

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1954-55



Chelsea Football Club

Stamford Bridge Grounds, London SW6

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

SEASON 1959-60

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v

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2) 4

Saturday, 5th December, 1959

Kick-off 3 p.m.



Official Programme

6d

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FIXTURES 1959-60

Football League Div. I

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	PRESTON N.E. ...	HOME	4 4
" 26	Manchester United ...	Away	1 0
" 29	Leicester City ...	Away	1 3
Sept. 2	MANCHESTER U. ...	HOME	3 6
" 5	BURNLEY ...	HOME	4 1
" 9	Birmingham City ...	Away	1 1
" 12	Leeds United ...	Away	1 2
" 16	BIRMINGHAM CITY ...	HOME	4 2
" 19	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME	2 4
" 26	Fulham ...	Away	3 1
Oct. 3	West Bromwich Albion ...	Away	3 1
" 10	BOLTON WANDERERS ...	HOME	0 2
" 17	Luton Town ...	Away	2 1
" 24	EVERTON ...	HOME	1 0
" 31	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	1 3
Nov. 7	BLACKBURN ROVERS ...	HOME	3 1
" 14	Manchester City ...	Away	1 1
" 21	ARSENAL ...	HOME	1 3
" 28	Wolverhampton W. ...	Away	1 3
Dec. 5	SHEFFIELD WED. ...	HOME	0 4
" 12	Blackpool ...	Away	.....
" 19	Preston North End ...	Away	.....
" 26	NEWCASTLE UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 28	Newcastle United ...	Away	.....
1960			
Jan. 2	LEICESTER CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 9	(3) F.A. Cup ...	.....	.....
" 16	Burnley ...	Away	.....
" 23	LEEDS UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 30	(4) F.A. Cup ...	.....	.....
Feb. 6	West Ham United ...	Away	.....
" 13	FULHAM ...	HOME	.....
" 20	(5) WEST BROM. A. ...	HOME	.....
" 27	Sheffield Wednesday ...	Away	.....
Mar. 5	LUTON TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 12	(6) Everton ...	Away	.....
" 19	BLACKPOOL ...	HOME	.....
" 26	(S.F.) Blackburn Rovers ...	Away	.....
Apr. 2	MANCHESTER CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 9	Arsenal ...	Away	.....
" 15	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....
" 16	NOTTINGHAM FOR. ...	HOME	.....
" 18	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	.....
" 23	Bolton Wanderers ...	Away	.....
" 30	W'HAMPTON W. ...	HOME	.....
May 7	F.A. CUP FINAL		

(3), (4), (5), (6), (S.F.)—indicates F.A. Cup dates

Football Combination

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	1 3
" 29	BRISTOL CITY ...	HOME	3 1
Sept. 5	Leicester City ...	Away	2 0
" 12	SOUTHEND UNITED... ..	HOME	7 1
" 19	West Ham United ...	Away	1 2
" 26	BOURNEMOUTH & B. ...	HOME	5 1
Oct. 3	SOUTHAMPTON ...	HOME	2 1
" 10	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	5 0
" 17	PORTSMOUTH... ..	HOME	2 1
" 24	Arsenal ...	Away	2 1
" 31	BRIGHTON & H.A. ...	HOME	0 0
Nov. 7	Swansea Town ...	Away	3 0
" 14	IPSWICH TOWN ...	HOME	3 2
" 21	Luton Town ...	Away	2 1
" 28	LEYTON ORIENT ...	HOME	1 1
Dec. 5	Portsmouth ...	Away
" 12	NOTTINGHAM FOR. ...	HOME
" 19	CHARLTON A....	HOME

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1960

Jan. 2	Bristol City ...	Away
" 16	LEICESTER CITY ...	HOME
" 23	Southend United ...	Away
" 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY ...	HOME	.....
Feb. 6	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 13	Bournemouth. & Boscombe	Away	.....
" 20	Southampton ...	Away	.....
" 27	ARSENAL ...	HOME	.....
Mar. 5	Brighton & Hove Albion	Away	.....
" 12	SWANSEA TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 19	Ipswich Town ...	Away	.....
" 26	LUTON TOWN ...	HOME	.....
Apr. 2	Leyton Orient ...	Away	.....
" 9	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	.....
" 18	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....
" 23	Birmingham City ...	Away	.....

Other First Team Matches

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 16	Ajax ...	Amsterdam	3 2
Oct. 19	Ashford ...	Away	7 2
Nov. 11	Entente Royale Anversoise	Antwerp	4 1
" 16	British Olympic XI ...	HOME	4 1
Dec. 2	ATLETICO BILBAO ...	HOME	5 3
" 8	Atletico Bilbao ...	Bilbao	.....

London Mid-Week League

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 12	West Ham United ...	Away	4 0
" 21	MILLWALL ...	Hendon	4 0
" 28	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	Hendon	3 3
Nov. 4	Portsmouth ...	Away	1 2
" 11	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	3 4
Dec. 2	Millwall ...	Away	5 0
" 10	Tottenham H. ...	Away	.....
1960			
Jan. 27	Watford ...	Away	.....
Feb. 3	CHARLTON A....	Hendon	.....
" 10	Crystal Palace ...	Away	.....
" 17	WEST HAM UNITED ...	Hendon
" 24	TOTTENHAM H. ...	Hendon
Mar. 9	WATFORD ...	Hendon
" 30	PORTSMOUTH... ..	Hendon

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TED DRAKE CALLING . . .



WE have pleasure in extending a welcome to Sheffield Wednesday today, coming to us fresh from the glory of a 7-0 win last week, one of the best victories of the Season so far. In their Manager, Harry Catterick there is a happy association through our player Frank Blunstone. In his early days at Crewe, Frank played under the guidance of Mr. Catterick, who as Manager completed his transfer to us in February, 1953.

