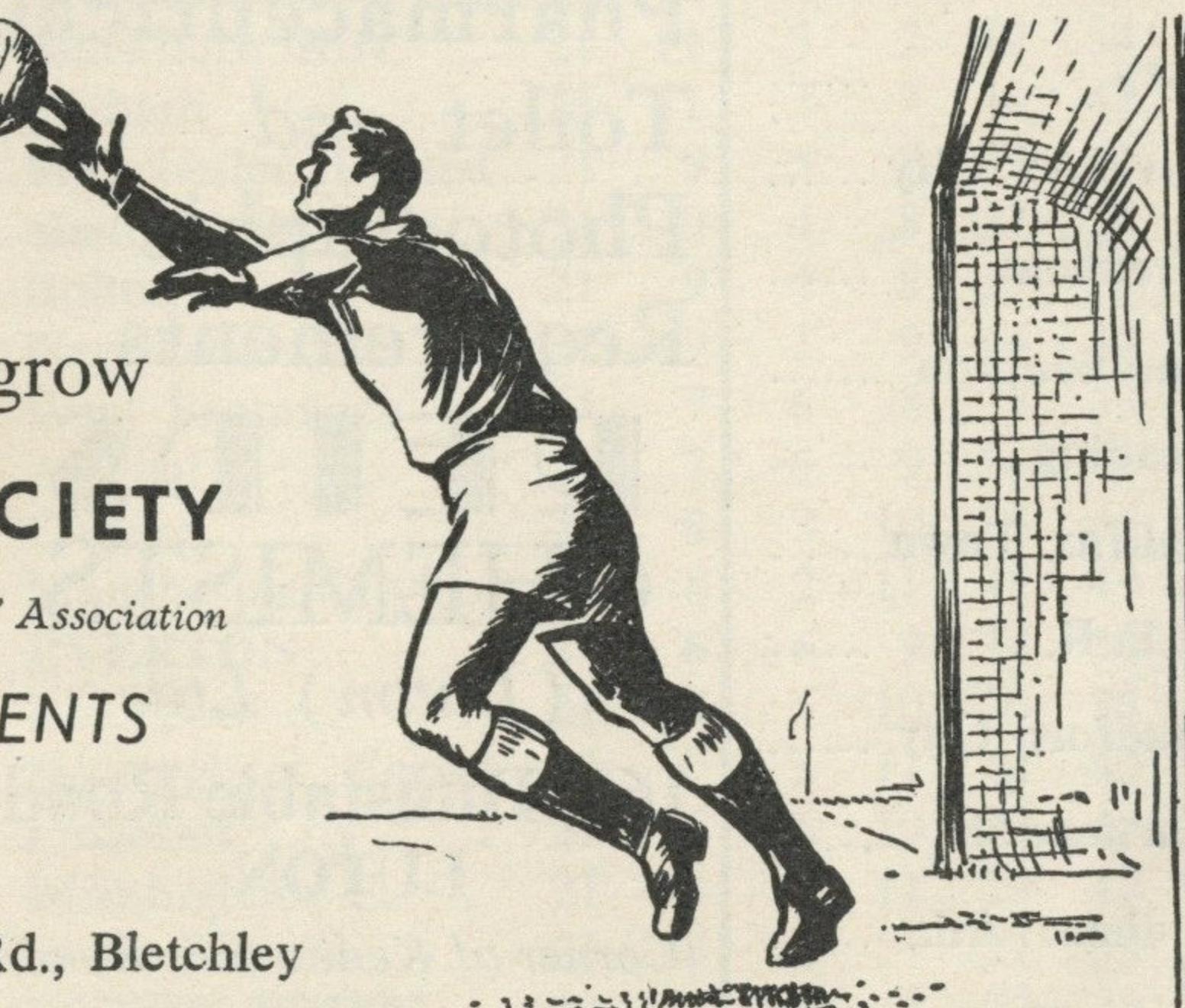
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FIRST LIST	
A	Bolton Wan. Blackpool
B	Burnley Leeds United
C	Fulham Blackburn R.
D	Leicester City West Ham U.
E	Manchester U. West Brom.
F	Notts. Forest Manchester C.
G	Preston N. E. Chelsea
H	Sheffield Wed. Arsenal
K	Tottenham H. Newcastle U.
L	Wolver'pton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

SECOND LIST

A	Charlton Ath. Rotherham U.
B	Derby County Sheffield Utd.
C	Huddersfield Ipswich Town
D	Leyton O. Bristol Rov.
E	Lincoln City Swansea T.
F	Liverpool Cardiff City
G	Plymouth A. Hull City
H	Portsmouth Middlesbro'
K	Sunderland Stoke City
L	Accrington S. Tranmere R.
M	Bournemouth Shrewsbury
N	Brentford Barnsley

THIRD LIST

A	Chesterfield Grimsby T.
B	Colchester U. Bury
C	Mansfield T. Coventry City
D	Newport Co. Wrexham
E	Norwich City Southampton
F	Port Vale Reading
G	Southend U. Halifax Town
H	Swindon T. Q. P. R.
K	York City Bradford City
L	Aldershot Hartlepools
M	Bradford Oldham Ath.
N	Ipswich Res. Luton T. Res.

