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WEDNESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1957.

FIRST "BLOOD" TO OVERFIELD.

Two home wins that yielded six goals against Leicester City and Aston Villa, and at the same time, got our Scottish newcomer, Hugh Baird, off the mark with his scoring, did a lot to banish the blues at Elland Road after the two start-of-the-season defeats on away grounds.

For the second time in successive First Division seasons, left winger Jack Overfield had the distinction of opening our scoring. While Jack never managed to repeat the goal-scoring performance in the remainder of last season, he made it quite clear in the games against Leicester and Villa that he's going all out for the target this time. He was, in fact, unlucky not to be a scorer long before the 55th minute of the game against City, for at least two of his hard first-half drives were turned away by goal-keeper MacLaren.



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Through his efforts in both the first two home games, Jack won the plaudits of the Press, and, as he's the type of modest footballer who can accept the highest praise and remain unspoiled he will no doubt be all the better for such encouragement. One thing about his displays in the last two games appears to be fairly certain. If he can establish such ascendancy over backs of the calibre of Stan Milburn and Stan Lynn, and if he can cut in with such devastating effect, he is bound to attract the attention of the selectors.

The applause that greeted Hugh Baird's first goal in English League did not go unnoticed by this likeable Scottish newcomer. He felt extremely happy about his warm welcome to League football at Elland Road, and he was delighted when our "skipper" Eric Kerfoot detailed him to take the second-half penalty shot against Leicester City and thereby gave him the chance to atone for his first-half misses. Hugh took that penalty shot like a very canny marksman, but his goals against Aston Villa gave even more pleasure to the supporters.

A glance at Villa's defensive records is enough to bring home to any football fan the full impact of United's performance against the Cup-holders in the 4-0 win. Never before in 20 months had Villa let in as many as four goals without reply in a League or Cup match. Just about a year ago—on September 15th, 1956, Villa did let in four goals to Spurs, but they scored two in reply. Undoubtedly, a tough defence was one of their outstanding qualities in their Cup run last season, and when one considers that the score against them at Elland Road last week might well have been even bigger than four goals, the rousing display of United was most commendable.

Hugh Baird's burst of speed into his goal-scoring openings was well worthy of note, and the goals by both Harold Brook and George O'Brien were extremely well snapped up.

A SOCCER BONE OF CONTENTION.

Not for the first time in football, that bone of contention, the advantage law, set the terraces and grand-stands abuzz with excited discussion during the game against Villa.

When, but a minute after he had opened the scoring, just before the interval, Baird darted through and pushed the ball into the net a second time, some of the supporters were staggered

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as referee F. Cowen, of Manchester, pulled him back and awarded United a free kick outside the penalty area. Although all the fans didn't hear it, the referee had whistled as Villa centre-half Dugdale handled the ball before Baird ran on to it. Followers nearer to the play did hear the whistle, and referee Cowen explained later that he had blown because of the offence, not realising, of course, that the deflection of the ball would work out to United's advantage.

Once having blown the whistle he could not then wave play on.

Although the term 'advantage law' is so frequently used in Soccer it is, of course, a misnomer. There is no such individual law under that specific heading among the 17 laws relating to the game. There is, however, in law five, under the heading of "Referees", the following section:

"He shall, however, refrain from penalising in cases where he is satisfied that by doing so he would be giving advantage to the offending team."

To be perfectly fair to referees, it can be seen quite clearly that this discretionary power is bound to create difficulties at times. Some referees are criticised at times for not being prompt with the whistle. Yet the referee who attempts to be prompt can frequently find that he has blown at a time when the play might be developing on such lines that will give the advantage of a situation to a non-offending side.

SOUTH AMERICAN STYLE!

Perhaps one of the best illustrations of the difficulties created by the 'advantage law' is the story told by the well-known Leeds referee, Mr. Arthur Luty, of one of the international games he refereed in South America.

