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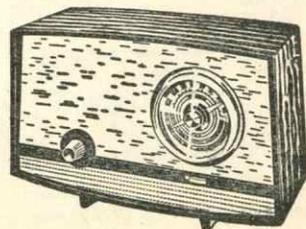
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CLUB NOTES — continued

zone of the bottom three places. We saw Harvey McCreadie, our latest capture, in action for the second time, and again he impressed with his skill and general aptitude for the game. He scored a magnificent goal last Saturday which set us upon the road to victory against Notts Forest Reserves when we were trailing by two goals to nil, and undoubtedly his place in the team has made for more effectiveness. We feel sure it will not be long before we see him in higher company, although at 17½ it is a big step and we do not want to hurry him too much. We are sure also

however that the occasion will not be too big for him when he does take his place in the senior side, and we all look forward to that day.

Should our Cup Tie match with Wolverhampton Wanderers next Saturday result in a draw, the replay will take place at Molineux the following Wednesday, kick-off 7 p.m. Tickets at 7/- for Centre Stand and Wing Stands, and Enclosure tickets (standing) at 3/6 will be on sale at the Office after the match. If a replay is not necessary the postponed League I match will take place at Molineux on Tuesday night, February 23rd, kick-off 7.15.

CLUB NOTES

CUP TIE time is with us once again, and while it is very nice for a Club to have success in this Competition it does make those behind the scenes wonder if it is all worth it so much disgruntlement does it appear to bring in its wake. The majority of Clubs complain of falling "gates" for bread-and-butter League fare, but when the Cup Ties come round the demand for tickets is overwhelming and much greater than the supply which of course must result in some people being disappointed. When we knew our opponents for the Fifth Round were the Wolves we of course anticipated there would be much interest in the match and so got down to the business of working out a scheme for the distribution of tickets which would we feel give the greatest satisfaction. We discussed at some length the pros and cons of previous arrangements, and one of the points we were most emphatic upon was that we would not have tickets on sale on a Sunday or on separate nights at the Bobbers' Club. Both these arrangements were tried last year in response to suggestions from various people who 'knew how to do it,' but we were not happy at seeing queues of people standing in the rain, the majority after a hard day's work, and especially for those who were disappointed after a long wait. We decided on postal applications only for tickets for the Enclosure and Bobbers Stand to avoid queues, and not to accept block bookings thus giving everyone the same chance by writing providing of course application was made without delay. Admission to Kenilworth Road Terraces to be by paying at the turnstiles. On the face of it we felt this seemed a sound and reasonable scheme, fair to everyone who took the bother to apply, but this was not good enough for a certain gentleman of the daily press, who accused us of "downright disloyalty to the fans who have denied tickets to their most ardent supporters from the country districts. For years hundreds from a 20 mile radius have come cheerfully into Luton in coaches run by small firms, who received weekly supplies of tickets for the matches. Now these country-boasters have been told; 'If you want a ticket, come and get it.'" Both these statements are sheer piffle, for in the first place no tickets for League matches are issued at all to any coach company. The majority of people travelling in these coaches pay for admittance at the turnstiles, and where they have tickets they are either season ticket holders or apply for tickets 'under their own steam.' In the second place people making enquiries at the Office for tickets for the Wolves' match were told the arrangements, which were to apply in writing. These details are also given in the local papers and club programme—no one has been told to 'come and get it.' There was also a reference in this same article to "white collared directors who sell tickets at 'enhanced prices.'" This presumably applies to directors of clubs who raise the prices when the Cup Ties come along, but it came without a break immediately following the remarks referred to and as we had not made any increase in our prices many people got the impression the remark applied personally to the directors of this Club. We deny this most emphatically, and indeed we do not know of any Club director whatsoever, who personally sells tickets at "enhanced prices." If clubs raise their prices when the demand for tickets at a particular Cup Tie is heavy, although the decision is made by the directors on behalf of that particular club and is for the benefit of that club this is quite different from the view implied in this article that "white collared directors sell tickets at 'enhanced prices,'" and the article has to be read again to make sure the remark does not

