

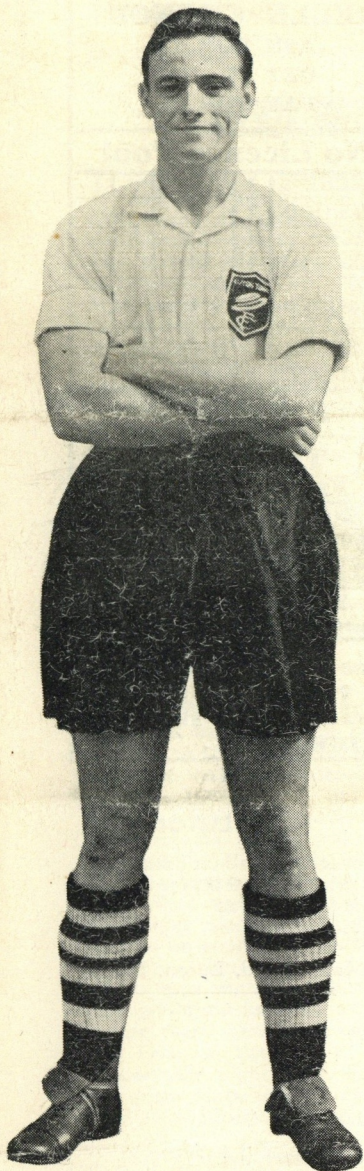
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But just look what they have done since 1952 went

Through frosts and snow, thaws and rain

We often wondered if there would be any game

Under such conditions the Earth did not pause in her progress and duty

Although after a time, like all football grounds, she was no beauty

We all have our wishes suited to our hopes and fears

We all have separate longings and ambitions through the years

But if we kept our wishes within reasonable measure

We should all find the game of football more of a pleasure

Sometimes even dreams and wishes do come true

But it is best to build an inspiration on a realistic view

A disappointing start has often led to future luck

To those who started and carried on with fortitude and pluck

A misfortune that appeared the worst thing to befall

In some mysterious way has proved a blessing after all

And after the victory on the first Saturday in 1953

Followed by that great win over Blackburn Rovers in Cup Tie, Round Three

We had Fulham down to see what they could gain

But they had to return more disappointed than they came

With two points from West Ham, we are now sitting pretty

And never have we been more ready for Manchester City

We should now look beyond the things that hold dismay

We know that bad beginnings don't always end that way

For he is great who can do what he wishes

But he is wise who wishes to do what he can

J.C.

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CLUB NOTES

THANKS to a magnificent performance by our lads at Maine Road last Saturday, we have the opportunity of again meeting Manchester City in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, but this time with ground advantage, a big asset in any match, particularly in the Cup. When we won the toss at Manchester we thought that with the strong wind on our backs we would have to build up a strong lead at half-time in order to make a fight of it at all, for the wind was almost of gale force and to play against it appeared to be almost an impossibility. So our feelings can be imagined when we were level pegging at lemon time, and the wind still blowing as strongly as ever. The City started off on the resumption with a most determined effort, as if to prove to their supporters that their recent successes were no flash in the pan and that the "Hatters" could say goodbye now to any hopes they may have had of having any further interest in the Cup this year. And that first flush very nearly succeeded. The "Blues" swept down and only after a great save by Les Hall with his head and then by Ron Baynam was the effort thwarted. Having safely negotiated that determined assault and when we were all expecting repetitions of it for the rest of the game it was noticed that our lads were using the ball and getting it under control better against the wind than when they had it behind them. We began to see some very nice football and it took the City defence all their skill and determination to keep their goal from falling again. One very fine effort from Bernard Moore was prevented from finding the back of the net by Trautman more by good luck than judgment, for the ball struck his knee as he was falling away from the flight of the ball, the goalkeeper apparently having anticipated Moore's shot to be coming on his right side instead of on his left. There were one or two other attempts which were prevented only at the last split second from giving our forwards a clear run for goal, and of course there were some very worthy efforts during this time on the part of the City which quite conceivably might have succeeded, which all made the game quite interesting to watch, despite the prodigious efforts of the wind to make it otherwise.

