

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
			1959-60	Today	Feb. 27

(* 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	—