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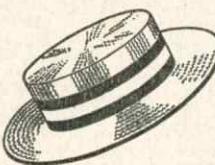
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CLUB NOTES



THOUGHTS of today's encounter with our near neighbours Northampton Town in this 3rd Round F.A. Challenge Cup Tie conjure memories of the

many battle royals we have had in the past with these lads in the Claret shirts. It is many years now since our two senior teams met, right back to season 1936/37 in fact when we gained promotion from the Third (South) to the Second Division. Northampton continued in the Third (South) holding their own until 1948/49 when they finished third from bottom place, but the following season finished in second place to Notts. County thus missing promotion by the narrowest of margins as they had done also in Season 1927/28. Season 1952/53 they finished in third place missing promotion by two points. These three occasions were the nearest they had been to fighting their way out of the Third Division since they joined it, like ourselves, in 1920/21, but at the end of Season 1957/58 when it had been decided that the top twelve teams in the Third Divisions North and South would form Division Three the following season, and those finishing in the bottom twelve places in both sections would form Division Four, Northampton finished in 13th place and thus found themselves in Division Four in 58/59. Last season they finished in sixth position, but this season together with Crystal Palace and Peterborough they have set a very high pace in the promotion struggle, having dropped fourteen points only so far out of a possible 50. Their "away" record of four wins and five draws in helping them to gain the high position of third place is most impressive and certainly gives us food for thought. In order to enter the Third Round of the F.A. Cup they beat Hastings in the First Round at home by two goals to one, and in the Second Round had to travel to Romford where they won comfortably by five goals to one. No doubt the "Cobblers" as they are nicknamed take the field this afternoon there will be quite a few of their supporters present who will remember that glorious day three years ago when they humbled the mighty Arsenal by three goals to one, a victory which went to the most worthy side on the day and was fully deserved. The Northampton team that day was — Elvy; Collins, Patterson; Yeoman, Gale, Mills; English, Tebbutt, Hawkins, Leek and Fowler. Today the "Cobblers" are managed by Dave Bowen, who joined them last season from the Arsenal and whose experience no doubt has helped them to gain the high position they hold in the League Table today. Mr. Bowen who is a Welsh International with 5 home International Caps was at first a Northampton player who was transferred to Arsenal in 1950 and transferred back again last season to become Player / Manager. Northampton are very fond it seems of the name Bowen in connection with the Arsenal for in 1928 E. Bowen was transferred from that Club which proved a good stroke of business for in Season 1928/29 he was the highest scorer in League football with 34 goals to his credit. Two sidelines on today's match—both goalkeepers are ex-Arsenal

players being on the Highbury Club's books at the same time for a few seasons and the other point of interest is that Mike Tracey and Laurie Brown have both played for Bishop Auckland and Crook Town at the same time as well as playing for England together in Amateur International matches. All four will undoubtedly have quite a lot to say when they meet this afternoon.

Should to-day's match end in a draw at ninety minutes play the Re-play will be at Northampton on Tuesday next, kick-off 7.15 p.m. The Northampton Club would ticket only the Stand, in this event, and as it is not very big our allocation of the Tickets is consequently small. These will be on sale after to-day's match and if any then left, Monday, from 9 a.m.

Arrangements have been made by the Hospitals' Commentaries Scheme for to-day's match to be covered by both Luton and Northampton Commentators direct to their respective Hospitals, and that in the case of a Re-play the same arrangements will be made at Northampton.

Our defeat at Sunderland last Saturday on paper looks as if we were played out of the ground, but actually such was not the case, for three quarters of the game we more than held our own with the score at one goal each, and if at least three chances which should have been accepted had been taken advantage of the final score could have been the reverse. Two goals in three minutes by Sunderland both of which should have been prevented, seemed to knock the steam out of our lads, and try as they would they just could not free themselves of the fate which seemed to grip them in the latter stages of the match. As an instance Dave Pacey in the closing minutes went through in his accustomed style but somehow the ball was kept from entering the Sunderland net, yet when the attack broke down the Sunderland forwards went up the field and Left Half McNab hit the ball into our net when there seemed to be no apparent danger but somehow none of our lads seemed able to do anything about it. It was just fantastic, but unfortunately for us when all explanations are forgotten the score will still show Sunderland 7, Luton 1.