apply to directors personally. It is another of those clever red herrings simply used to excite interest but in the long run does neither the writer nor his paper any good. We notice that the local paper last Saturday also took up the running on behalf of the coach proprietors. Upon taking the matter up with them we were told 'it is news,' and so whether the view expressed that "we are victimised whenever a big game comes along" is true or not it has to be expressed 'because it is news.' No doubt advantage will now be taken by the papers concerned to make further statements on this subject as we have dared to refer to them but we felt we must make our point. We are however very concerned that regular supporters living in outside districts should feel we have no time for them when the big matches come along. We are aware that many come by car, train and bus and if we agree on a system to help those who come by coach other sections of our supporters would expect us to make similar arrangements for them. We should undoubtedly receive applications for block bookings from firms, social clubs, etc., and this would make the problem more complicated. We are conscious of the fact that about fifty per cent of our support comes from the outlying districts and we do not want them to feel we have no room for them at important matches such as Cup Ties. We are sorry we have taken up so much room on this particular subject, but in view of the press reports referred to felt we must put our side of the case. We can assure you all that to have to refuse anyone at any time gives us no satisfaction whatsoever. It is so much nicer and easier to satisfy people's requests, and only inadequacy of supply makes refusal at times necessary.

We now, rather belatedly, refer to the important job we have on hand here this afternoon when we have Sheffield Wednesday as our guests. This match is a most important one for us for it could be the one which decides our company for next season. Should we win, and there should really be no doubt as to which of the two sides shall take the spoils, the two points will keep us well within distance of our near-neighbours in the Table. To lose, however, with only six more home matches, could be such a blow that only a superhuman effort for the rest of the season would prevent the big drop. Last week at Notts Forest we should have won for we had much better chances of scoring than the two chances the Forest accepted to give them both points, but somehow the cloud which has hung over us all the season when good scoring chances have come along was present again last Saturday. We felt that if only we could have opened the scoring we would go on and win, but that initial goal just would not materialize, and so we had to leave the City Ground pointless. When we played the Wednesday at Hillsborough at the end of September last they were not much higher than ourselves in the Table, but following their win over us they went from strength to strength, and today occupy fourth place with a much better goal average than Preston who have obtained the same number of points. Following his recent much improved displays in the Reserve side Mike Tracey has been promoted to wear the Number 9 shirt in this League I encounter today, his baptism into League football. Mike has found the change from amateur to professional status a tough one, but he has stuck to the task most assiduously and fully deserves the confidence being placed in him. We wish him every success.

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- 2 **Dunne** Right Back
- 4 **Brown** Right Half
- 7 **Bingham** Outside Right
- 8 **Turner** Inside Right

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- 11 **Finney** Outside Left
- 10 **Fantham** Inside Left
- 6 **Kay** Left Half
- 3 **Megson** Left Back

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- Goal **Baynham**
- 3 **McNally** Left Back
- 6 **Pacey** Left Half
- 5 **Kelly** Centre Half
- 9 **Tracey** Centre
- 10 **Cummins** Inside Left
- 11 **Noake** Outside Left



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- 9 **Elli** Centre
- 8 **Craig** Inside Right
- 7 **Wilkinson** Outside Right
- 5 **Swan** Centre Half
- 4 **McAearney** Right Half
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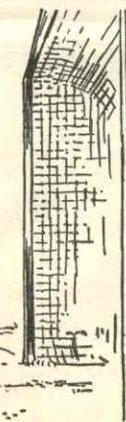
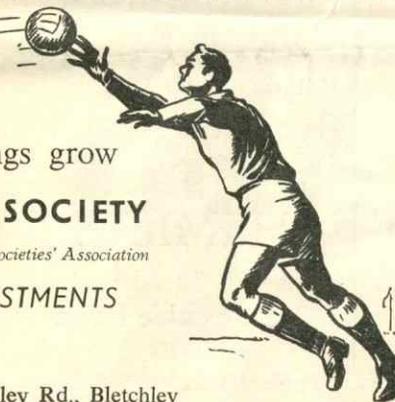
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

A	Birmingham	Burnley
B	Blackburn R.	Manchester C.
C	Blackpool	Arsenal
D	Bolton Wan.	Notts. Forest
E	Chelsea	Fulham
F	Everton	Wolverh'pton
G	Manchester U.	Preston N. E.
H	Newcastle U.	Leeds United
K	Tottenham H.	Leicester City
L	West Brom.	West Ham U.
M	Bristol Rov.	Stoke City
N	Cardiff City	Lincoln City