Stalwart Les Hall was called on at almost the last moment to take the place of Syd Owen, who reported on Friday morning that he had Fibrositis in his back and felt very doubtful. Les received only

four hour's notice that he would be required to travel to Manchester, but he was there alright, and after a shaky first ten minutes settled down to play his usual strong game and was a tower of strength, particularly in the final few minutes when Wally Shanks had to leave the field and the City forwards were trying to take advantage of their numerical superiority. We are sorry to say Wally will not be on the field this afternoon for the injury he sustained, although not being as serious as at first feared is nevertheless quite serious enough to keep him out of the game for at least a fortnight. The rest of our defence played their usual sound game too, with the forwards always trying to play football, a very difficult feat under the conditions. Altogether a most worthy performance, giving us a very good chance of meeting either Bolton Wanderers or Notts County here a week next Saturday. If we are successful today it will be a most entertaining match against our next opponents, for both are colourful Cup fighters, particularly the Wanderers, who have already won the Cup on three occasions in 1922-23, 1925-26 and 1928-29, and losing Finalists once in 1893-94. Strangely enough it was Notts County who beat them in that Final, which was played at Everton, and is the only time the County have won the Cup. Knowing who will be our next opponents will add incentive to this game, for today's winner already knows they will be playing at home next Round, which is almost halfway to already being in the 6th Round. The possibilities are therefore very exciting, and with our lads playing so well it is not only wishful thinking that we are expecting to at least repeat our success of last season.

Space prevents us from adding much more, but a few outstanding events of the City Club we feel must be included before we close. The Club was founded in 1894, and they have today a magnificent ground capable of holding 86,000 people. They were Divisional Champions 1936-37, Runners up 1903-4, and again in 1920-21. Division 2 Champions 1898-99, 1902-03, 1909-10, 1927-28 and lastly in 1946-47. They have won the F.A. Cup on two occasions, in 1903-04 and in 1933-34, as well as appearing in the Final on two other occasions when they were beaten, in 1925-26 and 1932-33. Although they hold a not too safe position in the First Division at the moment, they have shown signs of a definite improvement since the advent of the New Year, when they have scored 14 goals against 2. It is apparent therefore that their forwards are quite capable of finding the net if given the opportunity.

THE COVERMAN

LESLIE CLIFFORD JONES

Les Jones was born at Mountain Ash, Glamorgan on the first day of January, 1930. Came to Luton when he was seven years old. Played for Beech Hill Schoolboys, later being chosen to play on the wing for Bedfordshire against Herts. and Essex. Was seen playing for Craigs Athletic, a local club, and asked to come to the Ground for a trial. Within one month of signing Amateur Forms was offered Professional terms, which were accepted. This was in October, 1950, and

during that season made two appearances in the first team, remarkable promotion in one season from local junior football to League Two status. Came into the First XI this season against Blackburn Rovers in the League, and after missing the next three matches has been automatic choice since for the Right Back position. A very cool player who has great prospects, having already been mentioned as a possible for International honours.

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2 Jones Right Back
4 Morton Right Half
7 Cullen Outside Right
8 Moore Inside Right
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11 Cunliffe Outside Left
6 Paul Left Half
10 Broadis Inside Left
3 Little Left Back

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Baynam Goal

5 Hall Centre Half

Pe Centre



9 Williamson Centre

5 Ewing Centre Half

Trautmann Goal

F.A. Cup—Round 4 (Replay)

