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FOOTBALL LEAGUE - FIRST DIVISION

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Match No. 38

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 1959

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FINLAYSON

STUART

HARRIS

CLAMP

WRIGHT

FLOWERS

BOOTH

MURRAY

BROADBENT

Linesman-Yellow Flag F. P. CLARKE (Coventry)

Referee-F. H. GERRARD (Preston)

Linesman-Red Flau R. L. J. HAMBLIN (Cheltenham)

GREGORY

LILL

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NOTES BY "WANDERER"

OUR CHANCE TO SAY "WELL DONE"

A WEEK ago today Billy Wright was playing in his hundredth full international match for England. Now he comes back to his home ground and we in Wolverhampton get our first public opportunity to add our "Well done" to the hundreds of thousands that have already been voiced from this country and abroad.

Nobody here will need any urging to see that Billy gets the big hand his outstanding sporting achievement deserves. And on this ground, of course, we have special reason for congratulations for Billy Wright has become part and parcel of the Wolverhampton soccer scene

which he has now adorned for many years.

Tributes have been paid to him by the high and the lowly, the near and the far, but there will be none more sincere than those that come from the hearts of the Wolverhampton people among whom Billy Wright is, as they say "One of us."

HIS EYE ON ANOTHER TARGET

So let's have a big special cheer for the skipper as he leads the team out for the last but one of our remaining home games this season. Think back on the number of times he has helped entertain you, of the inspiration he has so often been, and the example so that he is left in no doubt about our feelings.

And, who knows, the encouragement thus given may inspire him and the rest of the team to the effort needed today to clinch that other honour on which Billy has set his sights, the

to the effort needed today to chief that other honour on which billy has set his sights, the second successive Football League Championship.

On another page you will see the details of what Billy has done in the interests of Wolverhampton soccer. Many of you will have seen much of that record being made and all of you will hope to see him and the team complete this season by winning perhaps the most sections to the world. arduous tournament in the world

AND ONE FOR THE BOYS TOO

AVING paid a tribute to the captain let us have a special cheer too for the whole team if only for the fine job they did last week-end in getting three points out of the possible four available at Bolton and Blackpeol.

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It was a testing week-end and they came through it magnificently overcoming more than one obstacle that would have proved too rruch for many a lesser team.

At Bolton it was necessary to play without Peter Broadbent and Ron Flowers as well as Billy but the reserves rose to the occasion as they have done so often in the past. So well did they play indeed that they were denied victory only by an element of luck.

Then at Blackpool there was the unfortunate injury to Bobby Mason who had to be left in a local hospital when the rest of the party returned to Wolverhampton.

ANOTHER WHO SHOWED RIGHT SPIRIT

Twas a fantastic coincidence that Bobby Mason should suffer an eye injury so similar to that which had kept Eddie Stuart out of the game and so rare.

Everybody hopes he will suffer no after effects and that he will come back as gamely as did Stuart a display of whose true club spirit proved such a boon at Blackpool.

He so badly wanted to play that he took upon himself the possible risk of further injury. The matter was left entirely with him and he played a grand part in that outstanding victory. That was a demonstration of the best tradition of the club if ever there was one and we are proud to feel we have such men with the club interests so much at heart.

TWO MORE TO REMEMBER

S INCE this has become a week of congratulation there are two more players who should not be forgotten today. They, of course, are Ron Flowers and Peter Broadbent who had the opportunity of sharing in Billy Wright's big day at Wembley.

They also brought further distinction to their club and helped maintain the fine record in internationals which has gone unbroken now for more than 20 years.

All in all, then, this is a day for high spirits and a day on which we look forward to such another wholehearted display as those that made the week-end so profitable.

There will be another chance to see the First Team when they play Leicester City next Wednesday and everybody hopes when we go to Everton next Saturday it will be as Champions.

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That would be a fitting climax to this outstanding month.

Joday's Topical Talk

THE 101 against 10 men match at Blackpool leaves the Wolves with two points to get from three matches to retain the League Championship and European Cup entry. The victory would appear to have been vital, as the title now seems truly within reach.

