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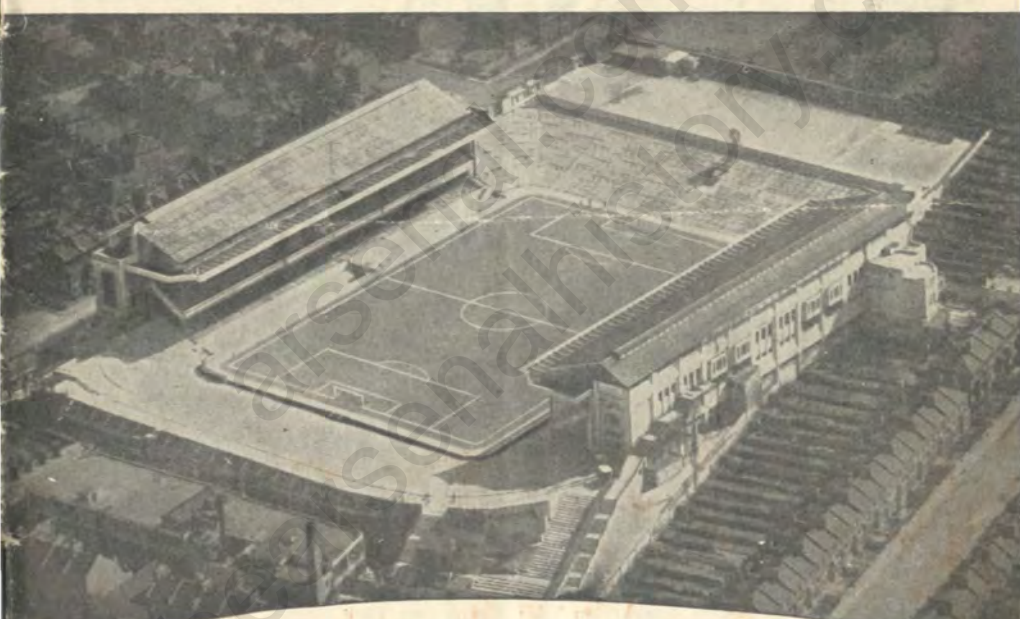


League Champions
1931, 1933, 1934, 1935,
1938, 1948, 1953

Arsenal

FOOTBALL CLUB

Season 1955-6



F.A. Cup—Third Round

Saturday, 7th January, 1956

ARSENAL v. BEDFORD TOWN

KICK-OFF 3 p.m. (FLOODLIGHT)

OFFICIAL

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PROGRAMME

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1931, 1933, 1934,
1935, 1938, 1948,
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Colours—Shirts: Red, White
Sleeves & Collars. Knickers:
White. Stockings: Blue,
White rings, White tops.



F.A. CUP WINNERS

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ARSENAL STADIUM,
HIGHBURY, N.5

Grams:—
GUNNERETIC,
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Voice of Arsenal

THIS afternoon we offer a very sincere welcome to our Southern League friends from Bedford—our first non-League opponents in the F.A. Cup for 24 years. Only twice in our Cup history have we met a non-League club in the Competition Proper.

The first occasion was in the 4th Round of 1929 when we met Mansfield Town, then a Midland League club, after they had been to Molineux and beaten Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-0 in the 3rd Round . . . a performance which bore comparison with any Cup achievement in the previous ten years; indeed it was equal to any one of the number of romantic stories in the history of the Cup.

Mansfield Town all but added to their exploits at Highbury on that Saturday afternoon in late January, 1929. It was an unconvincing win for Arsenal, as many of our older supporters still remember, for we failed to get a grip on the game until late in the match and seldom rose above the

standard of our opponents. The Midlanders made a brave fight of it and their gallant endeavour captured the imagination of the crowd, particularly as on the previous Saturday we had had a very convincing home League win against a strong Portsmouth side and scored four goals without reply.

Our opponents realised, like so many before and since, that their one chance lay in preventing our forwards from settling on the ball and they came desperately near achieving their object. In the first half Mansfield were awarded a penalty but Staniforth was unable to convert the spot-kick. Had he done so the story might have been a different one. In the second half, we took more of a hold on the game and David Jack, great player that he was, proved to be the only man to rise to the occasion in our forward line.

On two occasions he went through the Mansfield defence "like a knife," beating four or five players and leaving them stand-

ing. The first time he was in no position to score himself, having broken through, and he crossed the ball to Jimmy Brain who shot feebly into the goalkeeper's hands, but the second time David made no mistake by slamming the ball into the net himself. The goal came ten minutes from the end and when Harold Peel added another within a minute or two the result was in no doubt.

