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## INSIDE THE COTTAGE

THE lads were right back on the standard they set themselves at the beginning of the season when they won 4-2 at Ipswich last Saturday. It was very nearly as fine a display as we have given away from home this season, and although Ipswich were once in the lead the home crowd could clearly see which way the game was going to go.

In addition to the four we scored, we had two disallowed for off-side, and while we say that the referee's decisions were perfectly justified, we must add that the movements which led up to the finishing shots were as beautiful to watch as any which led to the goals that counted.

When the players come out today give a big hand to Bobby Robson. He had far and away his best game of the season. The work he got through would have earned two men their wages. At inside right in the first half he scored two goals. At right half all through the second half, when Jimmy Hill was injured and playing on the right wing, Bobby was superlative and came very close indeed to getting a hat-trick.

And Johnny Haynes, playing deeper at inside left than he has done before this season, was one player whom the Ipswich defence could do nothing about. He was, as he so often is, our schemer-in-chief, and he was, oh! so very very unlucky when, after a brilliant run through

the defence in the second half, he saw his shot hit the crossbar.

But, as we have already indicated, everybody in the team gave an effervescent display, with on-the-transfer-list-at-his-own-request Gordon Brice playing almost his finest game of the season. He never let Grant, the centre-forward Ipswich had just signed from Cardiff City, get used to the ball at all.



BOBBY ROBSON

### Fast Equaliser

IPSWICH scored first in the 6th minute through Acres, who cut into the middle from the right, but in approximately ten seconds (it may have been a little less than that) we were level.

Bedford Jezzard and Johnny Haynes went through with a snappy inter-change that cut out every defender. Then the ball was lifted across to ARTHUR STEVENS, who had positioned himself perfectly for the move and drove into the net from the 18-yard line.

It was not long after this that Jimmy Hill twisted an ankle badly, and though he remained at right half for the time being, he was in pain all the time.

But it was not long before we were leading 3-1. With young John moving the ball sweetly and dangerously into the open spaces all the time, BOBBY ROBSON got up twice to head into the net and we led 3-1 at the interval.

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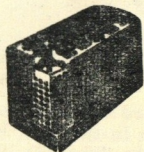
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Though Ipswich were the first to score again in the second half, this time through McLuckie, there really was no danger of the boys dropping a point. But to make doubly certain, **BEDFORD JEZZARD** got the final goal in the 58th minute. And what a goal!

Jimmy Hill pushed the ball through to him not far from the half-way line, and Bedford, in the inside left position, left the Ipswich defenders trailing behind as he went on and shot powerfully into the net.

Though that was the last goal, the crowd were left wondering how that could possibly be. For in crowding on pressure in the last 15 minutes, Charlie Mitten beat everybody and shot, but saw the ball hit the 'keeper on the head and then strike the crossbar. That was just after both Johnny Haynes and Bobby Robson had also hit the woodwork.

### Goodbye 13!

**D**ON'T think that at the Cottage we are more superstitious than any other club. We don't think we are. But we don't mind admitting that we were mighty glad to get off that 13 points mark.

That particular points total has haunted us before. And look what happened while we were on it this season. We lost four games in a row, some of which we certainly ought not to have lost; we had Frank Elliott injured and not likely to resume for a few weeks yet, and we had Eddie Lowe absent once through muscle trouble.

So by and large we can heave a sigh of relief with some justification, yet it was not without a terrific battle that we moved from 13 to 15 points at Birmingham's expense

Ian Black, playing his first game in goal this season, was really great. No other words can adequately express his performance. Positional play was his greatest asset this time, but the manner in which he caught powerfully-driven balls in the air was a sight for the eyes of those who can appreciate good goalkeeping.

He had only a very late view of the only shot that beat him, and that one just eluded his outstretched fingers and went into the net off the post.

By that time we were two goals up through our right wing pair, **ARTHUR STEVENS** and **BOBBY ROBSON**.

The first came in the fifth minute, and it brilliantly demonstrated how the lads can turn defence into shock attack with the short, accurately placed pass. Birmingham attacked on the right but were stopped by the combined force of Lawler and Lowe.