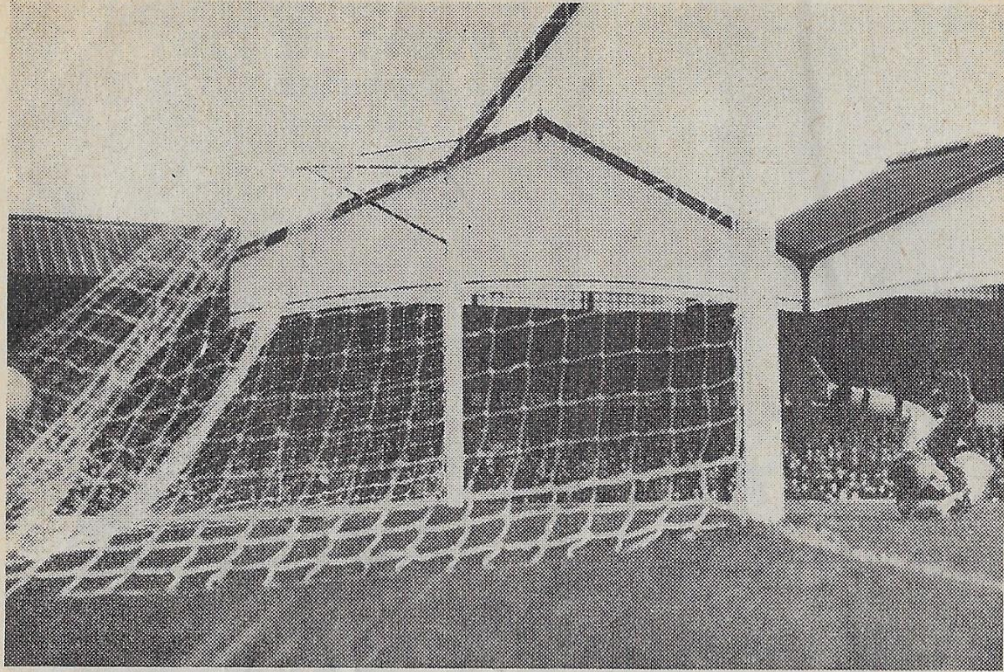
This week it has been our pleasure to stage two out-of-the-ordinary matches. First in seniority must come Wednesday's game, a first-team match at International Club level v. Atletico Club Bilbao and on Monday we were honoured to stage the final of the London Challenge Cup under lights, when we found ourselves meeting the famous Amateur club, Tooting & Mitcham.

The great club Bilbao could be regarded as formidable opponents, who, amongst their other achievements, were the first foreign side to defeat West Bromwich Albion on their ground. As a match, I regard Wednesday's game as one of the soccer highlights of the Season, and it fully lived up to expectations with our victory of 5-3 after a well-fought game which was a credit to all concerned. In this match we were able to see the niceties of the game played in the best possible spirit.

The same thing prevailed on Monday; this game produced 90 minutes of good, entertaining football with hardly a stoppage. I know you will agree with me in congratulating Tooting & Mitcham on a well-contested final. I am sure the merit shown in their performance must give them high hopes of further laurels to add to their grand record.

I have often felt that tension and anxiety can spoil a match. Our players showed us on Wednesday that they can be as brilliant as any; with encouragement from us all they can do the same today.

WOLVES GAIN REVENGE FOR OUR



Ron Tindall's long-range shot leaves Finlayson helpless.

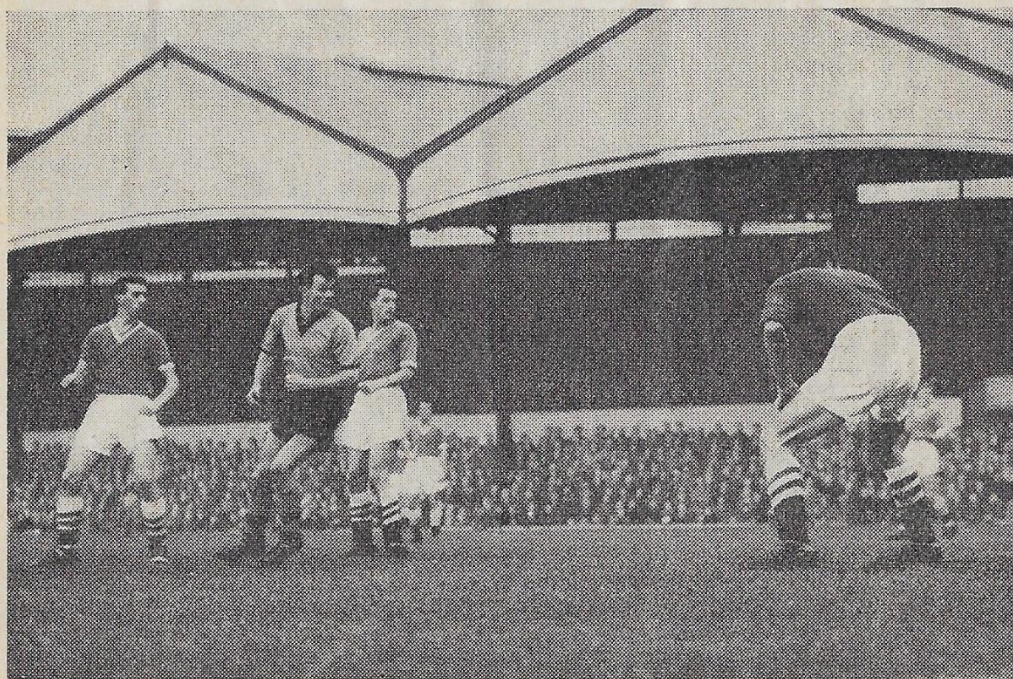


Finlayson stops a shot by Michael Block, with Tindall handy in case of error.

DOUBLE AGAINST THEM LAST SEASON



Reg Matthews saves a close-in header from Murray.



Reg Matthews was so surprised by this long-range shot from Clamp that he did not have time to move.