Darwen

Three years later, in the 3rd Round, we were hosts to another non-League club in the shape of Darwen, whom we eventually beat by 11-1. Looking back on that day in 1932 it is impossible to resist the conclusion that they were overcome by the magnitude of the occasion.

Such a state of affairs is not by any means rare in Cup-ties and to recall only one instance there was the case of Swansea Town in 1926 who fought their way with great gusto to the Semi-final, counting ourselves among their victims, yet fell very lamely to Bolton Wanderers at Tottenham.

So it must have been with Darwen. Even admitting that the standard of the Lancashire Combination (in which they were playing) was only moderate, it cannot be forgotten that they had fought their way to the 3rd Round—in itself an achievement for a club of that class. It can therefore be regarded as established that Darwen did not do themselves justice at Highbury. Even if they had not been so affected by the importance of the event, it is doubtful whether they would have escaped much more easily.

They were thoroughly outclassed and with every movement they showed themselves to be far below the standard which one usually associates with the Competition Proper. Nervousness possibly robbed them of the capacity to give of their best but only one result could be foreseen after the match had been in progress for a few minutes.

A brief flash gave Darwen territorial advantage in the opening minutes but on the first occasion we entered their half we scored with neat simplicity. A suggestion of what was to come was at once presented and a second goal in the eighth minute brought confirmation. The goals came so quickly in succession in the first half that it is impossible to recount their individual circumstances.

Half-time found us leading by 9-0 and although Charley Jones retired from the game soon after the interval with a damaged ankle we added two more goals. Ten minutes from the end the visitors got their solitary goal following a corner and it was a well-deserved effort.

Now Bedford

And so we come to our third meeting with non-League today. Who shall say at this stage whether they will emulate Darwen and succumb easily or put up a great struggle as did Mansfield . . . or, as their supporters fully expect, carry home a record to Bedford that has never been achieved.

For those of us looking on today, be we "Reds" or "Blues," a rare, unique atmosphere abounds. An atmosphere which surrounds a cup-tie which can never fail to thrill. As one sports writer wrote years ago apropos Cup-tie football . . . "A diet composed purely of salt would be beyond imagination abominable, but none the less a meal unsavoury would be as depressing as only a soulless thing can be."

Cup-ties can never be the staple diet for the follower of football but imagination shudders at the thought of what the annual programme would be without them. So this afternoon a change is rung and in the place of the regular fare we have the spectacle of the aspirant who strives for the biggest prize in football pitted against those who,

BEDFORD'S F.A. CUP PROGRESS

DATE	ROUND	OPPONENTS	VENUE	RESULT
Sept. 24	1st Qualifying	Biggleswade Town	Home	4-0
Oct. 8	2nd "	Dunstable Town	Away	4-0
Oct. 22	3rd "	Eynesbury Rovers	Away	4-1
Nov. 5	4th "	Walthamstow Avenue	Home	6-0
Nov. 19	1st Proper	Leyton	Home	3-0
Dec. 10	2nd "	Watford	Home	3-2

if they win, are considered to have done no more than they should. For us a strange lot is set. The League, with its various grades is known to all, but the talent outside that sphere is, so to speak, buried in the spaces beyond our ken. Inevitably there must be that dread of the unknown. All we do know is the story of the past and even that cannot give us any specific knowledge of what to expect today.

Doug Farquhar

A very special welcome is extended to our old player, right-half Doug Farquhar, who left us and moved to Reading in 1950. Doug was originally an outside-right, although he played most of his football with us at right-half before moving to Reading. It will be a grand occasion for him to come to Highbury today and we all look forward to seeing him once again.



When he steps out this afternoon he will be remembering Bedford's glorious victory over Watford in the previous round and the cheers and congratulations which accompanied the team as they left the field triumphant.

The Lights

Despite the Football Association ruling to the effect that Cup-ties can be played with the aid of floodlights, there appears to have been some difference of opinion between clubs, and only a comparative few of today's ties will be "lit up."

It has been our opinion for a long time that the early sunset which causes us to

kick-off at 2.15 p.m. at this time of the year could well be supplemented by floodlights in the second half so as to enable matches to begin at, say 3 p.m. throughout the season.

One big factor is the inability of large numbers of spectators to get to the grounds in good time before the start. To obtain a mid-day meal and get to the ground well before the kick-off is a problem that many face and, not being able to overcome it, are forced to arrive at the turnstiles ten minutes or so before the game is due to start.