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In a game in which Latin temperament was running rather high, a player was flagrantly fouled in the penalty area, but, after stumbling, he regained his feet and went on to score. Arthur applied the "advantage law", ruled that a goal had been scored and ignored the foul.

He was then staggered to see the player who popped the ball into the net walk to the penalty spot, tee the ball up and prepare to take a shot. Arthur explained as well as he could, despite the language barrier, that no penalty shot was necessary.

The player had scored the goal in the first place and he had overlooked the foul, as a penalty shot would have been to the disadvantage of the attacking side. Unfortunately, however, the player was still too worked up to accept that. He wanted his penalty. He felt that he had been roughly treated by his opponent and he wanted the satisfaction of a shot from the spot!

He took quite a lot of convincing that a ball safely in the net might be worth at least two shots from the spot! Eventually however, when tempers cooled down he accepted this simple and straightforward logic.

SOCCER ODDITIES.

Soccer oddities come the way of even the most experienced referees from time to time. In Arsenal's recent game against Luton Town, our visitors to-night, Vic Groves came near to scoring what would have been a very odd goal.

Vic's Soccer boots have driven home many a goal since he began his professional career with Leyton Orient, but one of his boots, temporarily detached from its owner, might have gained its place in the record books. As Vic lunged at the ball his right boot flew off. If the boot had struck the ball—as a matter of fact it missed only narrowly—and knocked it into the net, what would have been the verdict of the referee?

"It would have been a goal" declares Mr. Alf Bond, the one-armed referee from Fulham, who took charge of the 1956 Cup final. He qualifies his judgment as follows:—"If there was any danger to other players from the flying boot—if they had to duck to avoid being hit by it—I would stop play immediately. That would have conferred an unfair advantage on the attacking side."

So there you are, the advantage law enters into even the most odd of Soccer situations.

On of the oddest goals recorded in Soccer must have been that remarkable "own goal" scored by Arsenal's left back, Evans, in a First Division game at Highbury in 1955. The game appeared to be running over time and a spectator blew a whistle. Thinking it was the referee's signal to end the game, Evans kicked the ball into his own net as several players began to leave the field. Referee Coultas pointed to the centre spot, signalling for a goal, while Evans had every reason to look staggered by this situation.

An odd goal of a former era was that which won the well-known Manchester City goal-keeper, Charlie Williams, a place in the record books. Playing against Sunderland in a First Division game, he drove a goal-kick into the Wearside club's goalmouth. Doig, the Sunderland keeper, touched it but failed to hold it and it went into the net. No matter which man it was credited or debited to, it was a goal scored by a goal-keeper.

SOCCER QUIZ.

How good is your memory on the subject of Leeds United affairs? Can you answer these questions before kick-off time? Answers to this Soccer quiz will be found on another page in this programme.

1. Which was the first game played at Elland Road in which the players wore numbers on their shirts?
2. Can you name three pre-war players who served long enough terms at Elland Road to receive second benefit awards from the Club?
3. What was the highest score ever recorded by a Leeds United side on the Elland Road ground in a peace-time League or Cup game?
4. What stands as United's record score away from Elland Road?
5. In what year did United change their colours from blue and white stripes to blue and gold?
6. Which clubs were United's partners in promotion success on moving from the Second Division into the First?
7. Can you name a player who was on the club's books for 17 peace time seasons?
8. Who was the first Leeds United player to appear in an international championship match?