OUR VISITORS TODAY

ON several of their previous spells in the First Division Sheffield Wednesday, this afternoon's visitors, have had a hard struggle to retain their place. Now they hope to put an end to the up-and-down existence which earned them the somewhat uncomplimentary tag of football's "yo-yo" team. At least they are holding their own in the highest company this time.

Those who thought that the Wednesday defence would find it hard to prevent some big scores being run up against them have been proved wrong. Indeed it is this often-maligned department of the Yorkshire club's team which has been the most impressive so far.

Last Saturday they defeated West Ham United by the impressive score of 7-0. Wednesday have had only five goals debited against them in nine engagements at Hillsborough, easily the lowest total in the First Division. Of those matches they had won five, drawn two and lost only one.

While their record on away grounds is by no means so impressive, it is considerably better than some. Their 3-1 win at Leeds a fortnight ago was their second as visitors, the other having been by the only goal at Arsenal on the opening day of the campaign. In addition they have drawn 0-0 at Birmingham, which leaves them with seven defeats, none of them by more than a two goals margin.

Wednesday's biggest failing has been lack of striking power in attack. The win at Leeds was only the second time they have managed to find the net more than twice, the other occasion being when they defeated Blackpool 5-0 at Hillsborough in mid-September.

The Leeds match was also notable in another respect, the two goals obtained by **Keith Ellis** being the first "double" registered by any Wednesday player this term, all the other goals having come singly. Those two goals brought Ellis's total to four in five outings, and he has now scored more than the other three players who have done duty as leaders of the attack put together.

The first player to be called upon at centre-forward was **Roy Shiner**, who netted three times in nine outings prior to his transfer to Hull City on November 2nd. Veteran **Redfern Froggatt** had one game there before **George Kirby**, who had been signed from Everton last March,

was given three outings without scoring, after which Ellis was called upon.

Two of the outstanding members of the Wednesday rearguard are goalkeeper **Ron Springett**, who won his first England Cap in the recent game with Ireland, and centre-half **Peter Swan**, also a candidate for representative honours at a higher level than the one appearance he has so far made for the Football League.

Flanking Swan are powerful wing-halves in **Tommy McAearney** and **Tony Kay**, the latter now fully recovered from a fractured shoulder sustained in the second match of the season.

Full-backs **Peter Johnson** and **Don Megson** provide a combination of experience and youth. Johnson, formerly with Rotherham United, is also a useful stand-in for the attack should the necessity arise. Megson only made his debut in the home game with Burnley on November 14th. He did well enough to keep his place the following week, when, with Johnson fit after missing the previous match through injury, long-serving **Norman Curtis** stood down. Thus Curtis was out of the side for the first time since March, 1958, a run of 67 consecutive League matches.

Springett is, of course, no stranger to London, for he was born in Fulham, and played for Queen's Park Rangers before moving to Hillsborough at a five figure fee in March, 1958.

The most experienced member of the Wednesday front line is **Redfern Froggatt**, who, prior to last week, had made 433 League appearances in the service of his one and only senior club. Despite his years in the game, "Red" is still a top-class inside-forward, as many an opposing player will testify. A fortnight ago, when he was unable to play through injury, the Yorkshire club introduced a newcomer to English football in **Bobby Craig**, whom they had signed from Third Lanark a few days earlier. While naturally still strange in his new surroundings, Craig proved that he will be a distinct asset when he has had time to settle at Hillsborough and to attune himself to the increased pace of the game compared with north of the border.

Now that Craig has been signed competition for first team places is likely to be keener than ever. Other claimants, in addition to Froggatt, Craig and **John Fantham**, the regular inside-left, include

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The Talk of Stamford Bridge

THE second round matches of this season's F.A. Cup are being played this afternoon and on Monday, together with the rest of the First and Second Division clubs, we go into the bag for the third round draw. The two main points of interest are of course, will we be drawn at home, and who will we meet (whether home or away).

We have not been drawn at home in a third round tie since the 1954-55 season, when we defeated Walsall 2-0 and went on to the fifth round before being defeated by Notts County on their ground by the odd goal. Our manager must be hoping for a home draw anyway, as we have come out of the bag first only five times out of sixteen draws in the last seven seasons.

As far as our opponents are concerned, will it be a First Division team which we have not yet met in the Cup, or a non-League team that is striving hard for a place in soccer history. One must not forget that Tooting and Mitcham, who played on this ground last Monday, held Nottingham Forest to a draw in the third round last season—a fine performance by an amateur club against the eventual Cup winners.

As a matter of record the only First Division teams which we have not yet met in the F.A. Cup are Blackpool and Preston North end.

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We have been drawn away against Ford United in the third round of the F.A. Youth Cup, and the match will be played on their ground on Saturday, 19th December (Kick-off 11.30 a.m.). Ford United, until this season, were known as Briggs Sports, and our paths have crossed before. In the Hornchurch League we beat them 1-0 at Woolwich and 5-0 on their ground in 1956-57. Last season we met in the second round of the F.A. Youth Cup and beat them 13-0 on their

ground—Barry Bridges will remember this game last November very well, as he scored eight of our goals.

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British Railways announce the following excursion train arrangements for our away League match with Blackpool on Saturday, 12th December. Tickets (37/6d. each return) can be obtained from Euston. They are available by the following trains:

Leave Euston 6.40 a.m.

Arrive Blackpool South 1.53 p.m.

Leave Blackpool South 5.10 p.m.

Arrive Euston 11.27 p.m.

We would advise you that refreshments are not available on either of these trains.

British Railways also announce the following excursion train arrangements for our away League match with Preston North End on Saturday, 19th December. Tickets (35/- each return) can be obtained from Euston. They are available by the following trains:

Leave Euston 8.20 a.m., change at Crewe.

Arrive Preston 1.43 p.m.

Leave Preston 5.31 p.m.

Arrive Euston 10.0 p.m.

British Railways also announce the following excursion train arrangements for our away League match against Newcastle United on Monday, 28th December. Tickets (34/- each return) can be obtained from Kings Cross and are available by the following trains:

Leave Kings Cross 12.10 p.m.