What a struggle it was at Blackpool! The Bloomfield Road team went all out to retain their place in the first four and, with it, of course, the League bonus. But the Wolves had the solidity and power the home team lacked, and the goal by

Murray from Lill's first-half corner-kick decided the battle.

I have always been a believer in fast corners and when the Wolves' centreforward, rising like a salmon to a fly, got his head to the ball it flashed into the net before Farm in goal could even shape to save. His expression recalled the first World War cartoon of Bruce Bairnsfather with its caption, "Where did that one go to!"

It's too soon to shout but two points from three matches looks a good thing, and Manchester United have to win both games to make even that challenge.

MEET THE FINALISTS

FLCOME to the F.A. Cup Finalists. Luton Town arrive at Molineux in the unaccustomed role of a glamour team. This, if they'll forgive my saying so, is the Season of the Unexpected in the Cup . . . more so than usual, since the upsets have continued to the end.

Generally the surprises fade out in the semi-finals, and Big Shots fill the Final-tie. This time, it's Luton Town v. Nottingham Forest, otherwise a newcomer versus a club which hasn't seen the Final for over half a century - 61 years, to

The man-in-the-street says it was a thousand to one against these two teams reaching Wembley, but the peculiarities or uncertainties persist to the finish. Mark this: just over a week ago the pair met in the League at Luton and today's Molineux guests won by the startling margin of 5-1. That's a smack in the eye no-one can ignore. Whatever view you take of it, you must admit it gave encouragement to the winners. So a word of warning to today's guests can't do any harm.

WEMBLEY WARNING

WHAT happened? Billy Walker, the Nottingham manager, said "This won't do at all," threatened all sorts of things, recalled the full Cup eleven for Saturday's visit to Everton, and saw the Forest come back with a bang and win by 3-1 after playing highly impressive football. I was there. So I warn these friends from Luton that the 5-1 affair may well have been a snare and a delusion: on this Everton showing the Forest will call for every bit of craft and courage the Bedfordshire side can muster. Surprising how well little Gray played - a shining star at inside-forward after being released by both Chelsea and Burnley as an outside man.

Luton have accounted for First, Second and Third Division opponents on the way to Wembley. They slaughtered Leeds, survived at Leicester, Ipswich and Blackpool, and then removed the song-birds of Norwich - the season's sensation - in the semi-final. So they're no homesters, as the autograph-hunters say. Apparently both Finalists had towsy tests last Saturday. It was certainly hectic at Everton, and reports say the same of Manchester United's match at Luton - only more so.

by Ivan Pharpe

FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

UTON owe much to Birmingham-born Syd Owen, and thereby hangs a query. On Monday the Football Writers' Association may name the Footballer of the Year, and the general expectation is that the honour rests between foday's two captains - Billy Wright, who would receive the award for the second time, and the man who is, likewise, skipper and centre-half of Luton Town. He has been the side's sheet-anchor, and it's a fitting, as well as

romantic, finale to his playing career that he should lead the team to Wembley.

But there are other stars and stalwarts, of course.

This was their semi-final team - the one which silenced "the Canaries": Baynham; McNally, Hawkes; Groves, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins and Gregory. Ron Baynham, born Birmingham, joined Luton from Worcester City and was England's goalkeeper in 1956. Brendan McNally's one of the several Eire players who have settled successfully at Luton. Tall John Groves was formerly a forward - he's from Derby - and David Pacey is from Hitchin in Herts: he was hurt last Saturday.

50 DAYS "HARD"

T'S the attack that intrigues. Why Sunderland allowed little Bingham, the Irish International, to depart, I wouldn't know. When I'm around he generally moves like a match-winner. Allan Brown's the unlucky fellow from Fife and Blackpool who has missed several Wembley honours through injury. Bob Morton, of England "B", is the capable long-service handy-man of the club. George Cummins is the dangerous Eire International from Everton F.C., and Tom Gregory's a tall, local outside-left.

They'll all be playing hard today to keep the machine oiled and moving as smoothly as possible. But I'll wager Luton will join the long list of Finalists who say the 50 days interval between semi-final and Final's all too long. Even sober

Stanley Matthews called it "torture."

