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The Boys put up a good performance each game they play
And yet quite a lot don't always see it that way
No doubt some think they tackle things the wrong way round
But none of us are quite alike, so a balance must be found
Some are prone to take a game in a carefree way
And hope all will turn out right, and laugh to keep sad thoughts at bay
Obstacles may block your path whichever way you may turn
But there is always a solution that one can learn
Mountains can be moved and every challenge met
If only a strong heart and mind are set
Though our problem seems as solid as a wall of stone
The way out will be opened and the right solution shown
So many moves are wrongly judged and then we all start feeling sad
And just for a little thought that might have made us glad
Self figures in no large a part of all the plans we build
And we forget when we have scored that "others" hopes are chilled
So many dreams are swept aside that other teams have planned
We cannot guess their worth, nor do we seek to understand
So often many chances fade away beneath our very eyes
But games are full of "ifs and buts" no matter how one tries
And with three more home games and four away
In this Second Division not any of us wants to stay
For the Boys this Easter will not be easy, as we all know
But they have proved to us the harder the task the better the show
That one point from Liverpool may well be a saver
Also a reward to one and all for their patient behaviour
A win over Leeds and West Ham may tell the tale
Which Clubs have been successful on this long long trail.

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WHAT a grand fight our lads made of it last week to not only catch up on a three goals to one deficit but even to take the lead at one time and give hopes of bringing home both points. If it had not been for a painful knock on the knee which Bernard Streten received about a quarter of an hour from the end which prevented him getting up to the ball from a corner kick in the dying minutes of the game we are quite sure we would have obtained maximum points. It was a most thrilling game by any standards, good football from both sides, eight good goals and from our point of view a valuable point to keep us at the top of the Table. Again we had the pleasure of hearing our hosts saying that we were the best Second Division side to visit them this season and our lads thoroughly deserved the praise for they played some delightful football at times. The two goals scored by Bob Morton after he had moved to the outside right position upon receiving a nasty kick on a thigh were excellently taken, and Gordon Turner took the opportunity of increasing his tally by 2 to make 34 for the season to date (including 5 in the F.A. Cup).

With 44 points in the bag and 8 matches still to play—4 of them at home—the lads feel confident of pulling off this season the biggest prize this Club has earned to date in its long history begun on the 11th April, 1885—70 years ago on Monday next. What a fine reward this would be if the honour could be obtained in our septuagenary year. Looking back over the last 6 years promotion has been gained as follows:—53/54, Leicester 56 points, Everton 56 points; 52/53, Sheffield United 60, Huddersfield 58 points—we finished third that season with 52 points; 51/52, Sheffield Wednesday 53, Cardiff City 51 points; 50/51, Preston 57, Manchester City 52; 49/50 Tottenham 61, Sheffield Wednesday 52; 48/49, Fulham 57, West Bromwich 56 points. A lot may happen of course during the remaining matches, especially at this very difficult holiday period, but the way the table reads this morning it would appear that the team which can obtain 54 points is almost sure of a place in the First Division next season. That means if we can win our remaining 4 home matches and obtain two more away points we should be there.

As the fixtures have turned out we are called upon to play Leeds United, the team occupying third place, twice during the Easter holiday, and to play West Ham once, the team occupying fourth place this morning. On top of that we are due to play Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park a week tomorrow—the team occupying second place—a very stiff programme indeed but as our lads play better against the better teams we prefer it that way and as we round the last bend in this thrilling contest our hopes are high that our lads, who have played some excellent football in keeping their position at the top of the table for so long, will finish the job in a manner worthy of champions.