Arrive Newcastle 5.21 p.m.

Leave Newcastle 11.20 p.m.

Arrive Kings Cross 5.37 a.m. (Tues.)

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"Horses for courses" goes the old saying; and how true it can be at times in soccer. A fortnight ago Arsenal visited us and took away what now seems to be their usual two points. As happened a year ago, they scored three early goals and

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SEASON TICKET HOLDERS AND F.A. CUP TIES

We wish to remind Season Ticket Holders that in accordance with the Regulations printed in their Books, it will not be necessary for them to make application for tickets for home Cup Ties. Tickets will be sent to them automatically on a basis of one ticket for each Book registered in their name.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1959-60



Standing: J. Martin, J. Fantham, T. McAnearney, R. Springett, D. Wilkinson, D. Gibson, P. Swan.
Seated: A. Finney, R. Froggatt, R. Shiner, N. Curris.

CHELSEA

Colours—Shirts: Royal Blue (White Collars). Shorts: White.
Stockings: Navy Blue, Blue and White Tops.

1. (Goal)

Matthews

2. (Right-back)

Shellito

3. (Left-back)

Sillett (P.)

4. (Right-half)

Anderton

5. (Centre-half)

Mortimore

6. (Left-half)

Crowther

7. (Outside-right)

Brabrook

8. (Inside-right)

Greaves

9. (Centre-forward)

Livesey

10. (Inside-left)

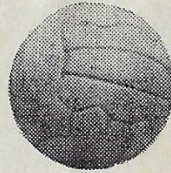
Tindall

11. (Outside-left)

Block

Referee:

Mr. G. W. PULLIN
(Bristol)



Linesmen:

Mr. R. A. L. WILLIAMS
(Thorpe Bay, Essex)
[Red Flag]

Mr. A. WALTERS
(Warwick)
[Yellow Flag]

Finney

11. (Outside-left)

Fantham

10. (Inside-left)

Ellis

9. (Centre-forward)

Craig

8. (Inside-right)

Wilkinson

7. (Outside-right)

Hill

6. (Left-half)

Swan

5. (Centre-half)

McAnearney

4. (Right-half)

Megson

3. (Left-back)

Johnson

2. (Right-back)

Springett

1. (Goal)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Colours—Shirts: Blue and White Stripes. Shorts: Black. Stockings: Blue and White Hoops.

THIS AND THAT

By TRUE BLUE

UP AND DOWN WEDNESDAY NINE TIMES CHAMPIONS

HERE is a query to which I should like somebody to give me a satisfactory answer, because I am by no means certain about it. Does the average football follower like plenty of spice with his soccer meals, or does he prefer to get along with an ordinary menu? Perhaps that isn't a clear-cut question, so I'll put it in another way.

Does it tickle the palate of Mr. Average football fan to be associated with a club which, roughly speaking, spends most of the time between battling for a top place or struggling near the foot of the table, or does he prefer to be a supporter of a club which, for the most part, steers a comfortable, but not so exciting, middle course?

It occurs to me that a part answer could be that it depends on whether the fellow giving it has a weak heart or otherwise. Those exciting, breathless finishes, connected with ups and downs, tops and bottoms, are all right in their way, but many will agree these times can play fast and loose with the nerves.

While some may have difficulty in answering the question of which they prefer—a calm rather than a tempestuous sea—few will require two guesses regarding the club in the forefront of the mind. It is the one also present at today's match at Stamford Bridge, Sheffield Wednesday. Once more we meet the "Owls," as they were once known, with First Division points at stake.

Whether they have liked it or not, the supporters of the Wednesday have had their fair share—or rather more than that—of excitement. The recent exploits of the club provide a reasonable excuse for recalling the Wednesday story the wrong way round.

A Record Rally

During the last ten years the Wednesday have played a sort of shuttlecock game—up down, up down—to an unprecedented extent. For a single season only—that of 1950-51—they stayed in the First Division following promotion. Back again to the top class after one season

lower down, they kept there for three seasons. Relegated again, one season down, two seasons up, one season down and now back among the elite.

Just what all this meant in the way of heart attacks need not be enlarged upon. The followers of Chelsea went through it all, along with the Wednesday players and supporters, in the concluding minutes of the 1950-51 season. You will remember that on the last match day of the campaign Chelsea beat Bolton Wanderers, Wednesday triumphed over Everton by six goals. And when pencils and papers had done their arithmetic job Chelsea kept their place in the top class by goal-average decimals, while Wednesday and Everton went down.

That wasn't the first time, by any means, that this Sheffield club had been through the sink or swim experience. Going back a bit we come to the time when everybody concerned was kept on the rack for weeks, with a much happier end from the Wednesday angle.

Around Easter time in 1928 they were so far in arrears in the points sense that the only question on which came up for discussion, connected with relegation, was which club would go down in company with the Wednesday. Suddenly, however, for no obvious reasons, the Sheffielders began to play like champions rather than wooden spoonists. Of their last eight games in that season they won six and drew the other two.

The upshot of this amazing rally was that Wednesday dodged what had seemed to be the club's inevitable fate. The Spurs went down, and the man above all others whom the people of Sheffield would have been pleased to carry through the streets in a triumphant procession was Jimmy Seed, appointed captain on leaving Tottenham. He started the revival on the White Hart Lane ground.

Won a Brand New Cup

That wasn't the end of an amazing chapter in the Wednesday story. In each of the two following seasons men who

had accomplished the seemingly impossible by escaping relegation won the First Division championship. Those triumphs brought the number of Wednesday's First Division championship successes to four, as in the early days of the century they also finished first in the top class twice running. So, opposite the name of the club there still stands a unique record. Their combined total of First and Second Division championships is nine.

Now we turn for a moment or two from League doings to the knockout competition. Three times they have taken home the F.A. Cup trophy to adorn the side-board in the directors' room. In 1896 they beat Wolverhampton Wanderers in the second of the many final ties played at the Crystal Palace. Incidentally the trophy which they then won was a brand new one, made to replace the one which had been stolen from a shop window in Birmingham.

