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MANAGER'S NOTES.

Good afternoon,

Not knowing the result of the replayed Cup-tie on Wednesday, as these notes were written previously, I hope that the boys have retained their interest in the Cup by winning the replay. What a game it was last Saturday, everything that makes for an exciting match was included. From our point of view the match began tragically when Ken. Harrison, involved in so simple an incident, should receive such a serious accident as a broken knee cap. When I saw him go down and not rise quickly, knowing Ken., I knew he had got a bad one but little realised he had received such a serious accident. This was indeed a hard blow after only three minutes, but did you ever see ten lads fight as our boys fought afterwards? I thought they were wonderful and they only got their desserts when we equalised from a dramatic penalty in the last minute. All these lads played themselves into the ground, trying to make up for that man short and even when we got a goal down they still refused to be beaten. And then came that last despairing rush by Jensen which resulted in our being granted a penalty. You could feel the hush whilst the ball was placed, with the Spurs players gesticulating and then Viggo hit it and "hey presto" we lived to fight another day. What enthusiasm and excitement and what a climax to a great struggle by ten men to keep the fortunes of the Club still interested in the Cup. After the game I went along to see Ken. in the Royal Infirmary and there he was as perky as ever. I should like to say thank you to Mr. Fellowes and the Rediffusion engineers, who, without having any tea, went along to play over the record of the game for him. He was as pleased as punch. Thank you

I should also like to thank the anonymous gentleman from the fish dock who sent along those grand cartoons, the players really enjoyed them.

The Reserve team had no game on Saturday.

The "A" Team played Malet Lambert in the E.R.C.F.A. Senior Cup and after a thrilling struggle, which needed extra time, they won 5-3, Atkinson (3), Head and Colton scoring.

The Intermediate team lost 2-1, at Chesterfield, Blenkarn getting their goal.

The other teams had blank days on account of the Cup-tie at the Park.

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CLUB MATTERS.

What a wonderful tonic to the football season the F.A. Cup gives. For our Fifth Round tie with the Spurs on Saturday we had a capacity crowd, 46,839, who paid £7,203. 18. 6, which is just short of the record amount taken in the well-remembered Sixth Round tie with Manchester United a year or two back.

On going the rounds one frequently hears the comment "City are well in the money now", but little do those outside the Club realise just how much Clubs do get from these big gates, so I intend to devote a little space this week to show the position.

The gross gate was, as I have previously stated, £7,203. 18 6, and from this must be deducted Entertainment Tax, £1,717. 6. 6, Match expenses — Printing, Posting and Advertising, Police, Gatemen, Referee and Linesmens' expenses, Visiting Team's Hotel and Travelling expenses amounting to £453. 12. 6, leaving a balance for division of £5,032. 19. 6 — City, Tottenham and the F.A. receiving £1,677. 13. 2 each. On top of this each Club must pay 4% of their share of the gate to the Football League, and this takes a further £67. 2. 1, so City's net receipts were in fact £1610. 11. 1, and in the event of the gate in the re-arranged League match with Bristol Rovers not reaching the average for the season they will have to pay compensation to Bristol Rovers.

This applies to all Clubs, so you will readily appreciate that they do not benefit financially to any great extent in the long run. The big snag of course is Entertainment Tax, and it is to be hoped that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will do something about it in the forthcoming Budget. He will certainly have to give the matter most careful consideration, otherwise, as the Chairman stated at the Club's Annual Meeting, one can see some of the old established Clubs ceasing to function in the future, for with falling gates some of them are having extreme difficulty to carry on.

Ken. Harrison. I am pleased to report that Ken, has undergone his operation and is making good progress. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Viggo Jensen. A very pleasing ceremony took place in the Board Room prior to Monday's Board Meeting when this popular player was presented with a Benefit cheque of £750 by the Chairman. Well done Viggo, may we have the pleasure of watching you play for years to come, is what I hear our Supporters saying, and what's more, they mean it.

Amateur Cup. As many of you will have noticed in the Press, the F.A. have arranged that in the event of a replay being necessary in the Amateur Cup Semi-final tie, Crook Town v. Finchley or Walthamstow Avenue, it will be played at Boothferry Park on March 20th next. It will mean the postponement of one of our Reserve team matches, but we shall be happy to stage such an important match if needs be.

Today's visitors. We extend a very warm welcome to our friends, Luton Town, who since they joined the Second Division have turned out many fine players. They play attractive football and have usually held a reasonably good position in the League Table, as they do now. They have a special distinction, that of being able to produce goalkeepers of International class, and not many seasons back they had in fact two such players on their

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books, Streten, their present goalie, and Hughes, both of whom represented their countries on many occasions. We have had some grand games with them in the past and today's should be no exception.