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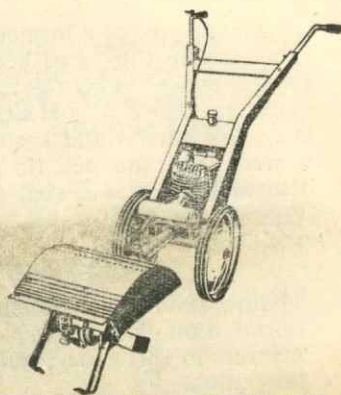
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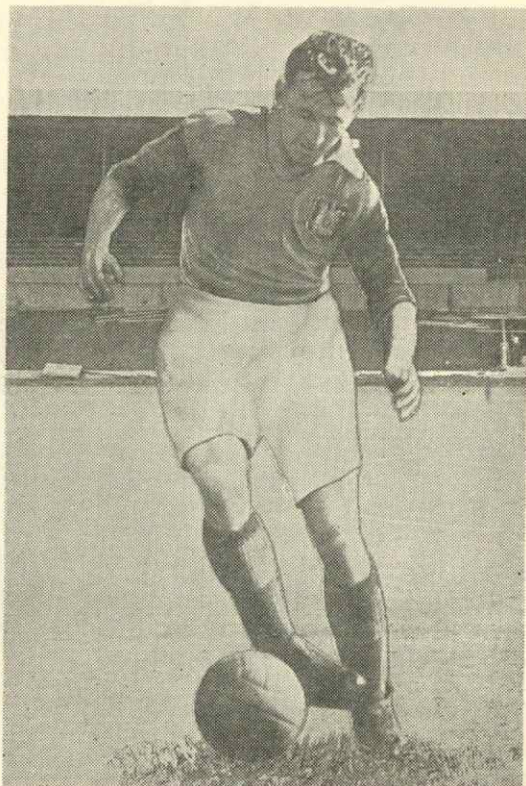
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JIMMY DUNN

Whilst there's nothing new to tell you about a loyal and consistent footballer who has established himself as such a popular personality at Elland Road in the past 10 years: here is an opportunity to record the outstanding feat of Jimmy in completing a round figure of 400 League and Cup games for Leeds United. Jimmy reached that total in the home game against Aston Villa, and here is his detailed record—

1947-48	...	15	1952-53	...	42	Total League games up to this season	...	...	...	376
1948-49	...	37	1953-54	...	41	Total Cup games	...	...	...	20
1949-50	...	40	1954-55	...	42	League games to date this season	...	...	...	5
1950-51	...	39	1955-56	...	42					
1951-52	...	36	1956-57	...	42					
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Jimmy is the only player in either First or Second Divisions who has never missed a League game in the last three completed seasons.

All his admirers will wish him many more games to come for Leeds United.

EASY TO REMEMBER.

To-night's visitors, Luton Town, will have just as much reason to remember last season's trip to Elland Road as our own fans have to recall their particular performance. As a matter of fact, the "Hatters", with Alan Brown in their ranks for the first time, but a couple of days after his transfer from Blackpool, beat us 2-1, to record their first away success after a long string of 12 outings without a win. From our point of view, it was the only home League defeat between October 27th and March 30th.

It was, of course, a game in which Brown lost no time in paying off a slice of the £12,000 transfer fee that Luton had handed over for him. He paved the way for the "Hatters" first goal, and scored the second. Earlier in the season, at Kenilworth Road, it was a 2-2 draw between the clubs. Turner scored the two goals for town, and Charles equalised in both instances.

As they did last season, Town have made quite a convincing start to the present campaign. They will, however, be eager to avoid a repetition of the slump form that followed last time. Injuries handicapped them to such an extent that they slumped into the relegation zone, but they finally fought their way clear enough of it to have six clubs beneath them in the final table

Clashes between Luton, a club that helped to pioneer Soccer in the South of England, and one which had the first-ever all professional side in that region, Nowadays bring together two old Cup final colleagues in the respective managers, Mr. "Dally" Duncan and Mr. "Raich" Carter.

The pair were outstanding members of an all-star Derby County attack in that successful Wembley campaign of 1946.

Through the retirement from soccer of Bernard Streten, Luton have lost an England player who will be remembered for his particularly spectacular style. Town are so well off for goal-

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keepers that they may not feel this loss. It is, in fact, a remarkable performance for the club to have produced two England goal-keepers in Stretton and Baynham within such a short time.