3 Aherne Left Back
6 Watkins Left Half
10 Turner Inside Left
11 Mitchell Outside Left

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2 Branagan Right Back

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FIXTURES, 1952-53

FIRST XI Division II

Date	Home	Away	Score
Sat., Aug. 23	Plymouth Argyle	...	A 1 2
Wed., .. 27	Birmingham City	...	2 4 H 0 1
Sat., .. 30	Rotherham United	...	1 1 H 2 1
Wed., Sept. 3	Birmingham City	...	1 3 A 2 2
Sat., .. 6	Fulham	...	A 0 2
Wed., .. 10	Swansea Town	...	2 2 H 3 1
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	...	6 1 H 0 0
Thurs., .. 18	Swansea Town	...	3 0 A 2 4
Sat., .. 20	Leicester City	...	3 3 A 1 1
Sat., .. 27	Notts County	...	6 0 H 5 1
Sat., Oct. 4	Southampton	...	3 2 A 3 1
Sat., .. 11	Huddersfield	...	A 0 3
Sat., .. 18	Sheffield United	...	2 1 H 4 1
Sat., .. 25	Barnsley	...	2 1 A 3 2
Sat., Nov. 1	Lincoln City	...	H 4 0
Sat., .. 8	Hull City	...	2 1 A 2 0
Sat., .. 15	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1 H 6 0
Sat., .. 22	Nottingham Forest	...	0 2 A 3 4
Sat., .. 29	Everton	...	1 1 H 4 2
Sat., Dec. 13	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 4 H 1 2
Sat., .. 20	Plymouth Argyle	...	H 1 0
Fri., .. 26	Leeds United	...	2 1 H 2 0
Sat., .. 27	Leeds United	...	1 1 A 2 2
Sat., Jan. 3	Rotherham United	...	1 0 A 3 1
Sat., .. 10	Blackburn (F.A. Cup-3)	...	H 6 1
Sat., .. 17	Fulham	...	H 2 0
Sat., .. 24	West Ham United	...	0 3 A 1 0
Sat., .. 31	Manchester C. (F.A. Cup-4)	...	A 1 1
Wed., Feb. 4	Man. C. (F.A. Cup-4 Replay)	...	H
Sat., .. 7	Leicester City	...	1 2 H
Sat., .. 14	Notts. County (5)	...	4 5 A
Sat., .. 21	Southampton	...	2 1 H
Sat., .. 28	Huddersfield (6)	...	H
Sat., Mar. 7	Sheffield United	...	0 3 A
Sat., .. 14	Barnsley	...	4 2 H
Sat., .. 21	Lincoln City	...	A
Sat., .. 28	Hull City	...	1 1 H
Fri., April 3	Bury	...	1 0 A
Sat., .. 4	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 2 A
Mon., .. 6	Bury	...	2 1 H
Sat., .. 11	Nottingham Forest	...	3 3 H
Sat., .. 18	Everton	...	3 1 A
Sat., .. 25	Brentford	...	0 2 H
Sat., May 2	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 1 A
To be arranged	Brentford	...	3 3 A

