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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1950

THE OFFICIAL VIEWPOINT

THOSE who say and believe that the game is the thing, regardless of the result, must point with some satisfaction to the recent games in which Birmingham City have been no small contributors. Unfortunately our team's share of the proceedings cannot be included, admired and balanced out in the all-important league chart.

Still, its a good feeling to realise that Blues have got what it takes to make the game something more than a scramble for the points. It breeds confidence and increases team spirit besides giving the supporters value for money.

It had to come. But our first home defeat, disappointing though it was, was taken in the right spirit, and everybody will give Peter Doherty full marks for the major part he played in Doncaster's success a fortnight ago. Peter was the mainspring. It was obvious from the start that the Doherty brain was behind all the Rovers planning. His two goals crowned a sound afternoon's work. However, had John Berry's shot gone home for an equaliser after Peter's first goal, it might have been a different story.

It might easily have been a different tale at Bramall Lane last week. Jack Stewart gave us a good start with a grand goal in 12 minutes, and although Hagan equalised, Blues had the initiative. Don Dorman's injury just before the interval upset the scheme of things, but Hitchen's goal by no means gave United any superiority.

Our half-back and forward cohesion frequently had the home defenders guessing. Stewart was brought down when it seemed he must score. The penalty appeal was ignored, but justice was done when Bill Smith equalised. Thrills came thick and heavy and five minutes before the finish Brook claimed the winner.

Our defence played solidly and Gil Merrick left a good impression on the Bramall Lane crowd. But with Dorman a second-half passenger on the wing, the machine obviously couldn't function as effectively as a full strength combination.

The second team notched another victory—their eighth—in the Football Combination at St. Andrew's where Cardiff City were beaten 3-1. Comley gave the visitors the lead, but O'Hara equalised before the interval. Blues were the superior force in the second half when Roberts and Fletcher were the scorers. Hymie Kloner had his first taste of English football against Cardiff and he came out well on the credit side.

QUIZ

ONCE upon a time a club reached the F.A. Cup final and had to apply for re-election a year later. The following year the club again won the Cup. Who was it?

Two clubs share the record for being relegated most times from the First Division. Who are they?

When Birmingham City reached the F. A. Cup final in 1931 they beat Sunderland at Leeds in the semi-final. Remember the sixth round opponents?

Portsmouth won the Cup for the first time in 1939. Who won the first peacetime final after world war II.?

West Ham play at Upton Park, and Cardiff City at Ninian Park. Who play at Griffin Park?

(Answers on page 7).

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FLASHBACK

LUTON Town included two former Blues players—left back Billy Hughes and left half Sid Owen—when they visited St. Andrew's on Sept. 6, 1947. It took Blues a long time to score their first goal. Territorial superiority brought little advantage until Bodle netted in the 57th minute.

Shortly afterwards the home team scored a second—Walter Aveyard heading in a grand goal from an Edwards centre. Luton reduced the arrears and ended the scoring when Soo gave Merrick no chance with a penalty kick, awarded for handling.

John Hughes, making his League debut against his famous namesake showed one or two nice touches while another debutant was Martin McDonnell, who was never perturbed by the inter-changing of the Luton line. The teams on that occasion were:—

BIRMINGHAM CITY—Merrick ; Trigg, Quinton ; Harris, McDonnell, Mitchell ; Hughes, Dougall, Aveyard, Bodle, Edwards.

LUTON TOWN—Streton ; Lake, Hughes ; Soo, Gager, Owen ; Waugh, Driver, Billington, Connelly, Duncan.

LAST WEEK'S LINE-UP

Sheffield Un. 3, Birmingham City 2.
SHEFFIELD UNITED—Burgin ; Furness, Cox ; Hitchen, Underood, Shaw ; Hutchinson, Brook, Hoyland, Hagan, Thompson.

BIRMINGHAM CITY—Merrick ; Badham, Green ; Boyd, Atkins, Dorman ; Stewart, Smith, Trigg, Warhurst, Berry.

Referee : W. N. Collier (Leeds).

Scorers : Hagan, Hitchen, Brook for Sheffield.

Stewart, Smith for Birmingham.

Birmingham C. Res. 3, Cardiff C. Res. 1.
BIRMINGHAM—Robertson ; Blake, Martin ; Kloner, Stirling, Ferris ; Dailey, Higgins, Fletcher, O'Hara, Roberts.

CARDIFF—Howells ; Rutter, Stiffall ; Norman, Wilcox, Sullivan ; Comley, McLaren, Oakley, Evans (E), Evans (L).