DOUBLE NINE.



PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN PLAYERS.

- B. STRETEN—(Goalkeeper). Was serving in the R.A.F. when he joined Luton as an amateur in January, 1947. Was demobbed exactly a year later and signed professional forms. Six Amateur and one full International Cap to his credit.
- S. DUNNE—(Right-back). Born Wicklow, Eire. Secured from Shelbourne in May, 1950. Has already been awarded two Eire Caps this season, bringing his total to four.
- L. JONES—(Right-back) A young Welshman. Played for local Schoolboy and Junior sides before signing amateur forms for Luton. Within one month had signed professional and has very quickly made the grade.
- T. AHERNE—(Left-back). Signed from Belfast Celtic in March, 1949. Played for his country, Eire, in every International in the past three seasons and has already played versus Luxemburg
- R. MORTON—(Right-half). Local boy who signed professional in February, 1946. Was freely tipped for International honours last season through his brilliant displays at right-half.
- S. OWEN-(Centre-half). Secured from Birmingham City in 1947. Toured Australia with the F.A. two years ago and was a member of the Football League team which played in Copenhagen in May last year.
- C. WATKINS—(Left-half). Came to Luton from Glasgow Rangers in 1948. Played with success at inside-forward for a large part of last season but is now back to his best position at half-back.
- W. SHANKS-(Wing-half or Forward). Was born in Valetta, Malta. Since joining Luton, after a month's trial, in January, 1947, has played in a great variety of positions. Is a full ninety minutes player.
- M. CULLEN—(Outside-right). Joined Luton from a Scottish Junior Club on the recommendation of an ex-Luton player. Is making his first appearance in League side today since receiving shoulder injury against Birmingham City last September.
- G. TURNER—(Inside-right). A Doncaster boy who was recommended to Luton whilst playing in Navy football. The son of former Hull City player. Selected to play for F.A. XI versus Cambridge University last season, scoring three goals,
- J. SCOTT—(Centre-forward). Demobbed from the R.A.F. late last season. The Club consider they did a very good stroke of business when he was signed from Spennymoor United three seasons ago.

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Aug. 19—Birmingham City A 0 2	Aug. 22—Scarborough H 4 2
22-Oldham Athletic A 0 0	27—Boston United A 1 2
24—Everton H 1 3	29—York City A 1 0
29—Bury H 3 0	Sept. 3—Boston United
Sept. 2—Everton A 0 2	J Goole Lowering
5—Doncaster Rovers A 1 4	10—Scunthorpe United A 2 4 11—Denaby United A 0 1
7—Nottingham Forest H 3 0 12—Blackburn Rovers H 0 2	17—Scunthorpe United H 2 1
16—Nottingham Forest A 0 2	19—Bradford P.A H 4 2
19—Derby County A 0 2	24-Notts County H 2 2
26—Brentford H 2 0	26—Gainsborough Trinity A 1 1
Oct. 3-Bristol Rovers A 2 4	Oct. 1—Notts County A 1 1
10—Luton Town A 1 3	3—Doncaster Rovers H 4 0
17—Plymouth Argyle H 2 0	8—Peterborough United H 0 1
24—Swansea Town A 0 1	10—Nottingham Forest H 1 0 17—Halifax Town A 0 3
31—Rotherham United H 1 0	17—Halifax Town A 0 3 24—Doncaster Rovers A 4 2
Nov. 7—Leicester City A 3 1 14—Stoke City H 1 2	31—Corby Town A 2 2
14—Stoke City H 1 2 21—(1) Fulham A 1 5	Nov. 7—Mansfield Town H 4 2
28—West Ham United H 2 1	14—Wisbech Town A 5 6
Dec. 5—Leeds United A 0 0	21—(1) Bradford City H 5 1
12—(2) Birmingham City H 3 0	28—Rotherham United A 3 2
19—Oldham Athletic H 8 0	Dec. 5-Wisbech Town H 0 1
26—Lincoln City H 3 0	12—(2) Grantham A 2 2
28—Lincoln City A 0 3	19—Scarborough A 1 0 25—Grimsby Town H 2 1
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16—Doncaster Rovers H 3 1	Ian. 2—York City H 4 1
23—Blackburn Rovers A 1 3	9—(3) Lincoln City H 3 0
30—(4) Blackburn 2-2 2 1	16—Goole Town A 2 3
Feb. 6—Derby County H 3 0	23—Denaby United H 7 0
13—Brentford A 2 2	30—(4)
20—(5) Tottenham Hotspur 1 1	Feb. 6—Bradford P.A A 1 3
-Bristol Rovers H	13—Gainsborough Trinity. H ₃ ₁ _{20—(5)}
27—Luton Town	27—Nottingham Forest A
Mar. 6—Plymouth Argyle A 13—(6) Swansea Town H	Mar. 6—Halifax Town
20—Rotherham United A	13—(6) Worksop Town A
27—Fulham H	20—Corby Town H
April 3—West Ham United A	27-Mansfield Town A
10-Leicester City H	April 3—
16—Notts County H	10—Bradford City A
17—Stoke City A	17—Rotherham United H
19—Notts County A	19—Peterborough United A 24—Frickley Colliery A
24—Leeds United H	May 1—Grantham H
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SECOND DIVISION

