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FOURTH DOUBLE OF THE SEASON

WE completed another double, our fourth of the season, when we defeated Nottingham Forest in the return match, four points having previously been extracted from Leicester City, Millwall and Plymouth Argyle.

There is no stopping our onward march, and since we were beaten at St. Andrews, Birmingham, on November 9 we have taken part in 18 League matches, 14 of which have been won and four drawn, 32 points out of a possible 36, with a goal average of 34 against 12.

That is real championship form, and before this afternoon's match with Luton Town, we were nine points ahead of Birmingham with a match in hand, and three

points in front of Burnley with equal matches played.

First Division football for the City at Maine-road next season looks an established fact, for nothing short of a sensational slump could rob us of promo-

SECOND LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENTS	Venue	Results For Against
Aug. 31	LEICESTER CITY.....	Away	3-0
Sept. 7	BURY.....	Home	3-1
" 14	CHESTERFIELD.....	Home	0-0
" 18	MILLWALL.....	Away	3-1
" 21	BRADFORD.....	Away	2-2
" 28	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	Home	7-2
Oct. 5	WEST HAM UNITED.....	Away	0-0
" 12	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.....	Home	0-1
" 19	SWANSEA TOWN.....	Home	1-1
" 26	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	Away	2-3
Nov. 2	WEST BROMWICH ALB.....	Home	5-0
" 9	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	Home	1-3
" 16	COVENTRY CITY.....	Home	1-0
" 23	NOTTINGHAM FOREST.....	Away	1-0
" 30	SOUTHAMPTON.....	Home	1-1
Dec. 7	NEWPORT COUNTY.....	Away	3-0
" 14	BARNLEY.....	Home	5-1
" 21	BURNLEY.....	Away	0-0
" 25	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	Home	4-3
" 26	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	Away	3-2
" 28	LEICESTER CITY.....	Home	1-0
Jan. 1	FULHAM.....	Home	4-0
" 4	CHESTERFIELD.....	Away	1-0
" 11	GATESHEAD-F.A. Cup Rd 3.....	Home	3-0
" 18	MILLWALL.....	Home	1-0
" 25	BOLTON W.-F.A. Cup Rd 4.....	Away	3-3
" 29	BOLTON W.-Replay.....	Home	1-0
Feb. 1	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	Home	1-0
" 8	BIRMINGHAM F.A. Cup Rd 5.....	Away	0-5
" 22	SWANSEA TOWN.....	Away	2-1
Mar. 1	FULHAM.....	Away	2-2
" 15	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	Home	1-0
" 22	COVENTRY CITY.....	Away	1-1
" 29	NOTTINGHAM FOREST.....	Home	2-1
April 4	LUTON TOWN.....	Home	2-0
" 5	SOUTHAMPTON.....	Away	
" 7	LUTON TOWN.....	Away	
" 12	NEWPORT COUNTY.....	Home	
" 19	BARNLEY.....	Away	
May 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	Home	

RESULTS UP TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 29

	HOME			AWAY		
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.
Man. C.	31	13	0	3	39	11
Burnley	31	10	1	6	26	10
Birm. C.	32	13	2	2	42	10
Newcastle	30	9	6	2	43	24
Tottenham	32	8	2	6	28	18
W. Brom.	30	8	3	3	34	23
Leicester	30	8	4	3	31	18
Chesterfield	29	6	3	4	19	12
Luton T.	32	10	4	2	38	25
Southampton	32	8	3	4	38	20
Plymouth	32	11	3	3	43	25
Fulham	29	9	3	2	33	18
W. Ham	31	9	4	3	33	22
Bury	31	8	3	5	48	30
Coventry	31	6	1	8	22	12
Barnley	51	7	9	2	28	22
Bradford	29	5	6	5	20	17
Nottm. F.	29	8	3	2	28	12
Millwall	30	6	6	4	26	25
Sheffield W.	32	7	6	4	33	26
Swansea	32	7	8	1	28	31
Newport	30	5	8	0	30	39

CONSTANTINE NEEDS CONFIDENCE

tion, and we are playing well enough to make our position even stronger after the Easter engagements.

The Nottingham Forest match saw the home debut of Jack Wharton, the former Preston North End winger, who had the satisfaction of scoring the opening goal, although it was a chance he could scarcely have missed after Savage, the Forest goalkeeper, had fumbled Maurice Dunkley's drive.