Referee : H. W. Dickens (M. Harboro').

Scorers : O'Hara, Roberts and Fletcher for Birmingham.
Comley for Cardiff.

TALKING POINTS

BY THE EDITOR

OLD BLUES

IT seems no time at all since we were watching The King hand Joe Mercer the F.A. Cup after Arsenal's 2-0 victory over Liverpool. And here we are again sorting out the minnows, waiting for the shocks and looking for the giant killers!

Wasn't it Weymouth who upset the odds this time last year? Yes, they won 3-2 at Aldershot. Whose for glamour, fame and fortune to-day—wait for it. You can't pick out the shock boys beforehand because their names are not to be found in the form book.

Second round games will be decided on 9th December, a big day for those who come out of this afternoon's struggles on the right side.

And this is where the big League sort out starts. The feathers are already flying, and extra cup games can upset those early promises.

THIS afternoon's visitors to St. Andrew's were the champion drawists last season. They were concerned in 18 draws and finished sixth from the foot of the table.

Luton have been having a rough time, but their 4-0 win over Grimsby last week will give them heart.

Next week Blues visit Leeds United who, incidentally, last season reached the sixth round of the F.A. Cup for the first time. British Railways are running an excursion to Leeds. Details are : depart New Street 9-45, arrive Leeds 12-58. Return 7-0 p.m., arrive New Street 10-17. Fare 14/-.

The City colts suffered their first defeat of the season at Coventry where Coventry Amateurs won 2-1 in the West Midland Alliance. At Elmdon Birmingham United were beaten 4-2 by Saltisford Rovers.



(Sketch by NORMAN EDWARDS)

TOMMY GROSVENOR

Came to us from Stourbridge in March 1928, after spells with Tippity Green Vics (Cradley Heath League) and Vono Works.

A long-legged inside-right with grand ball control and deceptive body swerve, Tom, was capped for England (v. Ireland, Wales and France) in 1934.

An unlucky player in the matter of injuries—especially at Christmas . . . his broken leg at Huddersfield on Dec. 23, 1933, being the greatest blow of all.

Netherton born, Tom was an expert at growing tomatoes and producing super blooms for Exhibition. I can vouch for the tomatoes—having sampled many of 'em!

ROLL CALL

First Team Appearances :

Atkins, Badham, Berry, Boyd, Green, Merrick and Smith each 18; Dorman and Powell each 15; Trigg 12; Roberts 10; Stewart 8; Higgins 6; McKee 4; Warhurst 2.

First Team Goal Scorers :

Smith 8; Trigg 7; Stewart 3; Boyd 2; Berry, Dorman, Green, Higgins and Powell each 1. Opponents (o.g.) 1.

Second Team Appearances :

Robertson 19; Jennings 18; Ferris and Stirling each 16; Fletcher and Warhurst each 15; Bannister 13; Ferreira 12; J. James and Martin each 11; Higgins and O'Hara each 10; Blake and Purdon each 9; Dailey 7; McKee 5; Swain 3; Hall and Lane each 2; Donnelly, Kloner, A. McNab, Roberts, T. W. Roberts and Wood each 1.

Second Team Goal Scorers :

Fletcher 5; Warhurst 4; Dailey and Higgins each 3; O'Hara 2; Ferreira, Ferris, Lane and Roberts each 1.

OUR VISITORS LUTON TOWN

Founded : 1885. Ground Capacity : 28,000. Record Attendance : 26,496 v. Tottenham, Oct. 25, 1947. Colours : White shirts, black shorts. Ground : 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. Principal Honours: Champions Div. III(S) 1936-37. Runners-up Southern League Div. I 1894-95, 1895-6. Record Victory : 12-0 v. Bristol Rovers, April 13, 1936. Record Defeat : 12-3 v. Southampton, March 3, 1943.

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			(9)
			(10)
			(11)

Referee :
Mr. R. J. BURGESS
(Manchester)



L nesmen :
Mr. A. E. W. SOUTHORN (Red Flag)
Mr. A. J. HITCHCOCK
(Yellow Flag)

		WHENT	
		(9)	
WYLDERS	TAYLOR	SHANKS	HAVENGA
(11)	(10)	(8)	(7)
	WATKINS	OWEN	MORTON
	(6)	(5)	(4)
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Our Midland Mid-Week team gave a very creditable display when defeating Worcester City by 5 goals to one at St. Andrew's on Wednesday last.