Our Reserve team continues its winning way, beating Notts. County Reserves here last Saturday by 5 goals to 2, and now stand very nicely placed near the top of the table. If they keep this form we will undoubtedly be back in the First Division next season of the Football Combination providing of course there are not sweeping changes in the Constitution which are at present being openly discussed. There is a point of view by some Clubs that Combination matches be played mid-week, but this Club prefers our Reserve side to play on Saturdays, and we are hoping some arrangement will be worked out so that each Club can play their matches as they prefer, without the Football Combination losing any status.

Congratulations to Leslie Ker, our young Goalkeeper who, at 16 years of age, just turned, has been selected to play for the Apprentice Professional XI versus Amateur XI at Oxford United's Ground to-day. We feel this is a great honour for this youngster, but one fully justified, and we sincerely hope it will lead to many more for him.

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Standen
Goal

F.A. Cup — Round 3

3 Bramwell
Left Back
5 Groves
Centre Half
9 Turner
Centre
10 Brown
Inside Left
11 Fleming
Outside Left



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8 Leck
Inside Right
9 Brown
Centre
5 Gale
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FIRST LIST

F.A. CUP — Round 3	
A	Aldershot
B	Brighton & H.
C	Bristol Rovers
D	Burnley
E	Cardiff City
F	Chelsea
G	Chesterfield
H	Everton
K	Gillingham
L	Hull City
M	Leicester City
N	Lincoln City
	Shrewsbury
	Derby County
	Aston Villa
	Bournemouth
	Manchester C.
	Crewe Alex.
	Blackburn R.
	Sheffield Utd.
	Leyton Orient
	Bolton Wan.
	Oxford Utd.
	West Brom.

SECOND LIST

A	Liverpool	Coventry City
B	Manchester U.	Middlesbro'
C	Newcastle U.	Fulham
D	Notts. Forest	Birmingham
E	Plymouth A.	Bristol City
F	Portsmouth	Peterborough
G	Preston N.E.	Accrington S.
H	Reading	Barnsley
K	Rotherham U.	Watford
L	Scunthorpe U.	Blackpool
M	Sheffield Wed.	Leeds United
N	Southampton	Ipswich Town

THIRD LIST

A	Stockport Co.	Southport
B	Sunderland	Arsenal
C	Swansea T.	Port Vale
D	Tottenham H.	Charlton Ath.
E	West Ham U.	Stoke City
F	Wolver'pton	Huddersfield
G	York City	Norwich City

LEAGUE MATCHES

H	Bury	Bradford City
K	Halifax Town	Q. P. R.
L	Southend Utd.	Newport Co.
M	Swindon T.	Brentford
N	Q. P. R. Res.	Luton T. Res.

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Division 2 and Football Combination Fixtures