At once the ball was pushed forward to Bedford Jezzard, who immediately cut out the Birmingham right half by slipping a short pass inside to Johnny Haynes. The latter forestalled another tackle by putting the ball back again to the centre-forward, who at once set off for the back line with one of his unstoppable runs.

Then Jezzard squared the ball across the goalmouth to Stevens who placed a rising shot into the net. This goal heralded a period of about 20 minutes in which we set up raid after raid with the Birmingham attack showing up only spasmodically.

Bobby Robson worked himself a great chance by beating three defenders, but then he miskicked in the goalmouth. Our pressure at this stage, however, was terrific. Another goal seemed a certainty when Haynes shot hard from 20 yards, but Newman, standing on the goal-line, headed over his bar.

### Hard Luck, Charles!

**F**ROM the corner kick taken by Stevens, Charlie Mitten got in a fine header which Schofield tipped over the bar, and when Stevens placed the ball in again from his flag Mitten met the ball this time with a full-blooded drive which again Schofield turned away for a corner.

All through this spell of all-out assault by our forwards only Schofield came between us and several goals. He had some luck. Twice he was hit on the knees and one on the chest, but at the same time he played an undeniably sound game in Birmingham's goal.

It was not until the last ten minutes of the first half that Birmingham really came into the game as an attacking force, and then they began using a short



IAN BLACK



EDDIE LOWE

cross pass with such good effect that our defenders were well and truly in the game.

Most of the time Birmingham were kept at a healthy distance for their shots, but they were always dangerous and on one occasion Hill had to make a hasty clearance from near the goal-line.

But never were our forwards idle, and we went further ahead with a goal for which Mitten was the chief architect. Taking a long pass from the right in his stride, he beat Hall twice and came in and shot. But the ball struck Schofield

## APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

### Division 2

Goal—Elliott 11, Black 2.  
Right back—Chenhall 13.  
Left back—Lawler 13.  
Right half—Hill 9, Smith 4.  
Centre half — Brice 11, Hill 1, Gibson 1.  
Left half—Eddie Lowe 12, Hill 1.  
Outside right—Stevens 13.  
Inside right—Robson 13.  
Centre-forward—Jezzard 13.  
Inside left—Haynes 12, Cronin 1.  
Outside left—Mitten 13.

Scorers—Jezzard 11, Robson 9, Haynes 6, Stevens 5, Mitten 4 (1 pen.).

### Reserves

Goal—Black 8, Sinclair 6, Macedo 1.  
Right back—Wilson 13, Chenhall 1, Bacuzzi 1.  
Left back—Bacuzzi 8, Healey 4, Reid 2, Oldham 1.  
Right half—Smith 8, Ashen 3, Wilkins 2, Stapleton 2.  
Centre half—Gibson 12, Brice 3.  
Left half—Stapleton 11, Healey 2, Ashen 2.  
Outside right — Newcombe 13, Barton 2.  
Inside right—Cronin 6, Wilkins 6, Newcombe 2, Hall 1.  
Centre-forward—Dwight 8, Taylor 4, Cronin 2, Wilkins 1.  
Inside left—Doherty 6, Cronin 5, Wilkins 2, Stapleton 1, Taylor 1.  
Outside left—Chamberlain 15.  
Scorers—Chamberlain 9, Dwight 8, Cronin 7, Doherty 5, Newcombe 3, Taylor 2, Wilkins 1.

on the knees and went away for a corner on the left.

Charlie placed in a great centre from the flag, and although Jezzard and two Birmingham defenders went up high to it, the ball dropped to Robson, who hit it first time into goal.

So we turned round leading 2—0, and it was soon seen that we needed those goals as all Birmingham forwards and wing-halves tore into our defenders. They scored in the 54th minute when Astall's long shot went through a crowded goal-mouth and in off the post, but after that their tearaway tactics got them nowhere.