A story connected with the Cup successes of the club which appeals to me concerns the 1953 final. Won by a lucky horse-shoe was the title given to that triumph by followers of the Wednesday. Right through the run of the Cup competition the solemn ritual was gone through by the Wednesday players of patting the horse-shoe prior to the start of each cup-tie.

It was the personal property of outside left Ellis Rimmer who (with the help of the horse-shoe, of course) had scored at least once in every round. Alas, amid the excitement of packing for the journey to Wembley, the horse-shoe was left on Rimmer's peg in the Hillsborough dressing-room.

Just in Time

Through the first half of the final tie with West Bromwich Albion the supporters of Wednesday sighed in vain for the lightning dashes and the goal-snatching efforts of Rimmer. He was far from his happy confident self. The drama wasn't confined to Wembley, however.

On the morning of the final, assistant trainer to the Wednesday spotted the horse-shoe hanging in its place in the dressing-room of the club. Off to London he dashed with it, and although not in time for the start of the game, the horse-shoe was there to greet the eye of the Wednesday players as they went in at half-time.

Rimmer was delighted. In the second half he was all merry and bright, scoring

twice for his side late on, to win the Cup, when the thoughts of extra time were going through the minds of the watchers. Of course you don't believe that the horse-shoe had anything to do with the result, nor do I, but . . .

Actually, if the then Wednesday players had remembered an earlier mascot story they wouldn't have had the same amount of faith. In the season after Wednesday had won the Cup by beating Everton in the 1907 final they had Glossop as opponents in the knock-out competition.

The Sheffield players were preceded on to the playing pitch by a pet monkey, all dolled up in the club colours. Talk about bringing luck! In the course of that game Wednesday had two penalty kicks, both of which failed to produce goals. Glossop had one penalty kick and with it won the match.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Ground: Hillsborough.
 Colours—Shirts: Blue and White stripes.
 Shorts: Black. Stockings: Blue and White Hoops.
 Attendance Record: 72,841 v. Manchester City. (Cup) 17th February, 1934
 F.A. Cup Winners: 1896, 1907, 1935.
 F.A. Cup Runners-up: 1890.
 Division I Champions: 1903, 1904, 1929, 1930.
 Relegated to Division II: 1899, 1920, 1937, 1951, 1955, 1958.
 Division II Champions: 1900, 1926, 1952, 1956, 1959.
 Division II Runners-up: 1950.

Chelsea v. Sheffield Wednesday

Past League Results

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1907-08	3-1	1-3	1932-33	0-2	2-2
1908-09	2-2	1-5	1933-34	0-1	1-2
1909-10	4-1	1-4	1934-35	1-2	1-3
1912-13	0-4	2-3	1935-36	1-2	1-4
1913-14	2-1	0-3	1936-37	1-1	1-1
1914-15	0-0	2-3	1950-51	4-0	2-2
1919-20	1-1	2-0	1952-53	1-0	0-1
1924-25*	0-0	1-2	1953-54	0-1	0-2
1925-26*	0-0	1-4	1954-55	3-0	1-1
1930-31	0-0	1-1	1956-57	0-0	0-4
1931-32	2-3	2-2	1957-58	1-0	3-2
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(* Matches in Division II)

F.A. CUP

1912-13	Round 2 (Home)	1-1
	Replay (Away)	0-6
1931-32	Round 5 (Away)	1-1
	Replay (Home)	2-0
1938-39	Round 5 (Home)	1-1
	Replay (Away)	0-0
	Replay (Arsenal)	3-1

SUMMARY

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
League: Home	22	7	8	7	26	22	22
Away	22	2	6	14	26	54	10
F.A. Cup	7	2	4	1	8	10	—
Total	51	11	18	22	60	86	—

Tables, Appearances & Goalscorers

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

	Home Goals					Away Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F. A.	P	W	D	L	F. A.	Pts.	
Preston N.E.	19	6	2	1	17	12	6	1	3	23	17	27
Tottenham H.	19	4	4	1	20	10	5	3	2	21	12	25
West Ham Utd.	19	7	0	2	22	10	4	3	3	15	20	25
Wolverhampton	19	8	1	0	32	14	3	1	6	23	29	24
Fulham	19	8	0	2	24	14	3	2	4	15	26	24
Burnley	19	7	0	2	30	16	3	3	4	14	16	23
Blackburn	19	7	2	1	22	13	3	1	5	13	17	23
Bolton W.	19	5	3	2	16	11	2	1	5	9	9	20
SHEFF. WED.	19	6	2	1	22	5	2	1	7	9	17	19
West Brom. A.	19	6	1	3	25	14	1	4	4	11	16	19
Manchester Utd.	19	6	1	2	28	16	1	4	5	16	23	19
Arsenal	19	4	2	4	15	16	3	3	3	18	17	19
CHELSEA	19	4	1	4	22	23	4	2	4	15	16	19
Manchester City	19	5	1	4	23	20	3	0	6	17	22	17
Newcastle Utd.	19	4	2	4	17	16	3	1	5	19	22	17
Nott'm Forest	19	5	2	2	15	11	2	1	7	7	20	17
Everton	19	6	2	2	22	9	0	2	7	10	28	16
Blackpool	19	3	4	3	17	17	2	1	6	9	15	15
Birmingham	19	3	4	3	16	16	1	1	7	8	20	13
Leeds United	19	2	3	4	16	19	2	2	6	12	27	13
Leicester City	19	3	3	3	14	13	1	2	7	13	32	13
Luton Town	19	2	2	6	7	15	1	3	5	9	21	11

