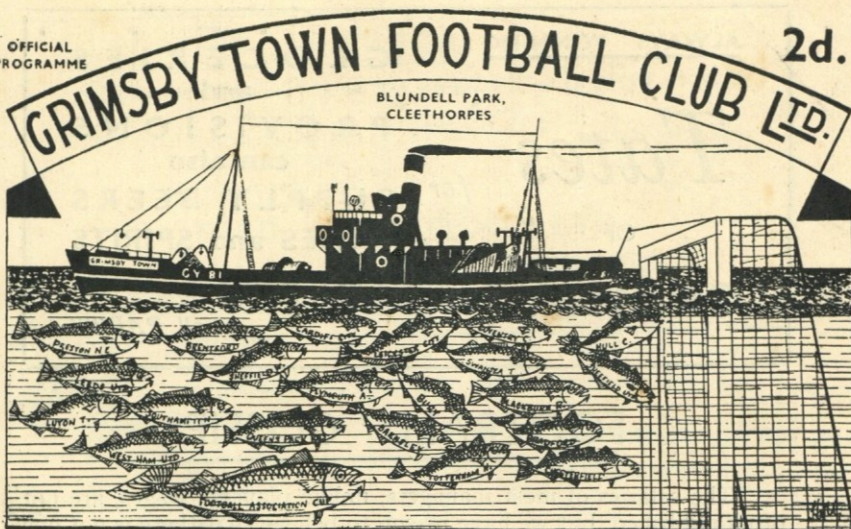


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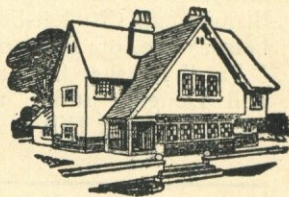


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The salaries of most managers, unlike players' wages, are not often published, but we have reason to believe that there is not one in the game who draws anything like so much as Frank Buckley did with Wolves in the last pre-war season of 1938-39, when his total earnings were said to have been £4,800—£2,000 salary, £1,000 bonus for taking the club to the Cup Final, and the rest, half of one per cent. of "gates". Previously Peter McWilliam ('Spurs) and Herbert Chapman and George Allison (Arsenal) had engaged in turn, the distinction of being Football's highest-paid managers.

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So many evergreen veterans remain in the game and so many youngsters are being "blooded" at an unusually early age that extremes are rubbing shoulders on the staffs of many League clubs. Birmingham City left-back, Dennis Jennings was in premier company before one or two of the club's other players were born. "Pat" Beasley (Fulham) claims similar seniority over clubmate Bill Dodgin, junior, and George Mason (Coventry City) over colleague Peter Hill.



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1949-50	OPPONENTS	F.	A.	1949-50	OPPONENTS	F.	A.
Aug. 20	Southampton ...	2	1	Aug. 20	Halifax ...	1	0
24	Preston North End ...	0	2	24	Peterborough ...	2	1
27	Coventry City ...	3	2	27	Halifax ...	1	0
31	Preston North End ...	1	3	Sept. 3	Notts. County ...	0	3
Sept. 3	Luton Town ...	0	0	10	Rotherham ...	0	0
7	Swansea Town ...	2	1	14	Goole ...	3	1
10	Barnsley ...	2	2	17	Lincoln ...	3	0
17	West Ham United ...	3	4	22	Ransome & M. ...	3	1
24	Sheffield United ...	4	0	24	Doncaster ...	1	0
Oct. 1	Hull City ...	2	2	Oct. 1	Hull City ...	2	1
8	Sheffield Wednesday ...	4	1	6	Worksop ...	1	1
15	Plymouth Argyle ...	2	4	8	York City ...	0	3
22	Chesterfield ...	5	2	11	Notts. Forest ...	0	0
29	Bradford ...	1	4	13	Notts. Forest ...	0	2
Nov. 5	Leicester City ...	2	1	15	Bradford City ...	2	1
12	Bury ...	1	3	22	Gainsborough ...	0	2
19	Tottenham Hotspur ...	2	3	29	Bradford P.A. ...	5	2
26	(1) Cardiff City ...	0	1	Nov. 5	Notts. County ...	2	3
Dec. 3	Blackburn Rovers ...	1	2	12	Rotherham ...	3	1
10	(2) Brentford ...	0	1	19	Scarborough ...	2	1
17	Southampton ...	1	1	Dec. 10	Gainsborough ...	4	1
24	Coventry City ...	1	1	17	Peterborough ...	5	1
26	Queen's P. Rangers ...	1	1	24	Scarborough ...	5	1
27	Queen's Park Rangers ...	2	1	26	Scunthorpe ...	1	2
31	Luton Town ...			27	Scunthorpe ...	1	0
1950				1950			
Jan. 7	(3) ...			31	Frickley ...		
14	Barnsley ...			Jan. 7	Grantham ...		
21	West Ham United ...			21	Lincoln ...		
28	(4) ...			28	Grantham ...		
Feb. 4	Sheffield United ...			Feb. 4	York City ...		
11	(5) ...			9	Worksop ...		
18	Hull City ...			11	Denaby ...		
25	Sheffield Wednesday ...			18	Hull City ...		
Mar. 4	(6) Plymouth Argyle ...			25	Frickley ...		
11	Chesterfield ...			Mar. 4	Shrewsbury ...		
18	Bradford ...			8	Bradford City ...		
25	(S.F.) Leicester City ...			11	Mansfield ...	3	2
April 1	Cardiff City ...			18	Bradford P.A. ...		
7	Leeds United ...			25	Shrewsbury ...		
8	Blackburn Rovers ...			Apr. 7	Boston ...		
10	Leeds United ...			10	Boston ...		
15	Bury ...			15	Denaby ...		
22	Tottenham Hotspur ...			19	Goole ...		
29	(F.) Brentford ...			29	Mansfield ...		
May 6	Swansea Town ...			May 4	Ransome & M. ...		
				6	Doncaster ...		