## Not Their Best

**T**HOUGH our Reserves had no trouble in defeating Reading Reserves 2—0 at the Cottage last Saturday, this was by no means their best game.

They spoiled their chances of a score in the eights or nines by passing that can be improved upon immensely. This, in fact, was their only weakness, but it affected the score sheet substantially.

One of the safest and soundest players on the field was without any doubt Joe Bacuzzi, at left back. Now Joe has got rid of that injury that kept him out of the game for so long, he is doing the Reserves a power of good by both performance and example. He and Joe Stapleton had the Reading right wing locked up.

Macedo played his first game in goal for the Reserves, and so brilliantly did he perform that the crowd cheered him off the field. True, he did not have a lot to do, but when he was in action he was exemplary.

Once, in the first half, he threw himself through the air about three-quarters of the way across his line to turn a short, powerful cross-shot round the post.

Bernard Newcombe, on the right wing, was another who had a fine game, while Trevor Chamberlain at outside left got through a terrific amount of work without accomplishing as much as he can.

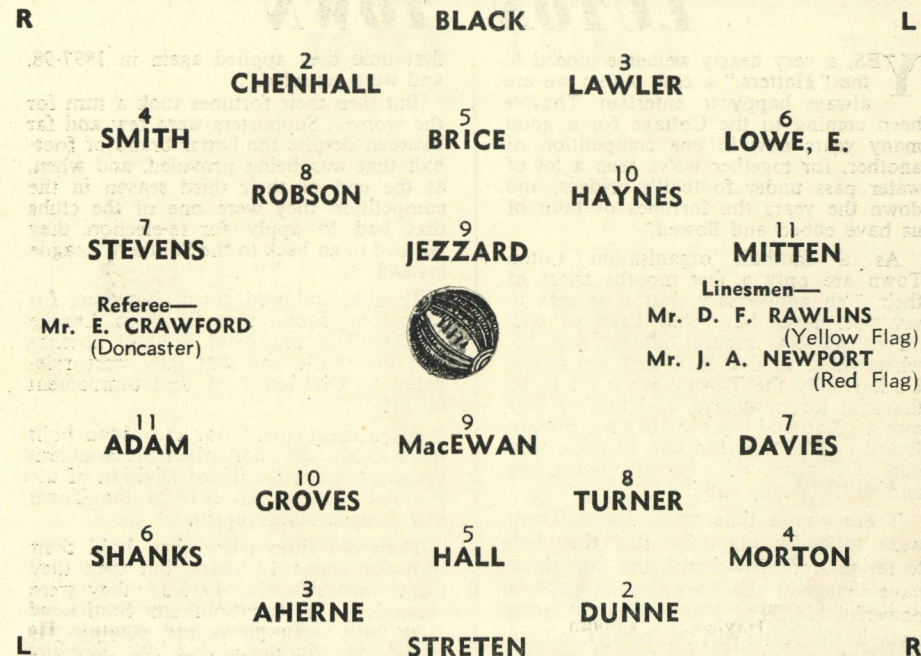
We went ahead in the fourth minute. Newcombe was fouled near the flag and put the free kick right on John Doherty's head. Before anyone moved a foot the ball was in the net.

In the 30th minute Roy Dwight completed the scoring, again thanks to a Newcombe movement. This time Bernard beat the left back twice before putting the ball accurately on Roy's head.

The second half was mainly a chapter of misplaced passes with Reading being kept at a respectable shooting distance.

## FULHAM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th 1954

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th 1954

Kick off 2.45 p.m.

STOKE CITY  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV. II.

## WELCOME TO

## LUTON TOWN

YES, a very hearty welcome indeed to the "Hatters," a club whom we are always happy to entertain. They've been coming to the Cottage for a good many years now in one competition or another, for together we've seen a lot of water pass under football's bridges, and down the years the fortunes of both of us have ebbed and flowed.

As a football organisation Luton Town are only a few months short of their 70th anniversary, but it is safe to say that never have they been so well off in players, general esteem and the wherewithal to live than they are today. Undoubtedly the Town have a lot to be thankful for nowadays, and to that they owe a great deal not only to their present Board of Directors but also to those who bore the brunt of adversity years ago and still came up smiling.