Table including 20th February

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P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Leicester30	15	7	8	71	48	38
Blackburn R.31	15	8	8	63	39	38
Nottm. For31	15	8	8	66	45	38
Everton29	13	4	12	59	43	38
Birmingham 31	15	9	7	67	45	37
Rotherham31	16	11	4	57	53	36
Doncaster30	15	10	5	48	38	35
Fulham31	13	11	7	74	61	33
Luton T31	12	10	9	50	49	33
Stoke City30	9	. 8	13	49	41	31
Bristol R30	9	9	12	50	44	30
West Ham30	12	12	6	54	48	30
Leeds Utd 31	10	12	9	67	66	29
Derby31	10	13	8	51	62	28
HULL CITY 29	12	14	3	46	43	27
Lincoln31	10	14	7	46	60	27
Notts Cnty31	9	13	9	34	58	27
Bury31	7	12	12	38	52	26
Swansea30	10	14	6	38	55	26
Plymouth30	6	12	12	40	52	24
Brentford 31	6	15	10	24	55	22
Oldham Ath30	5	18	7	28	63	17

MIDLAND LEAGUE

Table including 20th February

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Peterboro'30	19	5	6	79	49	43
Nottm. For28	19	4	5	83	32	42
HULL CITY33	18	6	9	80	49	42
Grimsby32	18	5	9	61	30	41
Corby32	18	4	10	81	56	40
Rotherham33	17	. 6	10	77	55	40
Grantham31	17	4	10	81	60	38
Worksop27	15	3	9	50	35	33
Lincoln32	15	3	14	76	65	33
Scunthorpe32	13	7	12	60	54	33
Notts County 32	13	6	13	64	61	32
Boston30	13	4	13	63	77	30
Wisbech30	11	7	12	58	58	29
Gainsboro'33	12	5	16	62	76	29
Denaby30	10	8	12	43	58	28
Bradford P.A.31	9	9	13	73	73	27
Frickley29	9	6	14	47	57	24
Goole31	10	4	17	61	97	24
Scarboro'32	9	5	18	56	72	23
Mansfield30	9	2	19	46	78	20
Brad. City31	6	4	21	52	92	16
Halifax30	5	5	20	38	96	15
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York31	5	1	22	40	69	14

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R. DAVIES—(Outside-right or left). A native of South Africa. Came to this country to try his luck with Clyde from where he was signed by Luton in May, 1951.



F.A. CUP REPLAY

Despite a strong second half rally, we said 'goodbye' to the Cup in the replay at White Hart Lane, on Wednesday, losing 2-Nil; and on the day's play we must agree that the Spurs were the better side. The hero of the match was Billy Bly who gave a brilliant exhibition and defied the Spurs time and time again, to the delight of our many supporters and the home crowd who gave him a wonderful ovation.

I was in the company of a famous manager who told me he had never seen such a fine display of goalkeeping during his long career: and, believe me, Billy was inspired and did not deserve to be on the losing side.

In the closing minutes with the score 1—Nil, it appeared that we were in for another dramatic finish when a Spurs defender turned a shot around the post with his hands, but the Referee apparently did not see it, and from the clearance Tottenham added a further goal at the other end.

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For light and entertaining reading matter commend me to the Obituary Notice of the spectator at last Saturday's match who grumbled at the fare provided. Personally, I have had a few thrills in the many years I have been connected with the Club since its formation, but never, I must confess, did I experience such a feeling of profound satisfaction—never so sure that the result was just reward for a most remarkable fight by our team against pure ill luck. No matter what follows in the future, that match should go down in the records of the Club as one of outstanding merit, and proof positive of the ability of the team to treat adversity with the contempt born of self confidence.

How the team have fared in the replay is at the time of compiling these notes unknown, but it is quite certain that they will at least again justify the confidence placed in them, the confidence that they are 100% for victory, and although the odds are, very naturally, against them, such victory would be doubly earned and doubly appreciated.

We welcome today an old friend in the person of "Dally" Duncan our visitor's Manager, well-known of course to many of us as a one-time player of the Club, later to gain International honours and an honourable record of service.

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