Appearances

MATTHEWS	19	ALLEN	5
SILLETT (P.)	19	McMILLAN	5
BRABROOK	18	NICHOLAS	4
GREAVES	18	SHELLITO	4
ANDERTON	17	TAMBLING	4
BLUNSTONE	16	CLISS	3
LIVESEY	16	HARRISON	3
MORTIMORE	13	CORTHINE	2
CROWTHER	9	GIBBS	2
TINDALL	9	SILLETT (J.)	2
COMPTON	7	BLOCK	1
SCOTT	6	BRIDGES	1
WHITTAKER	6		

Goalscorers: Greaves 13, Livesey 8, Brabrook 3, Sillett (P.) 3, Blunstone 2, Harrison 2, Allen 1, Anderton 1, Gibbs 1, Tambling 1, Tindall 1, Defender 1. Total 37.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
CHELSEA	12	10	2	0	52	7	22
Arsenal	15	8	2	5	40	18	18
Charlton Athletic	15	9	0	6	47	36	18
Crystal Palace	13	7	3	3	32	19	17
Portsmouth	12	8	1	3	31	20	17
Brentford	12	7	2	3	20	17	16
Leyton Orient	9	6	1	2	32	22	13
Fulham	12	4	4	4	36	29	12
Millwall	12	3	5	4	13	17	11
Bexleyheath	14	4	3	7	20	41	11
West Ham United	12	4	2	6	26	31	10
Luton Town	13	3	2	8	24	44	8
Tottenham Hotspur	9	2	0	7	13	38	4
Watford	11	1	1	9	17	35	3
Southend United	11	1	0	10	13	42	2

Appearances

C. SHAW	12	TAMBLING	3
G. BOLLAND	11	T. VENABLES	3
D. HARKNESS	11	R. DRAKE	2
T. MORE	11	R. HANLEY	2
BONETTI	10	D. ROUND	2
A. MURRAY	10	M. SCOTTING	2
M. ROBINSON	10	J. SMITH	2
A. HARRIS	9	A. CRITCHFIELD	1
D. BUTLER	8	M. HARNESS	1
R. SEAMAN	7	R. LENNOX	1
R. CORNEY	6	W. WAITES	1
A. CAIRA	3	A. WELLS	1
D. GILLING-WATER	3		

Goalscorers: Shaw 17, Bolland 11, Harkness 10, Murray 5, Hanley 2, Tambling 2, Cairra 1, Harris 1, Robinson 1, Defender 2. Total 52.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIV. I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	15	12	1	2	43	16	26
CHELSEA	15	11	2	2	39	14	24
Leyton Orient	16	9	6	1	30	15	24
Brighton & Hove Albion	16	8	7	1	37	17	23
Arsenal	16	9	0	7	33	23	18
Portsmouth	15	8	1	6	40	36	17
Bournemouth & B'scombe	15	5	7	2	21	20	17
Leicester City	16	7	2	7	28	22	16
Charlton Athletic	15	7	2	6	29	30	16
West Ham United	15	6	2	7	27	42	14
Bristol City	14	5	3	6	24	21	13
Ipswich Town	14	4	4	6	28	33	12
Luton Town	15	3	5	7	23	31	11
Birmingham City	15	4	2	9	29	27	10
Nottingham Forest	15	4	2	9	19	37	10
Southampton	15	3	3	9	22	38	9
Southend United	16	4	1	11	14	48	9
Swansea Town	16	2	2	12	21	37	6

Appearances

BRIDGES	14	McMILLAN	9
ROBERTSON	14	SCOTT	9
CORTHINE	12	T. VENABLES	9
WHITTAKER	12	CUNNINGHAM	6
GIBBS	11	TAMBLING	5
SILLETT (J.)	11	ALLEN	4
NICHOLAS	10	BLOCK	4
CLISS	9	SHELLITO	4
COMPTON	9	TINDALL	3
HARRISON	9	BONETTI	1

Goalscorers: Bridges 10, Harrison 6, Cliss 5, Gibbs 5, Allen 4, Nicholas 4, Corthine 3, Block 1, Tambling 1. Total 39.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
CHELSEA	15	10	1	4	41	21	21
Headington United	15	10	1	4	35	31	21
Bedford Town	17	9	1	7	30	41	19
Dunstable Town	13	8	2	3	39	24	18
Canterbury City	15	7	4	4	34	25	18
Luton Town	16	8	2	6	39	33	18
Eastbourne United	15	5	7	3	35	28	17
Didcot Town	13	7	2	4	33	25	16
West Ham United	15	7	2	6	31	30	16
Arsenal	17	5	5	7	37	27	15
Tonbridge	13	6	3	4	21	16	15
Fulham	15	6	3	6	42	40	15
Guildford City	14	5	4	5	28	22	14
Dartford	16	5	2	9	33	39	12
Brighton & Hove Albion	17	4	4	9	29	35	12
Windsor & Eton	11	5	1	5	24	26	11
Haywards Heath	14	4	2	8	15	37	10
Newbury Town	11	4	1	6	22	20	9
Hastings United	14	3	2	9	20	43	8
Crawley Town	14	2	1	11	18	43	5

Appearances

SMITH (K.)	15	HOLTEN	6
WALL	15	LEGG	6
ABREY	14	CARTER	5
BRADBURY	13	TENNANT	5
BLOCK	12	CONROY	2
LONG	11	ALLEN	1
SMART	10	CROWTHER	1
SHELLITO	9	CUNNINGHAM	1
RAY	8	A. HARRIS	1
BERRY	7	E. AB IOWERTH	1
BLACKLEY	7	F. MORRIS	1
HILLARY	7	SLUMAN	1
DELLAR	6		

Goalscorers: Smith (K.) 11, Block 10, Abrey 8, Wall 4, Ray 3, Allen 2, Blackley 2, Bradbury 1. Total 41.

MATCH SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 7th November.

Beat SWANSEA TOWN (Away) 3-0. Half-time: 2-0.

Team: Robertson; Whittaker, Tindall; McMillan, Scott, Compton; Corrhine, Gibbs, Bridges, Nicholas, Block.