There was a time when Luton Town were so badly supported that they had to resign from Division 2, but how times have changed! Last season they made a powerful bid for promotion and finished sixth in the table, and this campaign they are again proving one of the strongest and certainly one of the most attractive clubs to watch in Division 2.

They were formed way back in 1885 as the result of the amalgamation of Luton Excelsior and Luton Wanderers, and when the old Southern League was formed they became one of the original members. At the end of their second season they were doing well enough to apply for membership of Division 2 of the Football League, and although they were turned down the

first time they applied again in 1897-98, and were accepted.

But then their fortunes took a turn for the worse. Supporters were few and far between despite the better brand of football that was being provided, and when, at the end of their third season in the competition they were one of the clubs that had to apply for re-election, they decided to go back to the Southern League instead.

Trouble followed them, however, for they soon found that Southern League football had improved in their absence and the result was that they were relegated to Division 2 of that tournament in 1911-12.

After the 1914-18 war they soon built up a strong side, and when the Southern League became the Third Division of the Football League in 1919-20 the Town had League status again.

They did little more than hold their own for about 14 years, but then they leapt forward. In 1936-37 they were champions of the Southern Section of Division 3 with 58 points, scoring 103 goals. It was in that season that Joe Payne scored ten goals for them in one match—against Bristol Rovers.

**LAST SEASON** we took four points from Luton, winning 2-1 away from home on October 3, and 5-1 at the Cottage on February 20th. Our scorers at home were Haynes (3), Jezard and Jeff Taylor, while Downie was Luton's marksman. Our team was: Black; Chenhall, Lawler; Hill, Brice, Lowe, E.; Stevens, Taylor, Jezard, Haynes, Mitten.

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## JOHN ASHEN

(Defender)

Q.—Made up your mind whether you're going to be a full-back or a half-back, John?

A.—Not yet. I'll leave the club to do that for me, but I fancy centre-half most at the moment.

Q.—But you came into the game as a full-back, didn't you?

A.—Yes. That was for my school—Northumberland Heath County School near my birthplace, Belvedere, Kent. I was 13 at the time.

Q.—And you were soon making representative appearances, were you not?

A.—That is so. At 14 years of age I was captain of the school and playing for Kent County Schools either at full-back or centre-half.

Q.—What teams did you meet?

A.—Surrey, Middlesex, Durham, Essex and Hampshire.

Q.—What other football experience did you have as a boy?

A.—I was playing for two teams as a lad—the school on Saturday mornings and Erith and Belvedere F.C. Reserves in the Corinthian League in the afternoons. I also played in the F.A. Amateur Cup for Erith and Belvedere—against Oxford City at Oxford when I was 17. At that time some of my appearances were at outside right.

Q.—What were your other school activities—besides lessons?

A.—I captained the school athletics team and when I was 14 I won the Kent County junior 80 yards hurdles. I also won sprint events and played cricket for the school.

Q.—What did you do when you left?

A.—I got a job as a builder's apprentice and continued to play for Erith and Belvedere.

Q.—When did you come to the Cottage, and what brought you here?

A.—It was chiefly through my cousin, Roy Dwight, who was already a Fulham player. He talked Mr. Osborne into giving me a trial in the Mid-Week League team against Southend in March, 1950. I played right back and was asked to sign professional forms immediately after the game. And you bet I did! I was a little over 17 then.

Q.—What about National Service?

A.—I've only just finished it. I was in the R.A.F. stationed at Uxbridge.

Q.—Much football there?

A.—I had plenty. I played for the R.A.F. representative side when we won the Inter-Services competition, and I was in the R.A.F. team which flew to Yugoslavia to play the Partisan Club at Belgrade. Two of the Yugoslav players we opposed had played for the Rest of the World XI, but though we lost we didn't do at all badly. I also played against both Oxford and Cambridge Universities and the R.A.F. and was captain of my unit team.