We extend a great welcome to Raich Carter's boys on their visit to Kenilworth Road this Good Friday. Last Saturday they obtained 2 valuable

points when defeating Doncaster on the Belle Vue Ground by an only goal, scored by Brook. It is noticed that John Charles, who scored 42 goals last season from the centre forward position to lead the list of League goal scorers, has reverted to the centre half position to the benefit no doubt of the defence but the attack has obviously suffered for whereas Leeds scored 89 goals last season with 81 against, their record to date shows 57 for and 50 against. We have the awkward journey to Leeds on Easter Monday, for the return match which necessitates the players having to travel on Sunday. This comes very hard on top of two matches in the two days immediately preceding and means that the lads, instead of being able to obtain advantage of baths, massage and general treatment, will be stiffening up in their long 160 mile journey, with the prospect of another long journey after the match. However the lads take it all in the spirit of the game and make the best of it.

Our Reserve string had an excellent match at White Hart Lane, on Monday last, under the Floodlights and held a very strong Spurs' side to a draw of one goal each. After the poor display here the previous Saturday against Bristol City Reserves this match in London was expected to be a walk-over for the Spurs but again our lads showed that the football skill is there if they are allowed by the opposition to play it. Due to Bernard Streten's injury and the fact that Alan Collier is at present in Italy with the England Youth XI we were rather pushed for a goalkeeper for this match with the Spurs for we dare not risk Ron Baynham receiving a further injury. Vauxhall Motors very kindly helped us out by loaning us Roy Cullis, who filled the bill admirably and showed excellent judgment throughout except on the one occasion when he was beaten. His clean picking up of the ball and good anticipation impressed all who saw him in action, and we are very grateful to him and to his Club for helping us out of a difficult situation.

In view of the continued newspaper strike we are listing in tomorrow's programme all the First and Second Division and some Third Division fixtures played today. The results of these matches will be given over the loudspeakers at tomorrow's match so that those of you who are interested can take the results down as they are called out. Unfortunately we cannot give you the results of today's matches for there is no service available on a Good Friday.

Tickets for the England v. Eire Boys' International Match to be played on this Ground, on Saturday afternoon, April 30th, will be on sale at Refreshment Bars in various parts of the Ground after each match until all are sold. We point out that this is an all ticket match, prices being Centre Stand 5/-, Wing Seats 4/-, Enclosure 3/-, Bobbers Stand 2/-, Terraces 1/6. Luton has received a great honour in being chosen to stage this match and we do hope there will be a good attendance which would undoubtedly lead to further honours coming to Luton.

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Baynham Goal
2 Dunne Right Back
4 Pemberton Right Half
7 Davies Outside Right
8 Turner Inside Right

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11 Meek Outside Left
10 Henderson Inside Left
6 Keerfoot Left Half
3 Hair Left Back

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Baynham Goal

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3 Aherne Left Back
6 Shanks Left Half
11 Adam Outside Left

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8 Ripley Inside Right
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2 Dunn Right Back

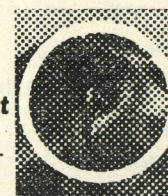


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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Facilities are not available today for giving you the half-time scores. The list of fixtures below may be used for results given by the B.B.C.

DIVISION I

| | | | |
|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Arsenal | ..... | Cardiff City | ..... |
| Bolton W. | ..... | Sheffield Wed. | ..... |
| Burnley | ..... | Blackpool | ..... |
| Chelsea | ..... | Sheffield Utd. | ..... |
| Everton | ..... | Newcastle U. | ..... |
| Manchester C. | ..... | West Brom. | ..... |
| Portsmouth | ..... | Charlton Ath. | ..... |
| Preston N.E. | ..... | Leicester City | ..... |
| Sunderland | ..... | Manchester U. | ..... |

DIVISION II

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Blackburn R. | ..... | Lincoln City | ..... |
| Bristol Rovers | ..... | Plymouth A. | ..... |
| Bury | ..... | Hull City | ..... |
| Derby County | ..... | Swansea T. | ..... |
| Doncaster R. | ..... | Notts. County | ..... |
| Middlesbro' | ..... | Birmingham | ..... |
| Notts. Forest | ..... | Rotherham U. | ..... |
| Port Vale | ..... | Liverpool | ..... |
| West Ham U. | ..... | Fulham | ..... |

DIVISION III (South)