There is not a great deal of Wharton, whose home, by the way, is in Bolton, but what he lacks in inches he makes up for in pluck, for, as could be seen in the Nottingham match,

he never shirked a brush with the opposition.

A leg injury slowed him up somewhat in the second half, yet he was invariably in the thick of the fighting and his centres were always laden with danger.

Many followers of the City were expecting to see Jimmy Constantine in the team last Saturday after coming successfully through his fitness test with the reserve team, but it was not to be.

Apart from the fact that the management were reluctant to change a team which has had such a successful run, Manager Sam Cowan told me that while he was satisfied with Constantine's test he thought another

CENTRAL LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENTS	Venue	Results For Against
Aug. 31	WOLVERHAMPTON.....	Home	2-2
Sept. 7	CHESTERFIELD.....	Away	2-2
" 11	EVERTON.....	Home	2-0
" 14	ASTON VILLA.....	Home	1-1
" 16	BLACKPOOL.....	Away	1-0
" 21	DERBY COUNTY.....	Away	4-5
" 28	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Home	4-1
Oct. 5	BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	Home	4-1
" 12	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.....	Away	1-3
" 19	SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	Away	6-0
" 26	BURNLEY.....	Home	3-1
Nov. 2	PRESTON NORTH END.....	Away	1-5
" 9	BOLTON WANDERERS.....	Home	0-1
" 16	LIVERPOOL.....	Away	1-0
" 23	LEEDS UNITED.....	Home	4-1
" 30	WEST BROMWICH ALB.....	Away	4-6
Dec. 7	NEWCASTLE UNITED.....	Home	3-0
" 14	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	Away	2-1
" 21	STOKE CITY.....	Home	3-1
" 26	BURY.....	Home	2-0
" 28	WOLVERHAMPTON.....	Away	1-0
1947			
Jan. 4	CHESTERFIELD.....	Home	3-2
" 11	BURY.....	Away	1-2
" 18	ASTON VILLA.....	Away	0-3
" 25	DERBY COUNTY.....	Home	3-0
Feb. 1	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Away	2-2
" 8	BLACKBURN ROVERS.....	Away	4-1
" 15	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.....	Home	1-1
" 22	SHEFFIELD UNITED.....	Home	4-1
Mar. 8	PRESTON NORTH END.....	Home	1-1
" 22	LIVERPOOL.....	Home	0-0
April 4	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.....	Away	
" 5	WEST BROMWICH ALB.....	Home	
" 7	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.....	Home	
May 3	EVERTON.....	Away	
" 10	BURNLEY.....	Away	
" 17	BOLTON WANDERERS.....	Away	
" 24	BLACKPOOL.....	Home	
Jun. 14	LEEDS UNITED.....	Away	

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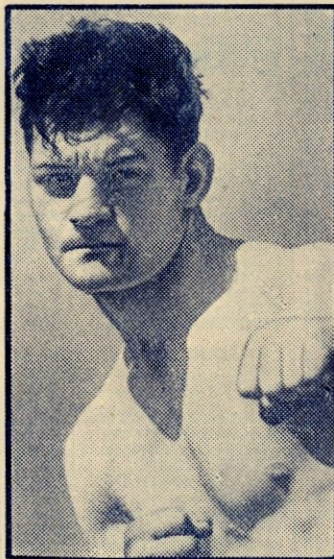
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CONSTANTINE

6
EMPTAGE
Left Half-Back

7
DUNKLEY 1.
Outside Right

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Inside Right

9
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Centre

10
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Inside Left

11
WHARTON
Outside Left

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Outside Left

10
CONNELLY
Inside Left

9
BILLINGTON
Centre

DANIELS
8
BUGGAN
Inside Right

WAUGH
7
SHANKS
Outside Right

GOODAYER

6
GARDINER
Left Half-Back

5
GAGER
Centre Half-Back

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Right Half-Back

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match, or perhaps two, with the reserves would help better to restore his confidence. "When a player has been out of the game so long," he said, "he loses touch, and he does not regain it all in a hurry."

All of which is sound reasoning. Constantine in his pre-injury form would be very useful at this stage of the season, and his many admirers will wish him luck and a quick return to full confidence.