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

Date	Home	Away	Score
Sat., Aug. 23	Bristol Rovers	...	2 7 H 5 1
Thurs., .. 28	Queens Park Rangers	...	A 1 1
Sat., .. 30	Watford	...	1 1 A 1 1
Wed., Sept. 3	Brighton & Hove A.	...	2 3 H 4 4
Sat., .. 6	Southend United	...	H 4 1
Thurs., .. 11	Leyton Orient	...	A 2 1
Sat., .. 13	Bournemouth & B.	...	0 4 A 3 3
Wed., .. 17	Leyton Orient	...	H 7 2
Sat., .. 20	Aldershot	...	H 2 0
Sat., .. 27	Leicester City	...	A 2 1
Wed., Oct. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	...	4 4 A 6 3
Sat., .. 4	Bristol City	...	5 2 H 4 0
Wed., .. 8	Swindon Town	...	1 1 A 2 2
Sat., .. 11	Swansea Town	...	H 1 1
Wed., .. 15	Swindon Town	...	3 3 H 5 1
Sat., .. 18	Ipswich Town	...	1 1 A 2 0
Sat., .. 25	Crystal Palace	...	H 1 0
Sat., Nov. 1	Brentford	...	A 7 1
Sat., .. 8	Brentford	...	H 4 1
Sat., .. 22	Queens Park Rangers	...	H 4 1
Sat., .. 29	Bristol City	...	0 1 A 3 0
Sat., Dec. 13	Crystal Palace	...	A 2 3
Sat., .. 20	Bristol Rovers	...	3 2 A 5 3
Thurs., .. 25	Aldershot	...	A 4 0
Sat., Jan. 3	Watford	...	2 1 H 3 0
Sat., .. 10	Swansea Town	...	A 1 1
Sat., .. 17	Leicester City	...	H 0 0
Sat., .. 24	Southend United	...	A
To be arranged	Bournemouth & B.	...	2 1 H
"	Ipswich Town	...	1 2 H
Sat., Jan. 31	Watford	...	0 2 H 1 2
Sat., Feb. 7	Coventry City	...	1 1 A
Sat., .. 14	Coventry City	...	2 2 H
Sat., .. 21	Leicester City	...	2 4 A
Sat., .. 28	Northampton Town	...	5 3 H
Sat., Mar. 7	Ipswich Town	...	1 3 A
Sat., .. 14	Norwich City	...	1 1 A
Sat., .. 21	Watford	...	1 2 A
Sat., .. 28	Norwich City	...	6 2 H
Fri., April 3	Ipswich Town	...	4 0 H
Sat., .. 4	Northampton Town	...	1 1 A
Sat., .. 11	Birmingham City	...	3 3 H
Sat., .. 18	Birmingham City	...	3 3 A
Sat., .. 25	Leicester City	...	1 1 H
To be arranged	Birmingham City	...	3 3 A
"	Leicester City	...	1 1 H

LEAGUE TABLES, 1952-53

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Club	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield United	29	18	6	5	72	38	42
Huddersfield	27	16	7	4	54	20	39
LUTON TOWN	26	15	4	7	57	33	34
Leicester City	27	14	5	8	68	54	33
Birmingham City	27	13	7	7	48	42	33
Notts Forest	27	13	4	10	58	45	30
Plymouth Argyle	27	12	6	9	40	31	30
Fulham	28	12	6	10	51	46	30
Leeds United	28	9	10	9	45	35	28
Rotherham Utd.	28	13	2	13	53	50	28
West Ham United	27	9	10	8	37	34	28
Blackburn Rovers	28	11	4	13	41	49	26
Notts County	27	10	6	11	42	52	26
Everton	26	8	8	10	44	41	24
Doncaster Rovers	27	6	12	9	36	46	24
Swansea Town	27	7	9	11	47	61	23
Brentford	26	8	6	12	36	47	22
Lincoln City	26	5	12	9	34	50	22
Hull City	27	8	5	14	37	49	21
Bury	27	7	6	14	34	54	20
Southampton	28	5	9	14	47	61	19
Barnsley	27	5	4	18	34	67	14

Up to and including Saturday, 31st January, 1953

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Division II

Club	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
LUTON TOWN	27	19	7	1	85	31	45
Leicester City	27	19	4	4	77	32	42
Ipswich Town	27	13	8	6	46	29	34
Swansea Town	30	12	8	10	49	38	32
Bournemouth	29	10	10	9	43	31	30
Brighton & Hove A.	30	10	9	11	72	65	29
Bristol Rovers	29	8	13	8	47	53	29
Aldershot	28	11	7	10	37	44	29
Watford	30	9	9	12	38	40	27
Queens Park Rangers	27	11	5	11	26	33	27
Crystal Palace	29	10	6	13	36	48	26
Leyton Orient	29	9	7	13	34	45	25
Brentford	28	8	5	15	30	54	21
Swindon Town	28	8	5	15	28	63	21
Southend United	28	8	3	17	40	62	19
Bristol City	28	6	6	16	30	50	18

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