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Football Gossip—continued.

Whenever inside-left, Eddie Connelly, makes a move its always Southwards. He left Scotland's Rosslyn Juniors for Newcastle United in March, 1935, landed with West Bromwich Albion in August, 1939, Luton Town in April, 1946, Leyton Orient in June, 1948, and now is with Brighton and Hove. A brother-in-law of Duggie Witcomb, Sheffield Wednesday's Welsh International right-half, he can't get farther South unless he leaves the country.

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When Preston North End dropped into the Second Division for this season, they created a record for the game in having been relegated from the premier grade five times. Now two other Lancashire clubs are bidding—unwillingly—to share that record. Both Bolton Wanderers and Manchester City dropped down four times in the past, and now are in peril again.

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A powerful backbone in Arsenal's assertion has been what surely stands as the oldest and most experienced half-back line known to big-time Soccer for years and years. It actually carries an aggregate of 107 years, which means that the average is over 35! Archie Macaulay began with West Ham in June, 1937—and he had been a Glasgow Ranger for some seasons before then—and Leslie Compton has been at Highbury since February, 1932, while Joe Mercer started with Everton in September, 1932. It's still a great trio.

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Amid the glamour and the spectacular triumphs of League life lurks a particularly poignant phase. It concerns the players who are struck down in their prime by serious injury, the latest being Burnley right-back, Jack Butterfield, whose career has ended as the result of a broken leg. He is one of over a dozen players, who, since the war, have had to quit the game when in the middle or early twenties because of the consequences of accidents sustained on the field.

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There's something particularly romantic about a player dashing straight from Church to the football field, but it's becoming more and more a fashion for a man to marry in a morning and figure in a League match on the same afternoon. Goalkeepers especially have a fancy for it, the latest to do it being Manchester United's Jack Crompton. Sam Bartam (Charlton), Tom Farr (Bradford), Harold Searson (Leeds United), and Brendan McManus (Bradford City) are other goalkeepers who wed and played on the same day.

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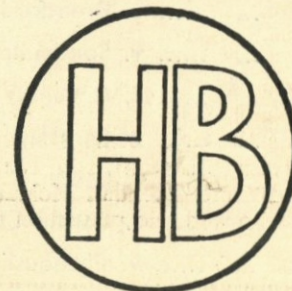
Football Gossip—continued.

This is the tale of the most extensive football family the game has known for generations. The four brothers, Milburn, have all been backs in League life—two in Jim (Leeds United) and Stanley (Chesterfield) still are—and they are the cousins of Newcastle United's Jack Milburn and the brothers-in-law of Jim Potts, former Leeds United goalkeeper. Still another branch to this fertile tree is Hull City centre-forward Gibson, who is a relative of Jackie Milburn. Are any more on the way?

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We see it stated that as Middlesbrough goalkeeper, Rolando Ugolini (born in Italy of Italian parents, and brought up in Scotland) has become a naturalised Briton, he will be eligible to play for Scotland. Don't believe it. An International Board decided so long ago as June, 1895, that in the case of British subjects born abroad their qualification should be decided by their father's nationalities. That ruling still operates, and Ugolini is ineligible to play for any of the home countries.

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5—Huddersfield	v. Everton
6—Liverpool	v. Arsenal
7—Manchester City	v. Manchester United
8—Portsmouth	v. Middlesbrough
9—Stoke	v. Derby County
10—Sunderland	v. Bolton W.
11—Wolverhampton	v. Blackpool

SECOND DIVISION.

12—Bradford	... ..	v. Hull City	... ..
13—Bury	... ..	v. Blackburn	... ..
14—Chesterfield	... ..	v. Sheffield W.	... ..
15—Grimsby	... ..	v. Luton	... ..
16—Leicester	... ..	v. Brentford	... ..
17—Preston N.E.	... ..	v. Southampton	... ..
18—Queen's Park R.	... ..	v. Coventry	... ..
19—Sheffield U.	... ..	v. Barnsley	... ..
20—Swansea	... ..	v. Leeds	... ..
21—Tottenham	... ..	v. Cardiff City	... ..
22—West Ham U.	... ..	v. Plymouth	... ..