An example of this was our recent match against Wolverhampton Wanderers. The kick-off was at 2.15 p.m. and at 2.5 p.m. there was little indication that there would be a very large attendance. Yet in that ten minutes (and the following ten minutes) thousands of people descended upon the Stadium and on entering the ground found difficulty in finding places to see, despite the fact that there was accommodation for an additional 6,000.

Our experience, which is shared by most other clubs, is that a late-arriving crowd such as this forms a hard "crust" around the top of the terraces and, because the people refuse to move forward once the game has started, those behind are prevented from gaining a position from which they can see the game.

Yet we have had many "gates" of more than 61,000, but the records show that these have been mostly when the kick-off has been at 3 p.m. and in some cases at 3.30 p.m. There is also the fact that where a club has a run of medium-sized attendances and then experiences a large crowd many fans are, so to speak, "caught out" and are unable to walk in a few minutes before the start.

Much of the difficulty could, however, be obviated if League matches in November, December and January were able to commence at 3 p.m. and finish with the aid of floodlight. There need be no compulsion about the question and it would obviously have to be arranged after the mutual agreement of the two clubs.

Lead From F.A.

In this question the Football Association have given a lead and we, like one or two others, seized the opportunity after consulting the Bedford Town club. It was apparent to both clubs that by starting at 3

p.m. today there would be many advantages from the point of view of the spectators, and particularly those of our visitors who have had to travel from Bedford.

The only possible doubt in the mind of the Bedford club was the fact that their players would have had little experience of floodlight football, and so we left the final decision to them. That we are commencing the game at 3 p.m. is evidence that they finally decided on floodlight and, at our suggestion, to have the lights switched on right from the start so that the change-over would be imperceptible.

REPLAY ARRANGEMENTS

In the event of a replay being necessary, it will be played at Bedford on Thursday next, 12th January, kick-off 2 p.m. It will be an all-ticket match and prices of admission will be: Standing 2/-. Seats 5/-. Arsenal's share of tickets will be in the region of 3,500 standing tickets and 100 tickets for seats, the total capacity accommodation being about 15,000.

Season-ticket holders, who should refer to their season-ticket books concerning arrangements for replayed Cup-ties away, are advised to make personal application tomorrow (Sunday) morning at the Box Office, bringing with them their season-ticket books for inspection. Applicants who cannot produce their books will not be entertained. If any tickets remain on Monday, they will be disposed of to the general public. The Box Office will be open on these two days as follows:—

On Sunday 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

On Monday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Railway 'Special'

British Railways announce that a special fare of 7/3d. (day return) will operate, departing from St. Pancras at 10.50 a.m. Return from Bedford on either the 4.14 p.m. or 4.54 p.m. trains. Tickets will be available from St. Pancras only.

BEDFORD'S MANAGER



MR. TIM KELLY forsook the role of assistant-manager and coach to promotion-winning Luton Town in order to take charge at the Eagles' Eyrie last Easter. After steering the team well clear of the Southern League re-election zone, Mr. Kelly set about strengthening his side for the new season.

With characteristic thoroughness and forethought, he signed 15 new professionals during the summer and they have blended so well that this season has been the most successful in the club's 47-year history. Although they have reached the F.A. Cup competition proper five times, this is the first time Bedford have progressed beyond the First Round.

Tim Kelly won Irish Amateur International caps as an inside-forward in 1929-30 while in the R.A.F. and later turned professional for Fulham. His son, Terry, is a promising youngster on Luton's books.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

The following items of music will be included in the programme of music to be played by the Metropolitan Police Central Band, conducted by Mr. Roger Barsotti, A.R.C.M., Director of Music.

GRAND MARCH "The Dam Busters" Eric Coates
SELECTION "Can Can" Cole Porter
VALSE "Le Carnaval du Bal" Barsotti

SELECTION "Festivalia" arr. Winter
TWO PIECES (a) "Napolitana" Troise
(b) "Flying Colours" Barsotti
SELECTION "Kismet" Borodin
VALSE "The Grenadiers" Waldteufel
MARCH SELECTION "Steps of Glory" arr. Winter

All engagements are by permission of The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Sir John Nott-Bower, K.C.V.O., and subject to the exigencies of the service.

WE DRAW TWICE WITH WOLVES



Inside-left Booth scores Wolves' first goal in the 3-3 draw at Molineux on Boxing Day.