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Aldershot | ..... | Exeter City | ..... |
| Brentford | ..... | Leyton O. | ..... |
| Colchester | ..... | Southend Utd. | ..... |
| Crystal Palace | ..... | Q.P.R. | ..... |
| Gillingham | ..... | Brighton & H. | ..... |
| Millwall Ath. | ..... | Coventry City | ..... |
| Newport Co. | ..... | Swindon T. | ..... |
| Watford | ..... | Southampton | ..... |

DIVISION III (North)

| | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Barrow | ..... | Workington | ..... |
| Carlisle | ..... | Tranmere | ..... |
| Chester | ..... | Rochdale | ..... |
| Chesterfield | ..... | Hartlepoons | ..... |
| Crewe | ..... | Stockport | ..... |
| Gateshead | ..... | Darlington | ..... |
| Grimsby | | Bradford | |
| Oldham | | Scunthorpe | |
| Southport | | Mansfield | |
| Wrexham | | Halifax | |
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FIXTURES :: 1954-1955

| FIRST XI | Division II | Attendance | 1953/54 | F. A. |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Sat., Aug. 21 | Notts. Forest | 19,832 | 0 1 H 3 0 | |
| Tues., " 24 | Bury | 15,535 | 1 0 A 1 2 | |
| Sat., " 28 | Ipswich Town | 20,265 | ... A 1 3 | |
| Wed., Sept. 1 | Bury | 13,654 | 3 2 H 3 2 | |
| Sat., " 4 | Birmingham City | 16,347 | 2 0 H 1 0 | |
| Wed., " 8 | Lincoln City | 13,390 | 1 1 A 2 1 | |
| Sat., " 11 | Middlesbrough | 15,891 | ... A 2 0 | |
| Wed., " 15 | Lincoln City | 11,972 | 1 0 H 2 1 | |
| Sat., " 18 | Stoke City | 17,325 | 0 1 H 3 1 | |
| Sat., " 25 | Rotherham United | 17,114 | 1 2 A 0 2 | |
| Sat., Oct. 2 | Derby County | 17,156 | 2 1 H 2 0 | |
| Sat., " 9 | Bristol Rovers | 30,623 | 3 3 A 2 3 | |
| Sat., " 16 | Plymouth Argyle | 15,059 | 2 1 H 3 1 | |
| Sat., " 23 | Fulham | 33,500 | 1 5 A 1 3 | |
| Sat., " 30 | Swansea Town | 15,555 | 2 0 H 1 2 | |
| Sat., Nov. 6 | Notts. County | 10,395 | 2 1 A 3 3 | |
| Sat., " 13 | Liverpool | 15,887 | ... H 3 2 | |
| Sat., " 20 | West Ham United | 23,034 (1) | 0 1 A 1 2 | |
| Sat., " 27 | Blackburn Rovers | 17,314 | 2 1 H 7 3 | |
| Sat., Dec. 4 | Port Vale | 14,052 | ... A 1 1 | |
| Sat., " 11 | Doncaster Rovers | 14,541 (2) | 2 0 H 3 0 | |
| Sat., " 18 | Nottingham Forest | 11,943 | 1 2 A 5 1 | |
| Sat., " 25 | Hull City | 15,853 | 3 1 H 1 1 | |
| Mon., " 27 | Hull City | 39,890 | 2 1 A 4 0 | |
| Sat., Jan. 1 | Ipswich Town | 16,581 | ... H 3 2 | |
| Sat., " 8 | Workington (F.A. Cup-3) | 18,853 | H 5 0 | |
| Sat., " 22 | Middlesbrough | 13,372 | ... H 2 0 | |
| Sat., " 29 | Rotherham U. (F.A. Cup-4) | 21,231 | A 5 1 | |
| Sat., Feb. 5 | Stoke City | 21,156 | 1 1 A 0 0 | |
| Sat., " 12 | Rotherham United | 18,450 | 1 1 H 4 0 | |
| Sat., " 19 | Manchester C. (F.A. Cup-5) | 23,104 | H 0 2 | |
| Wed., March 2 | Derby County | 5,987 | 2 1 A 0 0 | |
| Sat., " 5 | Plymouth Argyle | 25,975 | 2 2 A 1 2 | |
| Sat., " 12 | Fulham (6) | 17,966 | 1 2 H 3 0 | |
| Sat., " 19 | Swansea Town | 19,422 | 1 1 A 1 2 | |
| Sat., " 26 | Notts. County | 16,917 | 2 1 H 3 1 | |
| Sat., April 2 | Liverpool | 30,710 | ... A 4 4 | |
| Fri., " 8 | Leeds United | ... | 1 1 H | |
| Sat., " 9 | West Ham United | ... | 3 1 H | |
| Mon., " 11 | Leeds United | ... | 1 2 A | |
| Sat., " 16 | Blackburn Rovers | ... | 0 2 A | |
| Wed., " 20 | Birmingham City | ... | 1 5 A | |
| Sat., " 23 | Port Vale | ... | ... H | |
| Wed., " 27 | Bristol Rovers | ... | 1 1 H | |
| Sat., " 30 | Doncaster Rovers | ... | 3 1 A | |

