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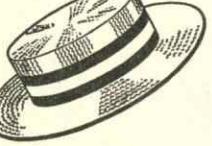
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CLUB NOTES



THE Merriest of Merry Christmases to you all! We hope you are all enjoying the most awaited Bank Holiday of the year in the true festive spirit of 'on Earth Peace and Goodwill toward men.

Filled with festive fare and, no doubt, having tasted the Christmas spirit in more ways than one, we expect you all to be in a happy, carefree mood. It is our desire that the soccer you have come to see this afternoon will be in keeping with this mood and bring you a further Christmas present full of goals and entertainment and gaily wrapped in skill and sportsmanship.

It is our privilege to welcome to Luton this Boxing Day Lincoln City. Lincoln are unfortunately in a lowly position in the League chart having had mixed fortune both at home and away. Their last game was at home to Portsmouth when owing to a couple of defensive errors they forfeited a 2-1 lead and went down 2-3. Naturally, we hope they will make similar gifts this afternoon but we can expect a hard fight for the points. Lincoln have already recorded three away victories, one of which was at Southampton a fortnight ago which shows they cannot be taken lightly.

Christmas time is the halfway stage in the League programme. Being so it is an admirable time to make a comparison with our fortunes of last season. Christmas 1959 our opponents were Arsenal and we were fighting to preserve our Division One status. In fact we were bottom of the table with 14 points from 22 games. Today we are sixth from the base and have 18 points from 21 games. For those who like to compare the prowess of our forwards at scoring goals here is the comparison:—

1959/60
Played 22 W 4 D 6 L 12 For 24 Agst. 44 14 points

1960/61
Played 21 W 7 D 4 L 10 For 35 Agst. 42 18 points

Our last game, the visit of Huddersfield Town brought us two very welcome points. This victory took us a step forward in our bid to rise up the table. Victory may have been sweet for us but for Huddersfield Town we have helped to create new problems. It was their sixth defeat in a row and now firmly placed at the bottom of the table with Swansea Town they are facing a big task to escape the drop to Division III.

Although our victory appeared very narrow on the score sheet it was not quite the struggle it portrays. On a much drier Kenilworth Road pitch, but still very sticky, it was not easy to judge passes and both attacks found mistakes were frequent. It was very difficult and at certain parts of the pitch impossible to make passes along the ground, consequently accuracy and precious seconds were lost when having to lift the ball in order to find a colleague. The quality of the football as a result was a little disappointing compared with our recent home displays but nevertheless there were many skilful movements which kept the game alive and of course with such a narrow advantage there was always the possibility of Huddersfield suddenly finding the net which they could have done on two occasions but for the skill of Jim Standen.

It must be put on record though that this was a match which could have been won, and won comfortably, in the first half. Our forwards were well on top at this stage and quite a few chances went begging. It would be fair to add however that more than one of these chances would have

appeared on the score sheet but for the agile brilliance of keeper Fearnley in the Huddersfield goal, whose anticipation at times was uncanny. Why is it that every goalkeeper who plays at Kenilworth Road no matter which team he plays for has an entertaining match? It happens so regularly we feel it calls for comment.

With all this it seemed the Yorkshiremen would return home with a point but opportunist Gordon Turner converted a beautiful through ball from Bob Morton into a great goal. This was very early in the second half and it was not until this goal had been scored that Huddersfield showed any sort of bite or urgency in their play. Up to this point their forwards had been very quiet and had not really troubled our defence. When they did attack with more vigour they found our defence, and Groves, Bramwell and Standen in particular, in a mood not to give away Christmas presents in the form of goals!

One outstanding performer in our team was our newest outside left 18 year old Jim Fleming. A very recent acquisition from Partick Thistle this lad showed an agile soccer brain and the ability to co-ordinate this talent with ball control to produce an accomplished performance. The confidence expressed in this player by our Manager Sam Bartram is fully justified on this display.

The success against Huddersfield has increased the interest in our Cup fixture with Northampton Town. At the time of going to press there are still a few tickets available but if you still have to obtain yours, then our advice is step in quickly, for any tickets still unsold on 31st December will be sent to Northampton who are crying out for more than they have received.

Season Ticket Holders are reminded that they have until the 31st December to claim their own particular seat. If you cannot make a personal application you can apply by post enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, the Pink Slip for Round 3 and 7/6 for each seat.

Today's fixture is our last home match before the visit of Northampton Town, our first hurdle on the road to Wembley. The 'Cobblers' have taken and sold their full quota of tickets and there will be no lack of support for them when 7th January comes round.

We would like to take this opportunity of requesting all Ticket Holders to please come along well before kick-off for our Cup Tie. A last minute arrival will cause inconvenience to all other spectators and to yourselves. On the other hand an early arrival will enable our stewards to pack more efficiently and give everyone an equal opportunity to see the match without the disturbance and annoyance of latecomers. So please be early—beat the traffic and see all the match more easily! Once the match has started it is impossible for the stewards to ensure that all spectators have a good view.

Only two games, both away from home, remain in our League programme for 1960. Tomorrow, of course, we have the rearranged Christmas Eve fixture at Lincoln. This game could well be our first away victory particularly if we taste victory today by a handsome margin. Next Saturday, New Year's Eve, we are away to Sunderland and many of you will remember our encounter at Kenilworth Road early in the Season when the score ended all square at 3-3.

Being our last first team game here this year we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year! As 'Old Father Time' hangs up his scythe and hour-glass and takes his leave we shall be welcoming the new born 1961 with high hopes of good fortune in both League and Cup. We wish you all the luck we wish ourselves!

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Right Back

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7
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8
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Inside Right

Referee :
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11
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10
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3
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Left Back

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Standen Football League — Division 2

Goal

3
Bramwell
Left Back

5
Groves
Centre Half

9
Turner
Centre

10
Brown
Inside Left

11
Fleming
Outside Left

6
McGuffie
Left Half

8
Wright
Inside Right

7
Holmes
Outside Right

4
Middleton
Right Half

2
Jackson
Right Back

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