

YEAR THEY WERE MISSING

WHEN the F.A. Cup tournament was resumed after the war, in season 1945-46, Hull City were missing from the entrants. The club had been almost wiped out by enemy air attacks, several direct hits destroying the Anlaby Road ground. But whatever else they lacked in 1946, it was not stout hearts. A new set of directors floated 100,000 shares, and within a few days the public subscribed £40,000. A bare site at Boothferry Park was acquired, so was a skeleton team; Major Frank Buckley was persuaded to leave Wolves to become manager. Thus was the new Hull City born.

BEST CUP RUN

HULL CITY'S farthest progress in the F.A. Cup was to the semi-final in season 1929-30. Despite having a relegation fight on their hands, they advanced towards Wembley with wins against Plymouth Argyle, Blackpool, Manchester City and Newcastle. Then, in the semi-final, they met Arsenal at Leeds and drew 2-2. Arsenal won the replay by 1-0 at Villa Park and went on to win the Cup, but for Hull the season ended with relegation from Division II to the Third Division North.

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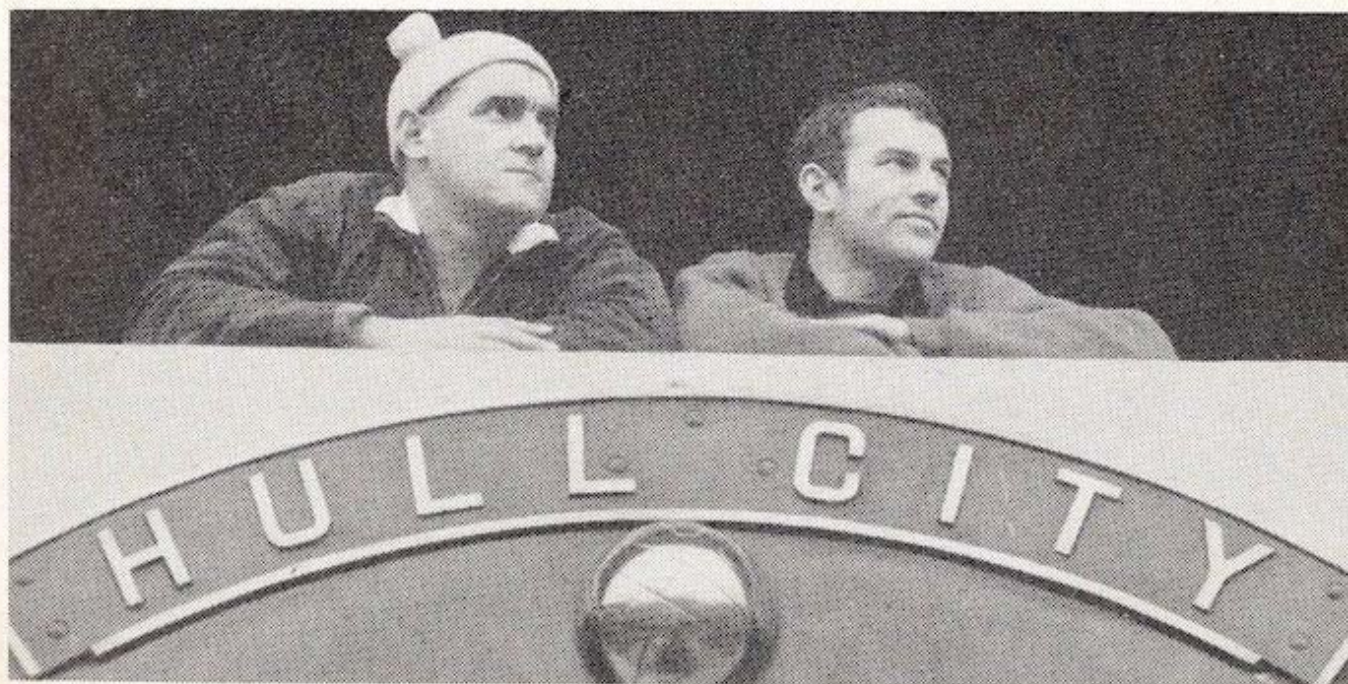
HULL CITY, formed as an amateur club in 1902, gained admission to the Second Division of the Football League in 1905, the same year as ourselves. Changes in their League status have been as follows: 1930 relegated to Div. III North; 1933 promoted to Div. II; 1936 relegated to Div. III North again; 1949 promoted to Div. II; 1956 relegated to Div. III North; 1958 elected to newly-formed Div. III; 1959 promoted to Div. II; 1960 relegated to Div. III.

BIGGEST CROWD

THE attendance record for Boothferry Park is 55,019, set up on February 26, 1949 when Hull met Manchester United in the sixth round of the Cup.

LAST QUARTER-FINAL

HULL's best Cup progress since the war, which they have equalled this season, was to the sixth round in season 1948-49, when, at home to Manchester United, they lost by the only goal. Compensation came at the end of the season when they won the Div. III North championship. Hull's last F.A. Cup appearance in West London was in season 1959-60, when Fulham beat them 5-0 in a third round tie.



Trainer Angus McLean, one-time Wolves full-back, and former Chelsea player Dennis Butler look out over the railway locomotive name-plate that adorns the entrance to the players' tunnel. Is it the Second Division they see on the horizon, and maybe the First beyond that?