A very pleasing feature of the Forest match was the grand wing play of Dunkley, who probably had his best match of the season, and with the least bit of good fortune he must have had at least two goals in the first half. As it was, both of our goals originated through him.

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Another of our fixtures will have to be re-arranged. On April 12 we should have met Newport County in the return League match, but our ground that day will house

the replayed Cup semi-final between Burnley and Liverpool.

This is an all-ticket affair, and it will not be surprising if the gate limit of 72,000 is reached.

T. M. MARKLAND

ROLL CALL

Swift 29 (4), Sproston 29 (2), Smith 28 (4), Barkas 25 (4), Dunkley 25 (4), McDowall 25 (4), Black 24 (3), Herd 20, Westwood 19 (4), Emptage 19 (4), Constantine 16, Percival 16, Walsh 12, Eastwood 9, Fagan 9 (4), Woodroffe 6, Jackson 6 (1), Capel 5 (4), Williams 3 (2), Rudd 2, Wharton 2, Thurlow 1, Hodgson 1, Cardwell 1, P. Robinson 1, J. Robinson 1.

GOAL SCORERS

Smith 14, Constantine 12, Black 11 (2), Herd 10, Dunkley 4, Sproston 2 (penalties), Jackson 2 (1), Westwood 2 (2), McDowall 1 (penalty), Capel 1 (2), Walsh 1, Wharton 1, Charlsworth (Barnsley) (own goal) 1, Jones (Plymouth) (own goal) 1.

(Figures in parenthesis denote Cup-ties.)

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MANCHESTER LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENTS	Venue	Results For Against
Aug. 31	BURTON SPORTS.....	Home	12-0
Sept. 7	MANCHESTER UNIV.....	Away	9-1
" 14	NEWTON HEATH L.....	Home	6-0
" 21	BURY (G. Cup).....	Away	6-1
" 28	HYDE UNITED.....	Home	3-1
Oct. 5	TYLDESLEY UNITED.....	Away	3-3
" 19	MOSLEY COMMON.....	Away	3-2
" 26	HURST.....	Home	9-2
Nov. 2	I.C.I. (ALKALI).....	Away	2-2
" 9	ATHERTON COLLIERY.....	Home	—
" 16	HURST.....	Away	4-2
" 23	BUXTON.....	Home	8-2
" 30	GLOSSOP.....	Away	2-5
Dec. 7	MOSLEY COMMON.....	Home	5-1
" 14	HYDE UNITED.....	Away	3-2
" 21	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Home	—
" 25	GOSLINGS.....	Away	4-4
" 26	GOSLINGS.....	Home	2-5
" 28	URMSTON.....	Away	1-4
1947			
Jan. 1	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	Away	5-2
" 4	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC.....	Home	0-0
" 11	BURTON SPORTS.....	Away	10-0
" 18	URMSTON.....	Home	7-1
" 25	LANCASHIRE STEEL.....	Away	7-5
Feb. 1	TYLDESLEY UNITED.....	Home	5-1
" 8	NEWTON HEATH L.....	Away	1-3
" 22	MANCHESTER UNITED.....	Away	1-1
Mar. 1	MANCHESTER UNIV.....	Home	11-0
" 8	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC.....	Away	9-1
" 22	ATHERTON COLLIERY.....	Away	4-1
April 5	LANCASHIRE STEEL.....	Home	—
" 12	I.C.I. (ALKALI).....	Home	—
" 19	BURY.....	Away	—
" 26	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	Home	—
May 3	BURY.....	Home	—

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SOCCER QUIZ
 Can YOU answer these?

1. A record attendance for a football game in the provinces was established at Maine Road on 3rd March, 1934, when Manchester City and Stoke City met in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup. Was the attendance (a) 80,407; (b) 84,569 or (c) 88,010?
2. When was the system of promotion and relegation introduced? Was it (a) 1898; (b) 1905 or (c) 1912?
3. Ford of Swans Town scored the most goals in the 1945-46 season of the Football League. Did he score (a) 34; (b) 41 or (c) 45 goals?
4. Who are the present holders of the F.A. Amateur Cup? Is it (a) Bishop Auckland; (b) Barnet or (c) Dulwich Hamlet?

Get them all right—For answers see panel below

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