WRITING ON THE WALL

HERE were eleven First Division matches last Saturday and these were the gates:

Arsenal v. Chelsea, 40,900 Birmingham v. Spurs, 20,500 Bolton v. Wolves, 26,000 Burnley v. Portsmouth, 18,000 Everton v. Forest, 26,000 Leeds v. Blackburn, 15,000

Leicester v. West Ham, 23,800 Luton v. Manchester United, 27,000 Manchester City v. Blackpool, 27,000 Preston v. Aston Villa, 12,200 West Bromwich v. Newcastle, 22,000

Study them! The total for the full First Division programme was roughly a quarter of a million. Quite a few of these attendances should have been doubled. What's wrong? Is the public weary of the long season? No, it's weary of the excessively long League programme, of its sameness. If these had been Cup-ties the crowds would have been two or three times as large.

The Fourth Division is being overhauled; it's time the Football League as a whole was overhauled, the number of prizes to be played-for increased, and shorter competitions introduced more in keeping with these streamlined times. In these

expensive days, no club can afford this end-of-the-season slump.



1958 FIXT	URES 1959
1958 FIRST DIVISION	
Aug. 23-Nottingham Forest (2-0) h 5-1	1958 CENTRAL LEAGUE Aug. 23—Barnsley (1-2) a 2-3
25-West Ham United (-) a 0-2	
., 30—Chelsea (2-1) a 2-6	30—Bury (7-2) h 4-1
Sept. 3—West Ham United (—) h 1-1	Sept. 1—Huddersfield Town (3-1) a 3-1
,, 6—Blackpool (3-1) h 2-0 ,, 8—Aston Villa (3-2) a 3-1	" 6—Sheffield United (2-2) a 3-1
" 13—Blackburn Rovers (—) a 2-1	,, 10—West Bromwich A. (1-1) h 3-1 ,, 13—Blackpool (1-0) h 1-0
., 17—Aston Villa (2-1) h 4-0	,, 15—West Bromwich A. (1-0) a 4-4
,, 20—Newcastle United (3-1) h 1-3 ,, 27—Tottenham Hotspur (0-1) a 1-2	" 20—Blackburn Rovers (1-3) a 3-2.
Oct. 4—Manchester United (3-1) h 4-0	Oct. 4—Newcastle United (3.2) h 3-1
,, 11-Manchester City (3-3) h 2-0	11 Darby Country (3-2) a 4-4
,, 18—Arsenal (2-0) a 1-1	,, 18—Chesterfield (4-2) b 7-0
,, 25—Birmingham City (5-1) h 3-1 Nov. 1—West Bromwich A (3-0) a 1-2	,, 25—Bolton Wanderers (3-2) a 3-2
Nov. 1—West Bromwich A (3-0) a 1-2 ,, 8—Preston North End (2-0) h 2-0	Nov. 1-Sheffield Wednesday (3-3) h 2-0
., 15—Burnley (1-1) a 2-0	", 8—Preston North End (3-1) a 5-0 ", 22—Everton (3-2) a 2-2
., 22-Bolton Wanderers (6-1) h 1-2	., 29-Stoke City (4-1) h 2-1
,, 29—Luton Town (1-3) a 1-0 Dec. 6—Everton (2-0) h 1-0	Dec. 6-Manchester City (3-3) a 1-2
Dec. 6—Everton (2-0) h 1-0 ,, 13—Leicester City (3-2) a 0-1	,, 13—Leeds United (7-2) h 7-2 ,, 20—Barnsley (2-2) h 2-1
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" 26—Portsmouth (1-1) a 5-3	1959
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,, 10—Barrow (F.A.C. 3) a 4-2	31_Blackpout
,, 24—Bolton W. (F.A.C. 4) h 1-2	Feb. 7—Blackburn Rovers (5-3) h 1-1
,, 31—Blackburn Rovers (—) h 5-0 Feb. 7—Newcastle United (1-1) a 4-3	" 14—Liverpool (2-1) a 2-0
, 14—Leeds United (1-1) a 4-3	,, 21—Newcastle United (5-2) h 4-2 ,, 28—Derby County (4-0) h 4-2
" 21-Manchester United (4-0) a 1-2	Mar. 7—Chesterfield (0-2) a 4-1
,, 28-Manchester City (4-3) a 4-1	, 14—Bolton Wanderers (2-0) h 2-2
Mar. 2—Tottenham Hotspur (4-0) h 1-1 ,, 7—Arsenal (1-2) h 6-1	" 21—Sheffield Wednesday (0-1) a 0-3
,, 7—Arsenal (1-2) h 6-1 ,, 14—Birmingham City (5-1) a 3-0	,, 28—Preston North End (4-1) h 4-0 ,, 30—Manchester United (3-4) a 4-2
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,, 28—Preston North End (2-1) a 2-1	April 4—Burnley (4-1) a 3-1
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,, 25—Everton (0-1) a	Copyright of the Football League and not to
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NEXT MATCHES AT MOLINEUX