Scorers: Bridges 2, Corrhine.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Division I

VIOLLET (Manchester United)	18
McADAMS (Manchester City)	15
DOBING (Blackburn Rovers)	14
SMITH (Tottenham Hotspur)	14
GREAVES (Chelsea)	13
MURRAY (Wolverhampton Wanderers)	13
DEELEY (Wolverhampton Wanderers)	12
POINTER (Burnley)	12
WHITE (Newcastle United)	11
CONNELLY (Burnley)	10
HERD (Arsenal)	10
JONES (Tottenham Hotspur)	10
ROBSON (Burnley)	10

Our Visitors Today—continued

Gerry Young (who netted once in his three games as Froggatt's deputy before the advent of the Third Lanark player), Brian Hill and Jim McAnearney, younger brother of right-half Tommy.

Wednesday are well served on the extreme wings by Derek Wilkinson and Alan Finney. The latter is really an outside-right, though he has done just as well since switching to the opposite flank to accommodate Wilkinson.

Wednesday's success in the Second Division last winter was based on an excellent home record—they lost only one game on their own ground—though they also picked up more than an average share of points from their engagements as visitors. Their ten away victories and four draws was one of the best performances in the country.

They took the title with two points to spare over Fulham, the fifth time they had been champions of the Second Division. Add to that the four occasions they have been First Division champions and the three times they have won the F.A. Cup, and it will be seen that the Yorkshire club's history is studded with the game's major honours. Added to these have also been one occasion as runners-up in the Cup and one in the Second Division.

Today's visit will be Wednesday's seventh in the League since the war. In that time they have taken only three points, winning 1-0 in the 1953-54 season and drawing 0-0 in 1956-57.

Talk of Stamford Bridge—continued

strive as we may we could not get on terms again. Had Peter Sillett's second-half free kick gone in the goal instead of rebounding from the bar with Kelsey beaten, we might have saved a point.

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Our Metropolitan League team pulled off a fine win in the second round of the Professional Cup. Trailing 0-3 down at half-time against Tonbridge we hit back with four second-half goals and went into the third round. Brian Abrey scored two of the goals from inside-right, Barry Sluman and Terry Bradbury getting the others.

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While on the subject of the Metropolitan League, the feat of Headington United in beating us three times must be mentioned. They beat us 2-1 at Hendon and 4-1 on their ground in the League, and confirmed this with a 4-1 win in the Challenge Cup last month.

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Our Juniors go on their winning way. The only defeat suffered so far was in the 1958-59 Southern Junior Floodlight Cup game against West Ham United—and that can fairly be regarded as last season's match. Of their other seventeen matches fifteen have been won and two drawn. The goal tally is very impressive—78 for and 9 against.

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Since you are here and reading these notes, it is obvious that you are interested in football. If you are fit and active it is even more enjoyable to be in the game—if not as a player then as a REFEREE. If you will contact the Hon. Gen. Secretary of the London Society of Association Referees, he will be pleased to put you in touch with the nearest Referees' Society to your home. They will be pleased to coach and prepare you for examination. The address is:— A. E. D. Smith, 37, Castelnau, Barnes, S.W.13.

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Our programme ballot for F.A. Cup Final tickets will start again on Boxing Day, when the first voucher will be printed. Full details will be included then.

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Stop Press: Our second round tie in the Southern Junior Floodlight Cup, against Southend United, will take place on this ground on Tuesday evening, 15th December (kick-off 7 p.m.).

Advice to Journalists

CHECK, CHECK, CHECK

by Alan Hardaker

Secretary of the Football League

A PHRASE in a speech by Sir William Haley, Editor of "The Times", struck me as most interesting. Sir William claimed:

"The day of the Press being a circus is over. We should get back to our proper function, that of supplying information."

That sums up the position which often arises between the Press and football from time to time. Some of the newspapers are trying to make the news, not report it. I am, of course, primarily interested in the sporting side of the papers, when I make this statement. Let me say bluntly, that if I had the chance of ordering a new charter for football writers, these are some of the instructions I would give:

Learn your game, and check your facts.

Stop stirring up trouble among players.

Stop visiting them at home, suggesting dissatisfaction where often none exists.

Stop offering players big money for an "attack" story, an attack usually launched against authority, in the shape of the Football Association or Football League.

Stop making personal attacks on the private lives of legislators (i.e. just because Mr. X is a greengrocer, it is implied that he knows nothing about a game to which he has perhaps devoted forty years).

Cut out the continual reference to the so-called battle for power between the Football Association and League, often reduced to a personality struggle between the Football Association Secretary, Sir Stanley Rous, and myself.

Stop employing part-time representatives among the players and officials of clubs, who pass on information.

If you are invited into a Club Board Room as a guest, and overhear some in-

formation, don't repeat it without getting the permission of the people concerned.

Sometimes I feel that the papers forget what is good for the game in their efforts to find a sensational story to sell their newspapers. Maybe it is not always the fault of the reporter. His advisors may take a line on a story which is not strictly true, but sensational. After all, they reason, the truth is often dull! A reporter who writes on football should make a close study of the Rules of the Football Association and the Regulations of The Football League. They should get to know how the two bodies work, and what they stand for. Then perhaps we would lose sight of two of the most common errors I read from time to time in the papers:—"The Football Association have approved the payment of a benefit to Player X" . . . it is The League who sanctions the payment of benefits. And, "So-and-so has been placed on the transfer list during the playing season" . . . no player can be placed on the transfer list until the end of the season.

The Football League and its organization work for football, and are available to the Press to all reasonable enquiries. Reasonable, I said. Not when I am aroused at home at 2 a.m. by a newspaper representative saying: "I have heard something about a Fourth Division club. It is not important, but would you like to comment" I did comment, and very nearly had my telephone taken away!

During the last couple of years, the feeling between the Press and the Football League has undergone a great change. There is much more friendly outlook. Let us hope it gets even better. We are all in this game together for the good of it, I hope. If the Press want co-operation from The League and the Clubs, then we have the right to expect the same sort of co-operation from the Press.