1960 - 1961

1960 FIRST XI — Division 2		Attendance	F	A	1960 Reserve XI Fixtures		Attendance	F	A	
Aug. 20 Sat.	Huddersfield Town	18156	A	1	1	20 Sat.	Coventry City	2415	H	3
" 24 Wed.	Portsmouth	17514	H	1	0	" 21	"	415	A	4
" 27 Sat.	Sunderland	17632	H	3	3	" 3 Sat.	Colchester Utd.	773	H	3
" 31 Wed.	Portsmouth	15176	A	2	3	" 10	Crystal Palace	1736	A	4
Sept. 3 Sat.	Plymouth Argyle	21408	A	1	1	" 13 Tues.	Swansea Town	1793	A	1
" 7 Wed.	Liverpool	27339	A	2	2	" 17 Sat.	Plymouth Arg.	404	H	3
" 10 Sat.	Norwich City	22252	H	0	2	" 24 "	"	1797	H	3
" 14 Wed.	Liverpool	10055	H	2	1	Oct. 1 "	Reading	1643	H	3
" 17 Sat.	Charlton Ath.	11788	A	1	4	" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	1357	A	4
" 24 "	Sheffield United	13726	H	1	4	" 15 "	"	1882	H	2
Oct. 1 "	Stoke City	9395	A	0	3	" 22 "	Shrewsbury	917	A	1
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	9373	H	4	2	" 29 "	Millwall Athletic	922	H	2
" 15 "	Derby County	13447	A	1	4	" 26 "	Southend United	1980	A	2
" 22 "	Leyton Orient	11037	H	0	1	" 26 "	Fulham	1781	H	2
" 29 "	Scunthorpe United	8733	A	0	1	" 26 "	Brentford	515	A	0
Nov. 5 "	Ipswich Town (1)	11221	H	3	2	" 26 "	Aldershot	2165	H	3
" 12 "	Brighton & Hove	14011	A	0	1	Dec. 10 "	Bristol Rovers	1573	H	3
" 19 "	Middlesbrough	12579	H	6	1	" 17 "	"	"	A	1
Dec. 3 "	Southampton	12927	H	4	1	" 26 Mon.	Peterborough Utd.	"	A	2
" 10 "	Rotherham United	6187	H	2	5	" 31 Sat.	Notts. County	2163	H	5
" 17 "	Huddersfield T.	11219	H	1	0	1961	"	"	A	2
" 26 Mon.	Lincoln City	15283	H	3	0	Jan. 7 Sat.	Q.P.R.	"	A	1
" 27 Tues.	Lincoln City	10240	A	1	1	" 14 "	Colchester United	"	A	1
" 31 Sat.	Sunderland	28695	A	1	7	" 21 "	Crystal Palace	"	H	1
Feb. 4 "	Charlton Ath.	"	H	0	0	" 28 "	Q.P.R.	"	H	1
" 11 "	Sheffield United	"	A	0	0	Mar. 4 "	Millwall Ath.	"	A	1
" 18 "	Stoke City (5)	"	H	0	0	" 11 "	Southend Utd.	"	H	1
" 25 "	Bristol Rovers	"	A	0	0	" 18 "	Fulham	"	A	1
March 4 "	Derby County (6)	"	H	0	0	" 25 "	Brentford	"	H	1
" 8 Wed.	Leeds United	"	A	0	0	" 31 Fri.	Mansfield Town	"	A	1
" 11 Sat.	Leyton Orient	"	H	0	0	April 1 Sat.	Aldershot	"	A	1
" 18 "	Rotherham (S.F.)	"	H	0	0	" 3 Mon.	Mansfield Town	"	H	1
" 25 "	Ipswich Town	"	H	0	0	" 8 Sat.	Swindon Town	"	A	1
" 31 Fri.	Swansea Town	"	H	0	0	" 15 "	Northampton T.	"	A	1
April 1 Sat.	Leeds United	"	H	0	0	" 22 "	Coventry City	"	A	1
" 3 Mon.	Swansea Town	"	H	0	0	" 29 "	Peterborough U.	"	A	1
" 8 Sat.	Middlesbrough	"	H	0	0	To be arranged	Swindon Town	"	A	1
" 15 "	Brighton & Hove	"	H	0	0					
" 22 "	Southampton	"	H	0	0					
" 29 "	Scunthorpe Utd.	"	H	0	0					
May 6 "	F.A. Cup—Final	"	H	0	0					

LEAGUE TABLES, 1960 - 61

Up to and including Saturday, 31st December, 1960

DIVISION TWO

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sheffield United	26	16	3	7	47	31	35
Ipswich Town	24	15	3	6	59	34	33
Liverpool	24	13	5	6	50	33	31
Southampton	24	13	4	7	60	45	30
Middlesbrough	23	10	9	4	50	41	29
Norwich City	25	11	7	7	37	33	29
Sunderland	25	8	11	6	49	35	27
Scunthorpe United	24	9	9	6	46	37	27
Plymouth Argyle	24	12	3	9	52	51	27
Leeds United	24	9	6	9	47	50	24
Derby County	24	8	6	10	47	49	22
Brighton & Hove Alb.	25	8	6	11	40	48	22
Stoke City	24	6	9	9	29	27	21
Rotherham United	24	7	7	10	33	34	21
Charlton Athletic	24	7	7	10	57	60	21
LUTON TOWN	24	8	5	11	40	50	21
Portsmouth	24	7	7	10	39	56	21
Bristol Rovers	23	7	5	11	40	52	19
Huddersfield Town	24	6	6	12	35	44	18
Leyton Orient	22	7	4	11	32	46	18
Swansea Town	24	5	7	12	34	48	17
Lincoln City	25	6	5	14	33	52	17

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