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TODAY we have the pleasure of welcoming one of the original "Greats" of English Soccer. No other Club, I think, has done so much for the prestige and general good of the game during their colourful history. From their inception in the 1870's they have experienced all that was highest in the game, and now, continuing their tradition, their standards are always worthy of acknowledgement. Their famous ground at Ewood Park has been the scene of many great football occasions, including quite a few semi-finals. Today the side is managed by Dally Duncan, that great winger of Derby County and England fame. Can we ever forget that famous pair, Sammy Crooks on the right with Dally himself scintillating down the wing. Wonderful memories.

It was disappointing when we went down at Nottingham. Getting off to a good start we took a goal lead and it seemed that we would hold the luck which this ground always has for us. However, we must hand it to the Forest, they were the team of the day.

How like the Soccer world is to real life! Disappointment on Saturday and yet on Monday we had the thrill of seeing our lads carry all before them against a strong Tottenham side in the Semi Final of the London Challenge Cup. We won 4-1 . . . compensation enough to the happy band of supporters who made the journey across to White Hart Lane and helped to make up the 11,000 crowd who watched the match.

As mentioned in our programme last week we have been fortunate in arranging for Bilbao to come here for a match on December 2nd. They boast of a record on a par with Real Madrid and Barcelona and have been Cup Winners no less than 22 times and League Champions six times. Their team consists of players of world renown, including a Centre-Half who is said to rank No. 1 in that position in the world.

I cannot close without congratulating our three youngsters, Alan Harris, Terry Venables and Terry More on being selected for an England Youth XI at Millwall last Tuesday.