The inclusion of three South African boys, Kloner, Purdon and Johansen apart from strengthening the side gave these lads a sample of the type of ground they are likely to encounter during the winter months in England. The accent was on youth and the average age of our team was well under twenty. John Newman, a sixteen-year-old and a member of our ground staff showed to very good advantage at centre-half, but it is perhaps unfair to mention any particular player because the whole team played excellently and to good effect.

The Swansea club will be bringing a special train load of supporters when they visit St. Andrew's on December 16th and they have asked us for a good allocation of seating tickets. It is suggested that those of our supporters who regularly obtain tickets from Messrs. Dillingham and Co. should at once make application to our agents and so avoid disappointment.

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TABLES UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, NOV. 18th

DIVISION I.	P W L D F A P					DIVISION II.	P W L D F A P								
	P	W	L	D	F		A	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Arsenal	18	12	2	4	40	15	28	Manchester C.	17	10	2	5	41	24	25
Tottenham H.	17	11	3	3	44	21	25	Blackburn R.	18	11	4	3	32	24	25
Middlesbrough	18	10	3	5	38	19	25	Coventry C.	18	11	5	2	38	18	24
Newcastle U.	18	9	3	6	32	24	24	Barnsley	18	9	6	3	43	23	21
Manchester U.	18	8	5	5	20	13	21	Birmingham C.	18	8	6	4	26	24	20
W'hampston W.	17	8	6	3	36	24	19	Southampton	18	8	6	4	24	27	20
Blackpool	18	7	6	5	30	23	19	Hull City	17	7	5	5	34	28	19
Burnley	17	6	4	7	23	16	19	West Ham U.	17	8	6	3	30	28	19
Stoke City	18	5	5	8	21	25	18	Sheffield U.	17	6	5	6	32	25	18
Derby County	17	7	7	3	33	28	17	Doncaster R.	17	6	5	6	23	21	18
Bolton W.	17	7	7	3	28	30	17	Preston N.E.	18	8	8	2	29	28	18
Fulham	18	6	7	5	22	29	17	Cardiff City	17	4	4	9	18	18	17
Liverpool	17	5	6	6	24	26	16	Leeds U.	17	6	7	4	23	24	16
Portsmouth	17	5	6	6	26	30	16	Queen's P.R.	17	6	7	4	28	39	16
Huddersfield T.	18	6	8	4	26	46	16	Leicester C.	17	5	7	5	26	27	15
W.B. Albion	18	5	8	5	25	25	15	Notts C.	17	5	7	5	21	23	15
Sunderland	17	4	7	6	21	30	14	Swansea T.	17	6	9	2	25	30	14
Charlton A.	17	5	8	4	25	39	14	Chesterfield	18	4	8	6	18	30	14
Aston Villa	18	4	9	5	28	32	13	Bury	17	5	9	3	22	28	13
Chelsea	17	5	10	2	21	26	12	Brentford	18	5	10	3	22	43	11
Sheffield W.	18	4	10	4	24	42	12	Luton T.	17	3	9	5	19	27	13
Everton	18	3	12	3	21	45	9	Grimsby T.	17	3	9	5	28	43	11

**NEXT MATCH AT
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WEDNESDAY NEXT

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

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SATURDAY NEXT

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

BRISTOL ROVERS RESERVES

Kick Off 2-15 p.m.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P W L D F A P						
Arsenal	19	13	3	3	43	15	29
Southend U.	20	11	5	4	44	23	26
Swansea T.	20	9	4	7	36	20	25
N'hampston T.	22	11	9	2	37	29	24
Coventry C.	20	8	6	6	22	19	22
Millwall	20	9	7	4	30	32	22
Queen's P.R.	20	8	8	4	34	39	20
Reading	20	7	8	5	22	21	19
Bristol R.	19	7	7	5	24	28	19
Birmingham C.	19	8	9	2	21	22	18
Luton T.	20	8	10	2	32	36	18
Cardiff C.	19	7	9	3	26	29	17
Fulham	20	7	11	2	32	40	16
Leicester C.	20	6	10	4	28	42	16
Crystal P.	20	5	10	5	15	30	15
Leyton Orient	20	3	11	6	21	42	12

DID YOU REMEMBER ?

!(QUIZ ANSWERS)

- In 1910 Barnsley were beaten by Newcastle United in the Cup final and finished at the foot of Div. II. the next year. The following year they won the Cup.
- Manchester City and Preston N.E.; each five times.
- Chelsea, who were beaten 3-0 after a 2-2 draw.
- Derby County
- Brentford.