| RESERVE FIXTURES | Combination | Cup Attendance | 1953/54 | F. A. |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-------|
| Wed., Aug. 25 | Coventry City | 2,833 | 2 0 H 2 2 | |
| Sat., " 28 | Northampton T. | 3,045 | 1 2 H 8 2 | |
| Mon., " 30 | Coventry City | 2,759 | 1 4 A 0 3 | |
| Sat., Sept. 4 | Watford | 3,417 | 1 2 A 2 4 | |
| Wed., " 8 | Birmingham City | 1,999 | 4 0 H 4 2 | |
| Sat., " 11 | Watford | 3,109 | 2 1 H 4 1 | |
| Wed., " 15 | Birmingham City | 1,638 | 1 1 A 3 0 | |
| Sat., " 18 | ... | ... | ... | |
| Wed., " 22 | Norwich City | 3,667 | 0 0 A 1 4 | |
| Sat., " 25 | Leicester City | 1,913 | 2 1 A 3 1 | |
| Wed., " 29 | Norwich City | 3,372 | 2 0 H 2 1 | |
| Sat., Oct. 2 | Ipswich Town | 3,814 | 4 1 A 0 0 | |
| Wed., " 6 | Leicester City | 3,398 | 3 4 H 2 2 | |
| Sat., " 9 | Ipswich Town | 3,298 | 1 2 H 3 0 | |
| Thurs., " 14 | Northampton Town | 360 | 3 1 A 2 0 | |
| Football Combination | | | | |
| Sat., Oct. 16 | Charlton Athletic | 1,216 | 1 1 A 1 1 | |
| Sat., " 23 | Norwich City | 2,779 | 2 1 H 6 1 | |
| Sat., " 30 | Bournemouth | 3,251 | 2 2 A 4 0 | |
| Sat., Nov. 6 | Arsenal | 4,010 | 5 3 H 1 6 | |
| Sat., " 13 | West Ham United | 4,304 | 0 1 A 0 1 | |
| Sat., " 20 | Coventry City | 1,873 | ... H 7 0 | |
| Sat., " 27 | ... | ... | ... | |
| Sat., Dec. 4 | Portsmouth | 3,221 | 4 2 H 4 1 | |
| Sat., " 18 | Birmingham City | 2,701 | ... H 2 2 | |
| Sat., " 25 | Norwich City | 911 | 1 1 A 2 3 | |
| Mon., " 27 | Bristol City | 3,197 | ... A 0 2 | |
| Sat., Jan. 1 | Brighton & Hove | 2,683 | ... A 3 1 | |
| Sat., " 22 | Portsmouth | 3,031 | 2 2 A 5 2 | |
| Sat., " 29 | Millwall Athletic | 3,292 | 5 1 H 5 0 | |
| Sat., Feb. 5 | West Ham United | 4,399 | 2 1 H 2 4 | |
| Sat., " 12 | Arsenal | 3,595 | 3 2 A 1 1 | |
| Wed., March 2 | Bournemouth | 463 | 2 2 H 2 3 | |
| Sat., " 5 | Birmingham City | 2,910 | ... A 1 2 | |
| Mon., " 7 | Chelsea | 285 | 0 0 A 2 1 | |
| Thurs., " 17 | Cardiff City | 2,115 | 4 0 H 3 1 | |
| Sat., " 19 | Tottenham H. | 3,153 | 2 1 H 2 1 | |
| Thurs., " 31 | Charlton Athletic | 2,510 | 3 2 H 4 2 | |
| Sat., April 2 | Bristol City | 3,260 | ... H 0 2 | |
| Mon., " 4 | Tottenham Hotspur | ... | 0 0 A 1 1 | |
| Fri., " 8 | Coventry City | ... | ... A | |
| Mon., " 11 | Leicester City | ... | 5 2 H | |
| Sat., " 16 | Chelsea | ... | 2 2 H | |
| Mon., " 18 | Brighton & Hove | ... | ... H | |
| Mon., " 25 | Cardiff City | ... | 2 1 A | |
| Thurs., " 28 | Leicester City | ... | 4 3 A | |
| Sat., " 30 | Millwall Athletic | ... | 3 1 A | |