Football League-First Div.-Match No. 39

LEICESTER CITY

WEDNESDAY NEXT, APRIL 22nd, 1959 Kick-off 7-15 p.m.

Central League - Match No. 40

MANCHESTER CITY RESERVES

SATURDAY NEXT, APRIL 25th, 1959 Kick-off 3 p.m.

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CAPTAIN OF WOLVES Since start of Season 1947-8

CAPTAIN OF ENGLAND Since October 1948

Born Ironbridge, Salop, 6/2/24. Joined Wolves as an amateur July, 1938, signing professional 8/2/41. Captain of Wolves Cup Winning XI 1949 and First Division Championship XI's of

Has played 489 First Division matches for Wolves: 1946/7 (35); 47/8 (39); 48/9 (35); 49/50 (35); 50/51 (38); 51/2 (39); 52/3 (38); 53/4 (39); 54/5 (39); 55/6 (37); 56/7 (40); 57/8 (38): 58/9 (37).

First 1st Team match for Wolves v. Notts County at Nottingham (Wartime Friendly Match)

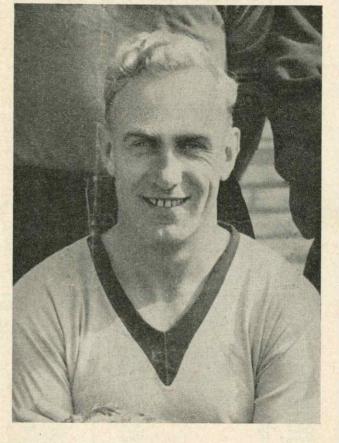
First Football League (proper) First Division match for Wolves v. Arsenal 31/8/46.

First appearance for England was v. Belgium, in a Victory International at Wembley in 1946.

THOSE 100 CAPS

- 1946-Ireland, Eire, Wales Holland 1947-Scotland, France, Switzerland, Portugal, Belgium, Wales, Ireland, Sweden 1948-Scotland, Italy, Denmark, Ireland, Wales, Switzerland ... 6 1949-Scotland, Sweden,
- Norway, France, Eire, Wales, Ireland Italy ... 8 1950-Scotland, Portugal, Belgium, Chile, U.S.A. Spain, Ireland
- 1951-Scotland, Argentine, France, Wales, Ireland, Austria
- 1952-Scotland, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Ireland, Wales, Belgium
- 1953-Scotland, Argentine, Chile, Uruguay, U.S.A. Wales, F.I.F.A. Ireland, Hungary
- 1954-Scotland, Jugoslavia, Hungary, Belgium, Switzerland, Uruguay, Ireland, Wales, Germany
- 1955-Scotland, France, Spain (2), Portugal, Denmark, Wales, Ireland
- 1956-Scotland, Brazil, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Wales, Jugoslavia, Denmark
- 1957-Scotland, Eire (2), Denmark, Wales, Ireland, France
- 1958-Scotland, Portugal, Jugoslavia, Russia (4), Brazil, Austria, Ireland, Wales

1959-Scotland



Captain eighty-five times, 51 at right-half, 41 centre-half, 8 left-half. England has won 59 games, drawn 22, lost 18 and 1 abandoned.

In addition to the above games has played in Victory Internationals—
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WOLVES APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

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