

FOCUS on our VISITORS

MANCHESTER CITY already have one prize on the Maine Road side-board this season, because a week before the League programme opened they played Aston Villa at Villa Park for the F.A. Charity Shield and won the trophy by the only goal—for which Francis Lee showed he had lost none of last season's penalty-taking expertise.

Not until their third "real" fixture of the new campaign, however, did City open their points account, for in the first two League games they went down to the Merseyside clubs, 0-2 at Liverpool and by 0-1 at home to Everton.

But victory by three clear goals last Saturday at home to First Division newcomers Norwich showed signs of a return to the mood of last season, when City made such a powerful bid to win their third League Championship, finishing fourth and within a point of the title-winners Derby County.

MANCHESTER CITY PLAYERS

JOE CORRIGAN: Tallest and heaviest 'keeper in Div. One, he earned an England Under-23 cap against Russia in 1970. Discovered by City in 1965, he has been a first-team regular for three seasons. Born Manchester. 6 ft. 4½ in., 15 st.

COLIN BARRETT: Fair-haired full-back who, at 19, is half the age of the man he replaced, Tony Book, when making his League debut last Saturday against Norwich. Born Stockport. 5 ft. 11½ in., 11 st. 7 lb.

WILLIE DONACHIE: Young Scottish International full-back who won six full and two Under-23 caps last season. Became a full professional Dec. 1968 and made 35 Div. I appearances last term. Born Glasgow. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 8 lb.

MIKE DOYLE: Consistent, long-serving half-back who joined City in May 1962. A former England Under-23 International (eight appearances), he has played nearly 250 League games since his debut in March 1965. Born Manchester. 6 ft., 11 st. 10 lb.

TOMMY BOOTH: England Under-23 centre-half (four caps), he joined City as an amateur and turned full professional in August 1967. Has played almost 150 Div. One matches since his debut v. Arsenal in October 1968. Born Manchester. 6 ft. 2 in., 13 st. 2 lb.

TONY TOWERS: Promising young half-back who gained his first England Under-23 cap in June against Russia. Played regularly for City towards the end of last season. Born Manchester. 5 ft. 10½ in., 12 st.

MIKE SUMMERBEE: England striker (seven caps) who joined City from Swindon for £30,000 in August, 1965, and made debut a day later. Approached 250 League games for club. Born Preston. 5 ft. 10½ in., 12 st. 5 lb.

COLIN BELL: City's team-captain holds 20 full caps and last season skippered England against N. Ireland at Wembley. Joined Bury from school and in March 1966 signed for City in £45,000 deal. Nearing 250 League appearances. Born Hesleden. 5 ft. 11½ in., 11 st. 12 lb.

FRANCIS LEE: City's only ever-present last season, when top First Division scorer with 33 goals (13 of them penalties—a record). Joined City from Bolton in October 1967 for £60,000. England International with 27 caps. Born Westhoughton, nr. Bolton. 5 ft. 8 in., 12 st. 3½ lb.

RODNEY MARSH: Cost Man. City their record fee of £200,000 when signed from Q.P.R. last March. Originally with Fulham, this England forward (six caps) hopes to have recovered from an opening-day shoulder injury in time for today's game. Born Hatfield. 6 ft., 13 st.

DEREK JEFFRIES: Versatile forward made his debut for City three seasons ago and last term played six positions. Gained his first England Under-23 cap against E. Germany in March. Born Manchester. 5 ft. 10½ in., 11 st. 4 lb.

IAN MELLOR: Tall skilful forward who was a postman before City signed him as a professional. Made debut in March 1971, and played 21 League games last season. Born Manchester. 6 ft. 1 in., 10 st. 12 lb.

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OFFICIALS

Chairman: MR. ERIC ALEXANDER.
Secretary: MR. WALTER GRIFFITHS.
Team Manager: MR. MALCOLM ALLISON.
Physiotherapist: MR. PETER BLAKEY.
Club Captain: TONY BOOK.
Team Captain: COLIN BELL.

HONOURS

Football League Champions 1937, 1968.
Second Division Champions 1899, 1903,
1910, 1928, 1947, 1966.
F.A. Cup Winners 1904, 1934, 1956, 1969.
Football League Cup Winners 1970.
European Cup-Winners' Cup 1970.