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 9th April :: Kick-Off 3 p.m.
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Easter Monday, 11th April
FOOTBALL COMBINATION
Luton Res. v. Leicester Res.
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Saturday, 16th April :: Kick-Off 3 p.m.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION
Luton Res. v. Chelsea Res.
Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Monday, 18th April :: Kick-Off 6.15 p.m.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION
Luton Res. v. Brighton Res.
Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Friday, 22nd April :: Kick-Off 7 p.m.
YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP—SEMI-FINAL
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LEAGUE TABLE : 1954-1955

Up to and including Saturday, 2nd April, 1955

| FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division 2 | Pld. | Won | Drn. | Lost | For | Agst | P. |
|----------------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|----|
| LUTON TOWN | 34 | 19 | 6 | 9 | 76 | 45 | 44 |
| Blackburn Rov. | 36 | 20 | 4 | 12 | 107 | 73 | 44 |
| LEEDS UNITED | 36 | 19 | 5 | 12 | 57 | 50 | 43 |
| West Ham U. | 34 | 17 | 8 | 9 | 69 | 56 | 42 |
| Stoke City | 34 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 56 | 40 | 41 |
| Birmingham C. | 33 | 16 | 8 | 9 | 68 | 37 | 40 |
| Notts. County | 35 | 18 | 4 | 13 | 63 | 62 | 40 |
| Rotherham Utd. | 33 | 17 | 4 | 12 | 73 | 57 | 38 |
| Bristol Rovers | 35 | 16 | 6 | 13 | 67 | 61 | 38 |
| Middlesbrough | 35 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 64 | 66 | 38 |
| Liverpool | 34 | 14 | 7 | 13 | 77 | 77 | 35 |
| Swansea Town | 34 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 70 | 69 | 34 |
| Fulham | 34 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 67 | 66 | 34 |
| Notts. Forest | 34 | 14 | 5 | 15 | 46 | 49 | 33 |
| Bury | 34 | 12 | 8 | 14 | 63 | 63 | 32 |
| Hull City | 34 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 39 | 52 | 29 |
| Doncaster Rov. | 34 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 48 | 75 | 29 |
| Lincoln City | 34 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 58 | 70 | 28 |
| Plymouth A. | 36 | 10 | 7 | 19 | 51 | 73 | 27 |
| Port Vale | 34 | 8 | 10 | 16 | 37 | 60 | 26 |
| Ipswich Town | 35 | 9 | 4 | 22 | 51 | 83 | 22 |
| Derby County | 36 | 6 | 9 | 21 | 47 | 68 | 21 |

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