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TODAY'S match takes us to the season's first important milestone, completing as it does one third of the 1964-65 League Championship programme. Whatever the table may show tonight, a long 28-match haul still lies ahead; equally, whatever today's result, our players are to be heartily congratulated on giving us our best start in any First Division season — 20 points out of a possible 26 (we are the first League club this season to reach that total) and an undefeated away record with which we challenge Tottenham's 100 per cent. home record next Saturday.

Is it a good thing, we hear asked, to set the pace in this the hardest club championship of all? We can only say we are delighted to be out in front and point out, in the table below, that six times in the past ten seasons the club who topped the First Division after 14 matches were still top after 42. The exceptions were provided by ourselves in season 1954-55 (we were 12th after 14 games — five wins, five draws, four defeats, goals 23-22), in 1959-60 by Burnley (sixth after 14), in 1961-62 by Ipswich (fourth after 14) and last season by Liverpool, who were third after 14.

<i>Season</i>	<i>Leaders After 14 Games</i>		<i>Eventual Champions</i>
1954-55	Manchester Utd.	19 pts. (lead of 1 pt.)	Chelsea (Man. Utd. 5th)
1955-56	Manchester Utd.	20 pts. (lead of 1 pt.)	Manchester United
1956-57	Manchester Utd.	23 pts. (lead of 2 pts.)	Manchester United
1957-58	Wolves	22 pts. (lead of 3 pts.)	Wolves
1958-59	Wolves	18 pts. (on goal average)	Wolves
1959-60	Tottenham	20 pts. (lead of 1 pt.)	Burnley (Tottenham 3rd)
1960-61	Tottenham	27 pts. (lead of 4 pts.)	Tottenham
1961-62	Burnley	21 pts. (lead of 3 pts.)	Ipswich Town (Burnley 2nd)
1962-63	Everton	22 pts. (lead of 2 pts.)	Everton
1963-64	Manchester Utd.	19 pts. (on goal average)	Liverpool (Man. Utd. 2nd)