

# ABOUT OUR VISITORS

**M**ANCHESTER UNITED have recently shown signs of recapturing the brilliant form which carried them to second place at the end of last season, when they finished four points behind Liverpool.

Besides gaining a favourable League position they also did well in the F.A. Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup competitions. They reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup before losing to West Ham, and in the European competition were knocked out in the quarter-finals by Sporting Club of Lisbon.

## Two New Signings

Since they visited Stamford Bridge last October, United have signed England winger John Connelly — he joined them from Burnley in April — and a month later, 21-years-old goalkeeper Pat Dunne from Shamrock Rovers.

A native of Dublin and a former Everton junior, Dunne had his first outing in the United senior side on September 8, taking over from David Gaskell. By a coincidence his debut was against Everton at Goodison Park.

In February, right-back Seamus Brennan celebrates the seventh anniversary of his first outing in United's senior side. A native of Manchester, he signed professional in 1955, and has played in both full-back positions, as well as occasionally at wing-half and on the left wing.

Tony Dunne, who is not related to Pat Dunne although both come from Dublin, is the holder of Eire amateur and professional caps. Signed from Shelbourne in April 1960, he first played in the senior side six months later. Last season he missed only one League game.

Capped twelve times by Scotland, Pat Crerand cost a big fee when going to Old Trafford from Glasgow Celtic in February last year. A native of Glasgow, Crerand was recalled at the end of August when Maurice Setters was injured.

Following a long spell at full-back, where he gained one England cap, Bill Foulkes moved to centre-half and has been a stalwart there for several seasons now. Born at St. Helens, he has been with the club since 1949, and is easily their longest-serving player. At the beginning of this season Foulkes had played 421 League games.

## Versatile Stiles

In recent seasons Norbert Stiles has proved a most versatile player, occupying several positions. A former England schoolboy international, he made his first League appearance at the age of 17 in October 1960.

Connelly had eight years' professional service with Burnley (218 League appearances, 85 goals). He has also been scoring consistently for United, with five goals in the first nine matches of this season.

Switched to inside-right after spending most of last term on the left wing, Bobby Charlton has quickly worked up a fine partnership with Connelly. Born at Ashington (Northumberland) he has played for England on 54 occasions, and at the beginning of this season had a club total of 109 goals in 256 League games.

David Herd was signed from Arsenal in the summer of 1961. He comes from Hamilton, and has five full Scottish caps. Originally with Stockport County, where he played with his father, Alex Herd, he has been mainly at centre-forward in recent years, though last winter he filled every position in the attack except outside-left, scoring 20 goals in 30 League outings.

Denis Law has always been in the limelight since his debut in League football as a 16-year-old with Huddersfield Town in December 1956. After a spell with Manchester City he went to Italy to join Torino, returning to sign for United in the 1962 close-season. Capped by Scotland 25 times, Law averaged a goal a game in his 30 League appearances last winter.