(Reprinted from the November 1959 issue of the "F.A. News").

FIXTURES 1959-60

Metropolitan League

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	Canterbury City ...	Away	3 1
" 29	HASTINGS UNITED ...	HOME	4 1
Sept. 2	DARTFORD ...	HOME	3 0
" 5	Tonbridge...	Away	1 2
" 9	Dartford ...	Away	3 2
" 12	HEADINGTON U. ...	HOME	1 2
" 14	West Ham United ...	Away	4 2
" 19	BEDFORD TOWN ...	HOME	5 0
" 23	ARSENAL ...	S. BRIDGE	1 0
Oct. 3	Eastbourne United ...	Away	2 2
" 17	Luton Town ...	Away	1 3
" 24	Headington United ...	Away	1 4
" 31	DUNSTABLE TOWN ...	HOME	2 1
Nov. 21	Haywards Heath...	Away	4 1
" 28	Hastings United ...	Away	6 0
Dec. 5	Eastbourne United ...	Away
" 12	Bedford Town ...	Away
" 26	Haywards Heath...	Away
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Jan. 2	FULHAM ...	HOME
" 23	Didcot Town ...	Away
" 30	GUILDFORD CITY ...	HOME
Feb. 6	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME
" 8	Fulham ...	Away	.....
" 13	Windsor & Eton ...	Away	.....
" 20	Crawley Town ...	Away	.....
Mar. 12	Tonbridge...	Away	.....
" 19	Newbury Town ...	Away	.....
" 26	Windsor & Eton...	Away	.....
Apr. 2	BRIGHTON & H.A. ...	HOME	.....
" 15	Guildford City ...	Away	.....
" 18	Dunstable Town ...	Away	.....
" 23	Newbury Town ...	Away	.....
" 30	Brighton & Hove Albion	Away	.....
Undated	Crawley Town ...	Away	.....
"	Arsenal ...	Away	.....
"	Luton Town ...	Away	.....
"	Didcot Town ...	Away	.....
"	Canterbury City ...	Away	.....

All Home matches will be played at Hendon.

Metropolitan League Challenge Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Nov. 7	(2) Headington United ...	Away	1 4

Metropolitan League Professional Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Sept. 26	(1) Guildford City ...	Away	2 0
Nov. 14	(2) Tonbridge ...	Away	4 3

South-East Counties League

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	BEXLEYHEATH ...	Hendon	8 1
" 29	Watford ...	Away	4 0
Sept. 5	MILLWALL ...	Hendon	2 0
" 12	Tottenham H. ...	Away	7 2
" 19	Portsmouth ...	Away	5 0
" 26	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	Hendon	3 0
Oct. 10	CHARLTON A... ..	Hendon	4 0
" 24	West Ham United ...	Away	2 0
" 31	Luton Town ...	Away	9 1
Nov. 21	TOTTENHAM H. ...	Hendon	6 1
" 24	ARSENAL ...	Hendon	1 1
" 28	Millwall ...	Away	1 1
Dec. 5	Southend United ...	Away	.....

South-East Counties League Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 3	(1) Millwall ...	Away	2 1

F.A. Youth Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 17	(1) W.THURROCK A. S.BRIDGE	10 0	
Nov. 10	(2) Colchester United ...	Away	9 1
Dec. 19	(3) Ford United ...	Away	.....

Southern Junior Floodlight Cup 1958-59 Final

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 14	WEST HAM UNITED S. BRIDGE	0 1	

Southern Junior Floodlight Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 13	(1) Brentford ...	Away	2 0
Dec. 15	(2) Southend United ...	HOME	.....

London F.A. Challenge Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 5	(1) WEMBLEY ...	HOME	16 0
" 15	(2) Arsenal ...	Away	2 1
Nov. 2	(SF) Tottenham Hotspur	Away	4 1
" 30	(F) TOOT. & MITCHAM	HOME	2 1

London Minor Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Nov. 14	(1) BEXLEYHEATH ...	Hendon	3 0

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION

A	Birmingham v. Manchester C.	.....
B	Burnley v. Bolton W.	.....
C	Leeds U. v. Fulham	.....
D	Leicester C. v. Luton Town	.....
E	Manchester U. v. Blackpool	.....
F	Newcastle U. v. Arsenal	.....
G	Preston N.E. v. Everton	.....
H	Tottenham v. Blackburn	.....
J	W.B.A. v. Wolverhampton	.....
K	West Ham v. Nott'm Forest	.....

SECOND DIVISION

L	Bristol C. v. Leyton Orient	.....
M	Charlton v. Huddersfield	.....
N	Middlesbrough v. Brighton	.....
O	Rotherham U. v. Aston Villa	.....

F.A. CUP—SECOND ROUND

P	Enfield v. Bournemouth	.....
R	Exeter C. v. Brentford	.....
S	Margate v. Crystal Palace	.....
T	Q.P.R. v. Port Vale	.....
U	Reading v. King's Lynn	.....
V	Southampton v. Southend	.....
W	Watford v. Wycombe W.	.....

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT THIS GROUND

SATURDAY, 12th DECEMBER

(Kick-off 2.15 p.m.)

**NOTTINGHAM
FOREST**

Football Combination

TUESDAY, 15th DECEMBER

(Kick-off 7 p.m.)

SOUTHEND UNITED

Southern Junior Floodlight Cup—
Second Round

SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER

(Kick-off 2.15 p.m.)

**CHARLTON
ATHLETIC**

Football Combination

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER

(Kick-off 3 p.m.)

**NEWCASTLE
UNITED**

Football League

SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY

(Kick-off 3 p.m.)

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Football League

Seat Reservations for League Matches

Prices of reserved seats at home League matches are 6/-, 8/-, 10/- and 12/-. Applications (by post only) will be accepted one calendar month in advance, and should be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope. It will be appreciated if separate application is made for each match. Seats may be purchased, if still available, by personal application at the club offices in the week preceding the match.