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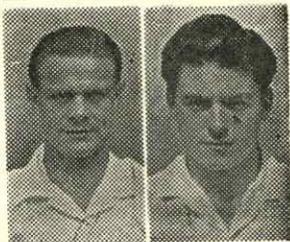
A	Derby County	Charlton Ath.
B	Huddersfield	Sunderland
C	Hull City	Rotherham U.
D	Ipswich Town	Portsmouth
E	Leyton O.	Aston Villa
F	Middlesbro'	Bristol City
G	Plymouth A.	Liverpool
H	Sheffield Utd.	Scunthorpe U.
K	Swansea T.	Brighton & H.
L	Barnsley	Bury
M	Bradford City	Bournemouth
N	Coventry City	Accrington S.

THIRD LIST

A	Grimsby T.	Wrexham
B	Norwich City	Brentford
C	Port Vale	Colchester U.
D	Q. P. R.	Tranmere R.
E	Reading	Mansfield T.
F	Shrewsbury	Southend Utd.
G	Southampton	Halifax Town
H	Swindon T.	Chesterfield
K	Carlisle Utd.	Oldham Ath.
L	Chester	Crystal Palace
M	Crewe Alex.	Bradford
N	Portsm'th Res.	Luton T. Res.

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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	...	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	...	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)	22528	1 2 H	1	0
" 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	9799	0 1 H	2	1
" 26 "	Arsenal	31466	0 1 A	3	0
" 28 Mon.	Arsenal	27055	6 3 H	0	1
1960					
Jan. 2 Sat.	Leeds United	19921	1 1 A	1	1
" 9 "	Exeter C.—F.A. Cup-3	20000	A	2	1
" 23 "	Fulham	17876	...	H	4 1
" 30 "	Huddersfield—F.A. Cup-4	22500	A	1	0
Feb. 6 "	Nottingham Forest	22886	1 3 A	0	2
" 13 "	Sheffield Wed.	...	...	H	...
" 20 "	Wolves—F.A. Cup-5	...	...	H	...
" 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	...	...	...	...
To be arranged	Bolton Wanderers	...	4 2 A	...	...
	Wolverhampton	...	0 5 A	...	...

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	1192	...	A	2 5
" 21 "	Chelsea	1991	2 1 H	1	2
" 28 "	West Ham United	2132	3 3 A	1	3
Dec. 5 "	Bristol City	1198	1 3 H	2	5
" 12 "	Leicester City	815	1 4 A	1	5
" 19 "	Ipswich Town	2303	1 5 A	2	3
" 26 "	Southend Utd.	1099	...	H	0 0
1960					
Jan. 2 Sat.	Southend United	1948	...	A	1 1
" 9 "	Swansea Town	1008	5 2 H	5	3
" 23 "	Bournemouth & B.	1688	...	A	1 5
" 30 "	Leyton Orient	2540	3 1 H	2	1
Feb. 6 "	Notts. Forest	3075	2 1 H	3	2
" 13 "	Portsmouth	...	1 0 A	...	...
" 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
To be arranged	Arsenal	...	3 3 H

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Burnley	28	16	4	8	64	44	36
Wolverhampton W.	28	15	4	9	63	52	34
SHEFFIELD WED.	28	13	6	9	53	33	32
Preston North End	28	12	8	8	52	48	32
West Bromwich	28	12	7	9	54	40	31
Bolton Wand.	27	13	5	9	36	31	31
Fulham	28	13	5	10	51	54	31
West Ham United	28	14	3	11	54	54	31
Blackburn Rov.	28	13	3	12	47	46	29
Manchester United	28	11	6	11	65	57	28
Newcastle Utd.	28	11	5	12	57	57	27
Arsenal	28	10	6	12	49	59	26
Manchester City	28	11	3	14	59	59	25
Blackpool	28	9	7	12	38	41	25
Chelsea	28	9	6	13	52	64	24
Nottingham Forest	28	10	4	14	34	53	24
Everton	28	8	7	13	45	52	23
Leicester City	28	7	9	12	43	58	23
Leeds United	28	8	7	13	47	64	23
Birmingham C.	28	8	5	15	38	52	21
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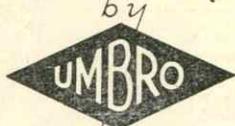
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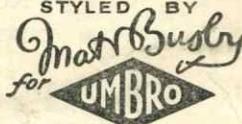
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