

COMBINATION COMMENT

WHILE the Seniors were drawing 1-1 at home to Leicester City a fortnight ago, the Reserves went to Filbert Street and shared four goals, twice coming back from behind. Leicester went ahead after 20 minutes from a breakaway, but just before half-time Tommy Ord, put through the middle, equalised.

Our young players, particularly Steve Perkins at the back, were now doing well alongside experienced Marvin Hinton, Alan Hudson, John Boyle and Ian Hutchinson, but a 30-yarder by Leicester's left-back set us back again. With 15 minutes left, Hudson shot wide from a penalty for "hands," but the referee ordered it to be retaken and this time skipper Hinton scored from the spot.

Last Saturday's 1-0 win at home to Southampton kept us within a point of Combination leaders Tottenham. Though unable to take goal-kicks, John Phillips stood up well to his first game for five weeks since damaging knee ligaments, and Bobby Brown — usually played as striker —

solved a full-back problem with a most promising display.

Ian Hutchinson, getting in more shots and headers than in any previous game in his comeback campaign, was our most effective forward. He shot the only goal when Saints 'keeper pushed out Alan Taylor's corner that was touched on by Keith Lawrence.

The flying, fifth-minute start was not maintained, however, and in the second half we "lost" our passing. It was a case of a good result but a poor performance — on a day when exactly the opposite applied to the Seniors against the same opponents at Southampton.

(Team line-ups for the above games appear under Match Summaries on page 19.)

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WITH THE JUNIORS

THE first of two Youth matches played last week was Wednesday night's Southern Junior Floodlit Cup first round tie against West Bromwich Albion at Stamford Bridge. It was one of the season's most competitive junior matches so far, and if we could not win it first time, we showed how to fight back—twice.

Albion led with a goal just before half-time, but we were level early second half with a fine effort. Steve Finnieston beat two defenders on the right, Brian Bason beat two more, then drew the goalkeeper and pushed a pass for Teddy Maybank to side-foot into the net.

We soon fell behind again, but eight minutes from the end Finnieston squeezed a shot past the 'keeper from a narrow angle—his 30th goal of the season—and directly afterwards Graham Wilkins hit the Albion crossbar with a tremendous shot. The replay date at West Bromwich has not yet been arranged.

Last Saturday we registered our fifth successive League win in the S.E. Counties (Div. I) with a 3-2 victory at Charlton.

They hit us with a goal in the first minute of each half—in "lack of concentration time," as Youth Manager Ken Shellito put it.

Ray ("Butch") Wilkins put us level by half-time with a good effort from just inside the area, and with 15 minutes to go Steve Finnieston ran onto a through ball and pushed home our second equaliser.

Mike Brolly completed what was a very good second half team display with the winner ten minutes from time. He hit a 30-yard right-foot ground shot that was a goal all the way.

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