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A COVENTRY CITY BARNLSLEY	G NEWPORT COUNTY WALSALL
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F STOKE CITY WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	L NOTTS COUNTY WEST HAM UNITED

FIXTURES 1950-51. SECOND DIVISION

Result	Home	Date	Opponents	Away	Date	Result
2-0	Aug. 23	Wed	LEICESTER CITY	Aug. 28	Mon	3-1
1-1	Aug. 26	Sat	GRIMSBY TOWN	Dec. 23	Sat	—
1-1	Sept. 6	Wed	COVENTRY CITY	Sept. 11	Mon	1-3
1-0	Sept. 9	Sat	PRESTON NORTH END	Jan. 13	Sat	—
1-1	Sept. 23	Sat	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	Feb. 3	Sat	—
2-0	Oct. 14	Sat	BARNLSLEY	Mar. 3	Sat	—
3-2	Oct. 28	Sat	BLACKBURN ROVERS	Mar. 17	Sat	—
0-2	Nov. 11	Sat	DONCASTER ROVERS	Mar. 31	Sat	—
—	Nov. 25	Sat	LUTON TOWN	April 14	Sat	—
—	Dec. 9	Sat	WEST HAM UNITED	April 28	Sat	—
—	Dec. 16	Sat	SWANSEA TOWN	Aug. 19	Sat	1-0
—	Dec. 26	Tues	MANCHESTER CITY	Dec. 25	Mon	—
—	Dec. 30	Sat	NOTTS COUNTY	Sept. 2	Sat	1-0
—	Jan. 6	Sat	F.A. CUP—3rd Round	—	—	—
—	Jan. 20	Sat	BURY	Sept. 1	Sat	1-4
—	Jan. 27	Sat	F.A. CUP—4th Round	—	—	—
—	Feb. 10	Sat	F.A. CUP—5th Round	—	—	—
—	Feb. 17	Sat	CHESTERFIELD	Sept. 30	Sat	1-1
—	Feb. 24	Sat	SOUTHAMPTON (or 6th Round)	Oct. 7	Sat	2-0
—	Mar. 10	Sat	BRENTFORD	Oct. 21	Sat	1-2
—	Mar. 23	Fri	CARDIFF CITY	Mar. 26	Mon	—
—	Mar. 24	Sat	HULL CITY	Nov. 4	Sat	2-3
—	April 7	Sat	SHEFFIELD UNITED	Nov. 18	Sat	2-3
—	April 21	Sat	LEEDS UNITED	Dec. 2	Sat	—

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Result	Home	Date	Opponents	Away	Date	Result
2-0	Aug. 19	Sat	CRYSTAL PALACE	Oct. 4	Wed	1-1
0-1	Aug. 30	Wed	READING	Dec. 16	Sat	—
2-0	Sept. 2	Sat	LUTON TOWN	Dec. 9	Sat	—
3-0	Sept. 13	Wed	COVENTRY CITY	Dec. 14	Thur	—
0-1	Sept. 16	Sat	SWANSEA TOWN	Dec. 26	Tues	—
0-3	Sept. 20	Wed	ARSENAL	Jan. 20	Sat	—
0-2	Sept. 27	Wed	LEYTON ORIENT	to be arranged	—	—
1-2	Sept. 30	Sat	LEICESTER CITY	Dec. 25	Mon	—
1-0	Oct. 7	Sat	FULHAM	Oct. 28	Sat	0-0
3-1	Oct. 21	Sat	SOUTHEND UNITED	Aug. 26	Sat	0-3
3-1	Nov. 18	Sat	CARDIFF CITY	Nov. 4	Sat	1-0
—	Dec. 2	Sat	BRISTOL ROVERS	Aug. 21	Mon	0-2
—	Dec. 23	Sat	QUEEN'S PARK R.	Sept. 7	Thur	1-2
—	Jan. 6	Sat	MILLWALL	Sept. 23	Sat	1-2
—	Jan. 13	Sat	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Sept. 9	Sat	2-1
—	Jan. 27	Sat	LEICESTER CITY	*Mar. 31	Sat	—
—	Feb. 3	Sat	LUTON TOWN	*Feb. 24	Sat	—
—	Mar. 3	Sat	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	*Feb. 17	Sat	—
—	Mar. 17	Sat	WATFORD	*April 28	Sat	—
—	Mar. 26	Mon	IPSWICH TOWN	*Mar. 23	Fri	—
—	April 14	Sat	NORWICH CITY	*Mar. 10	Sat	—
—	to be arranged	—	COVENTRY CITY	*Feb. 10	Sat	—
—	—	—	* Cup Competition	—	—	—

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