STORMING START BY FOREST.

After a storming start to the new season in First Division football, promoted Notts Forest are bound to prove a big attraction when they visit Elland Road next Saturday (kick-off 3 p.m.).

Forest, who were in the promotion race last season from start to finish, also showed up extremely well in the Cup competition, beating Portsmouth at Fratton Park, and holding Birmingham City to a draw before going out in a replay.

Last week they raised a lot of eyebrows in the midlands when they had their revenge in a First Division game by beating Birmingham City 2-0, on their own St. Andrew's ground.

Former Tottenham and England star Eddie Baily was a key man in Forest's promotion fight, and Dug Lishman, the former Arsenal marksman, played a dramatic part in it in the closing stages.

Leading scorers for Forest in promotion season were Barrett (27), Lishman (16), Wilson (14) and Imlach (12). Although Baily "bagged" only six, his forward line generalship made him the power behind his goal-scoring colleagues.

TOUGH LUCK AT OLD TRAFFORD

For the third time in three successive games we had the severe misfortune at Old Trafford on Saturday to have a regular first team defender injured. Following injuries Gibson (Leicester City) and Charlton (against Aston Villa) came the most crippling setback of all. From the 55th minute, when Grenville Hair had to be carried off the Old Trafford pitch on a stretcher, Manchester United took full advantage of our handicap to come out of the game with a big 5-0 win.

Earlier, however, there had never been any indication that we should take such a heavy beating. In the first half the defence had put up stubborn resistance against the champions and Hair, like his colleagues, had been in first-class form. Unfortunately, Hair injured an ankle in a first-half tackle on Tommy Taylor, and in the 55th minute it was no doubt this weak ankle that caused him to twist on the turf and to wrench his knee.

To turn round, only one goal down, after playing against such a strong wind, was certainly no disgrace, and the defence was still holding its own up to the point where Hair was carried off. After that we were struggling all the way, but it was quite

a gallant struggle in which Roy Wood made some terrific saves and in which George Meek took the fight into the Champion's territory in his strong solo bursts.

At the time of writing, Hair was undergoing a specialist's examination of his knee, and supporters would be hoping that the injury would not be a serious one.

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ANSWERS TO SOCCER QUIZ.

1. The game between an F.A. Amateur Eleven and the Combined Universities team on February 23rd, 1938. The Football League introduced numbering of players to League Soccer at the start of the 1939-40 season, which was soon interrupted by the outbreak of the war.
2. Ernie Hart, Willis Edwards and Jack Milburn.
3. Eight goals by United against Crystal Palace in an F.A. Cup tie in January, 1930, and eight in League games against Leicester City in April, 1934, and October, 1938. In a war-time game, in 1944, United scored nine against Bradford City.
4. Seven goals against Blackpool in the First Division game of September 1930.
5. In 1934. A United side appeared for the first time in blue and gold on September 22nd of that year against Liverpool.
6. Bury in 1923-24, Manchester City in 1927-28, Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1931-32 and Sheffield Wednesday in 1955-56.
7. The late Ernest Hart (from 1919 to 1936).
8. Willis Edwards in February, 1926.



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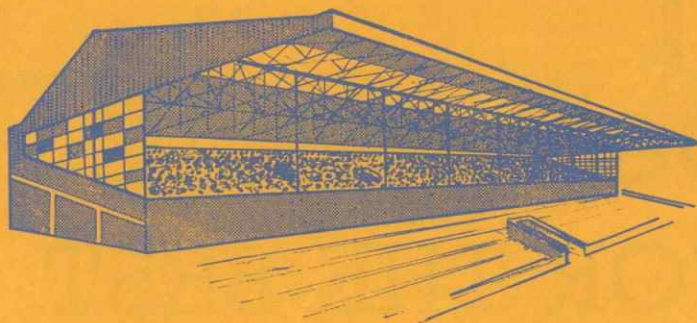
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