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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.