Q.—And now you've still got your future before you?

A.—That's right. I'm just 20 and it is time for me to begin moving up the scale. Football is the only job I want, and with my father—who was a good player himself—and the club giving me every encouragement, I am absolutely determined to make the grade.

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Handbooks of Fulham Football Club are also available at the Huts. This is the Supporters' Club's own publication.

On Sunday the Netball team beat Chelsea Supporters' Club by 27-5. Fulham and Brentford Netball teams are the only unbeaten sides in the League.

On December 22 a party are visiting the Empress Hall to see the pantomime.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION 2

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
1954			
Aug. 21	Blackburn Rovers	Home	5 1
" 25	Derby County	Away	4 3
" 28	Bury	Away	3 1
Sept. 1	Derby County	Home	2 0
" 4	Swansea Town	Away	2 2
" 8	Doncaster R.	Home	6 2
" 11	Notts County	Home	3 1
" 15	Doncaster R.	Away	0 4
" 18	Liverpool	Away	1 4
" 25	Bristol Rovers	Home	2 3
Oct. 2	Plymouth Argyle	Away	2 3
" 9	Birmingham	Home	2 1
" 16	Ipswich Town	Away	4 2
" 23	Luton Town	Home	
" 30	Rotherham	Away	
Nov. 6	Stoke City	Home	
" 13	Middlesbrough	Away	
" 20	(1) Lincoln City	Home	
" 27	Hull City	Away	
Dec. 4	Notts Forest	Home	
" 11	(2) Leeds United	Away	
" 18	Blackburn Rovers	Away	
" 25	Port Vale	Home	
" 27	Port Vale	Away	
1955			
Jan. 1	Bury	Home	
" 8	(3)		
" 15	Swansea Town	Home	
" 22	Notts County	Away	
" 29	(4)		
Feb. 5	Liverpool	Home	
" 12	Bristol Rovers	Away	
" 19	(5) Plymouth A.	Home	
" 26	Birmingham	Away	
Mar. 5	Ipswich Town	Home	
" 12	(6) Luton Town	Away	
" 19	Rotherham U.	Home	
" 26	Stoke City	Away	
Apr. 2	Middlesbrough	Home	
" 8	West Ham U.	Away	
" 9	Lincoln City	Away	
" 11	West Ham U.	Home	
" 16	Hull City	Home	
" 23	Notts Forest	Away	
" 30	Leeds United	Home	
May 7			

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn	13	9	1	3	40	24	19
Rotherham	13	9	1	3	35	21	19
Stoke	14	8	2	4	19	10	18
Luton	13	9	0	4	25	16	18
Hull City	13	7	3	3	17	10	17
<b>FULHAM</b>	13	8	1	4	35	27	17
Bristol R.	13	7	2	4	34	27	16
Leeds	13	7	1	5	25	23	15
Doncaster	13	7	1	5	22	28	15
West Ham	13	6	2	5	25	24	14
Notts C.	13	6	2	5	18	19	14
Birmingham	13	5	3	5	18	24	13
Lincoln	13	6	1	6	23	24	13
Bury	13	5	2	6	26	27	13
Liverpool	13	5	1	7	29	29	11
Swansea	13	5	1	7	27	30	11
Plymouth	13	2	5	6	18	25	9
Port Vale	13	3	3	7	10	21	9
Derby	13	3	2	8	23	35	8
Notts F.	13	3	1	9	15	23	7
Middlesbro'	13	3	1	9	12	28	7
Ipswich	14	3	0	11	21	32	6

## THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP COMPETITION

## Section 1

Up to and including 14th October, 1954

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Portsmouth	14	9	3	2	26	18	21
Millwall	14	8	2	4	29	21	18
West Ham	13	6	4	3	36	22	16
<b>FULHAM</b>	13	7	1	5	32	23	15
Aldershot	14	5	4	5	19	25	14
Reading	13	5	1	7	27	34	11
Charlton	13	4	0	9	23	33	8
Leyton O.	14	2	1	11	18	34	5

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