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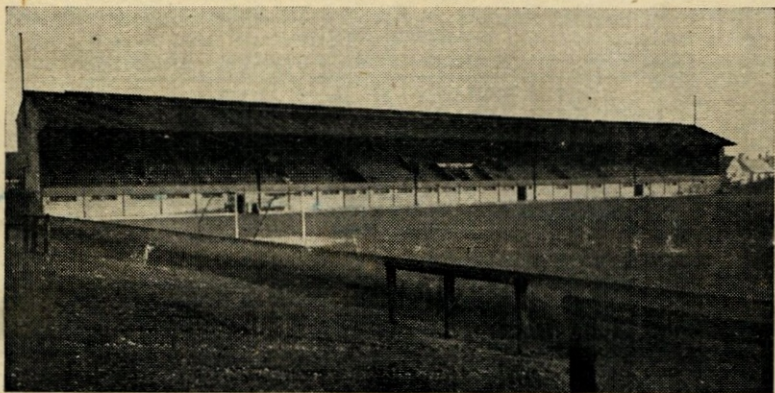
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CHESTERFIELD NOTES.

Yesterday's game against Sheffield Wednesday was played after these few notes had gone to press, so we are unable to pass any comment upon it, and can merely hope for the best. We congratulate our team on its fine work in bringing away a point from the Queen's Park Rangers' ground a week ago. Though we did not have the pleasure of seeing the game ourselves, it seems that's Hudson's equaliser will be talked about down there for a long time.

Regular watchers of soccer must have come to the conclusion that shooting is gradually being numbered among the lost arts. There certainly isn't nearly as much of it as we used to see, which was one reason why the advent of Tommy Capel, at Saltergate, was hailed by spectators who, in the words of one radio commentator last week-end, had seen "more fiddling in ten minutes than the Northern Orchestra does in ten months." Maybe that's a little harsh, but one thing stands out a mile—direct, first-time shooting is often something which will do, in one stroke, what half-a-dozen short-passing moves will fail to do. Let me reduce it to terms of golf. Most British amateurs—low handicapped ones, too, are quite satisfied to "find" the green with their approaches. The Americans, on the other hand, are not in the least content with this—they go for the "pin," and, by so doing, roll two shots into one. The old standard "two putts per green" idea is sound enough, but, in stern competitive play against men who have made a cold science of the game, it doesn't go far enough. It's all a form of progression. What was good enough once, isn't necessarily good enough now. We've got to move with the times. There was a time, for instance, when the short-passing game in soccer was the be-all and end-all. It provided goals and achieved its purpose. To-day, all that is changed. Preston North End, for instance, persist in the game which has suited them down the ages from the times of the "Old Invincibles." Their position in the League suggests that it has hardly been a triumphant success, though it might be considered hardly fair to criticise the whole idea because of that. The players who employ it have changed. Still, it seems reasonable to infer that this is not the style of play which, in these days of the "stopper" centre-half, will be best equipped to prize open a defence. As we see it, there is only one effective way of doing that—fast wing play, with the centre-forward well up and the two inside men hanging back. With the halves in close touch all the time, this leaves a bigger concentration of attack ready for when the ball

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goes loose after the duel between centre-forward and opposing centre-half. It leaves one's own defensive system reasonably intact, but it means that the wing half-backs will have to work.

In many games this season the ball has not run very kindly for Chesterfield. We are not making excuses—merely stating a fact. You who have played, know how it is. Your foot can just be coming through either for the pass or the shot when the ball "kicks" slightly or "lifts" unexpectedly, and, what would have been firm and controlled contact, becomes something very different, with the result that the ball behaves very differently to what it should have done. This sort of thing can't be helped. The point is that certain members of our crowds do not always see it in this, its proper light. The ball goes to the wrong place; therefore the player is to blame. Many times in recent games on our home ground, we have heard players criticised for this very thing when, by all the laws of equity and reason, they were not to blame. Spectators play a large part in the success of a team. Vocal encouragement can have a sound psychological value; massed criticism directed against one particular player is likely to have a seriously adverse effect on the whole side. Many times when we have lost at home, the position might have been reversed with a little more of the will-to-win spirit from our supporters. The "boys" try their best; give them the right kind of encouragement, show a spirit of toleration when things go wrong, develop that kind of "roar" which, on some grounds, is worth a couple of goals to the home team, and your players will find it infinitely easier to deliver the goods.

To-day, it is with considerable pleasure that we welcome a visit from Luton Town, the team which gave the Cup Finalists, Leicester City, such a fine run in an early round. They are an attractive combination, and the game should be fast and full of interest. F.S.

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West Brom.	35	20	8	7	55 35 47
Fulham	36	19	9	8	62 33 46
Cardiff City	36	17	9	10	55 43 44
Tottenham	36	14	9	13	56 38 41
West Ham	35	16	11	8	48 45 40
Chesterfield	36	12	10	14	46 43 38
Sheffield W.	35	14	13	8	57 51 36
Bradford	36	13	14	9	61 62 35
Luton Town	35	12	12	11	44 47 35
Barnsley	36	11	13	12	56 54 34
Coventry C.	36	14	16	6	53 56 34
Grimsby T.	35	12	14	9	63 64 33
Leeds United	37	11	15	11	53 58 33
Bury	35	14	6	5	54 67 33
Queen's P.R.	36	12	15	9	37 54 33
Blackburn R.	36	12	17	7	47 57 31
Plymouth A.	35	11	15	9	41 51 31
Brentford	35	10	14	11	34 42 31
Leicester C.	33	7	13	13	52 64 27
Nottm. F.	36	10	20	6	37 49 26
Lincoln City	37	7	19	11	50 82 25

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	Goals				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F. A. Pts
Burnley	37	21	5	11	66 29 53
Liverpool	38	24	11	3	82 51 51
Wolves	36	20	8	8	66 43 48
Sheffield U.	37	21	10	6	68 50 48
M'chester U.	36	19	8	9	74 40 47
Preston N.E.	38	19	14	5	60 51 43
West Brom.	37	17	12	8	64 53 42
Sheffield W.	37	16	11	10	60 50 42
Newcastle U.	38	16	15	7	60 52 39
Barnsley	37	17	15	5	62 57 39
Bolton W.	37	17	16	4	61 54 38
Stoke City	37	15	16	6	62 61 36
Aston Villa	37	13	14	10	47 54 36
Everton	37	16	17	4	45 53 36
Blackpool	37	13	18	6	53 61 32
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Bury	37	9	15	13	49 66 31
Huddersfield	37	11	17	9	32 52 31
Chesterfield	38	9	18	11	50 72 29
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