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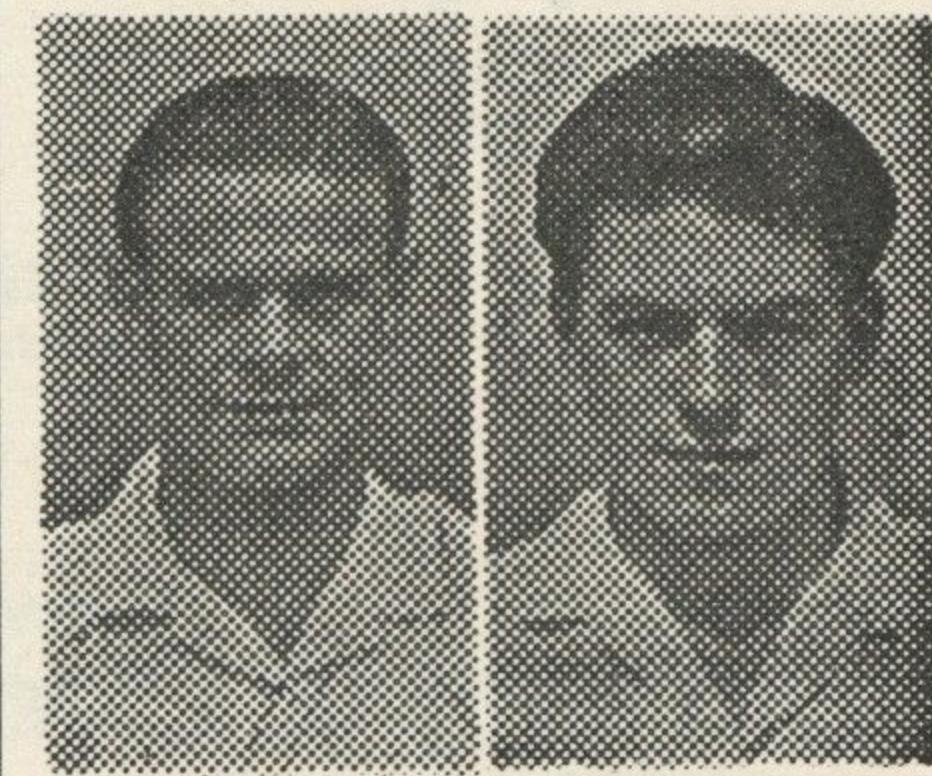
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1959 FIRST XI—Division 1		Attendance	1958/9	F	A
Aug. 22 Sat.	Everton	38539	1 3	A	2 2
" 26 Wed.	Blackpool	19095	1 1	H	0 1
" 29 Sat.	Leeds United	15822	1 1	H	0 1
" 31 Mon.	Blackpool	22008	0 3	A	0 0
Sept. 5 Sat.	Bolton Wand.	15604	0 0	H	0 0
" 9 Wed.	Manchester City	13122	5 1	H	1 2
" 12 Sat.	Fulham	30100	1 1	A	2 4
" 16 Wed.	Manchester City	29309	1 1	A	2 1
" 19 Sat.	Notts. Forest	16634	5 1	H	1 0
" 26 "	Sheffield, Wed.	25138	0 3	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. (I)	22528	1 2	H	1 1
" 21 "	Manchester United	40572	1 2	A	1 4
" 28 "	Preston N. End	17174	4 1	H	1 3
Dec. 5 "	Leicester City (2)	16700	1 3	A	3 3
" 12 "	Newcastle U.	14524	4 2	H	3 4
" 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 "	Exeter C.—F.A. Cup-3	...	...	A	
" 16 "	Bolton Wanderers	...	4 2	A	
" 23 "	Fulham	...	...	H	
" 30 "	F.A. Cup - 4	...	...
Feb. 6 "	Nottingham Forest	...	1 3	A	
" 13 "	Sheffield Wed.	...	0 5	A	
" 20 "	Wolverhampton (5)	...	4 3	H	
" 27 "	Leicester City	...	3 3	A	
March 5 "	Chelsea	...	3 3	A	
" 12 "	West Brom. (6)	...	1 1	H	
" 19 "	Newcastle Utd.	...	0 1	A	
" 26 "	Birmingh'm (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	...	...

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	1 1	H	1 1
" 19 "	Nottingham Forest	1331	1 4	A	0 2
" 26 "	Portsmouth	1512	4 1	H	0 4

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	2 2
" 24 "	Charlton Ath.	1419	1 1	H	1 3
" 31 "	Tottenham H.	4333	0 1	A	1 3

Nov. 7 "	**Birmingham C.**	2164	1 2	H	**1 0**

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