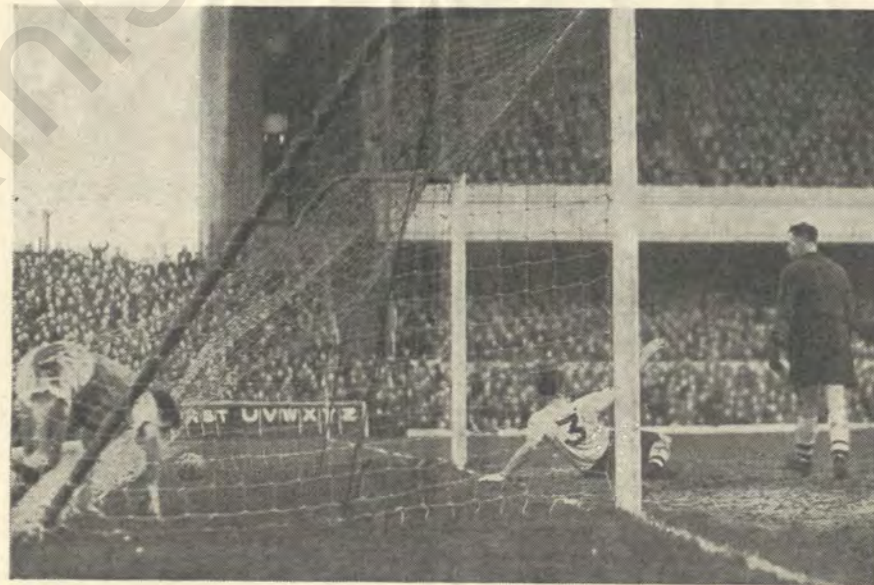


Next day we again shared the points with Wolves. This time it was 2-2, and here is Derek Tapscott diving forward to score our first goal.

- THEN DEFEAT BOLTON 3-1



Lofthouse sends a shot past Con Sullivan, but getting it past Jim Fotheringham is another matter.



Vic Groves has scored No. 3 against Bolton. Derek Tapscott, who got the first two, is tangled up in one corner of the net, with the ball at the other.

BEDFORD



PLAYERS

TERRY POPE (*Goalkeeper*): Bedford's only full-time professional. Pope is a native of Newport (Mon.) and played for Newport County from 1950 until 1955. Made 22 Third Division appearances last season, sharing first-team duties with Iorwerth Hughes, the former Luton and Welsh International. Particularly safe in the air. Aged 26, 5 ft. 11½ ins., 11 st. 6 lb.

BILLY COOKE (*Right-back*): One of several ex-Luton players on Bedford's books, this strong and fearless full-back made well over 200 Second Division appearances during his seven years at Kenilworth-road. Transferred to Watford last season. Born at Chesterfield.

DESMOND QUINN (*Left-back*): A native of Belfast, he joined Blackburn Rovers on leaving school and stayed at Ewood Park for three seasons. Has been on Millwall's books for last six years and still lives at New Cross. Shows quick anticipation and he and Cooke have developed a sound understanding. Is a qualified F.A. coach.

DOUG FARQUHAR (*Right-half*): The only player to appear in all of Bedford's 51 senior games last season, his first with the club. Gained experience with Arsenal and Reading before wearing Hereford's colours for two seasons. Of the seven players retained by Bedford last May, this dependable, hard-working wing-half is the only one still commanding a first-team place. A Scot, he lives at Waltham Abbey.

BOB CRAIG (*Centre-half*): His excellent displays have kept Phil Nolan, the former Watford player, in the reserves all the season. He was six years with Sunderland and was Headington United's centre-half when they won the Southern League championship in 1952-53. A builder in Oxford, he was born at Leadgate, Durham. 5 ft. 11½ ins., 12 st. 8 lb.

JOHNNY CRICHTON (*Left-half*): Played six years in Scottish League football, first for Airdrieonians, then Morton. After four years with Headington, joined Bedford last summer and was made captain. His fine form as an attacking wing-half gained him representative honours last month for the Rest of the Southern League v. the Champions, Yeovil, and for the Southern League against the Cheshire League. Takes Town's penalty kicks. Employed in building trade. Aged 29, 5 ft. 8 ins., 11 st. 9 lb. Native of Ayrshire.

RONNIE STEEL (*Outside-right*): Fast, direct winger who figured prominently among Headington's scorers during the three seasons he served them, getting 15 goals last winter. One of four Headington players signed during the summer. Regained senior team place against Leyton in F.A. Cup First Round. Scored brilliant goal v. Watford in the Second Round. Aged 27, 5 ft. 7 ins., 11 st.

HARRY YATES (*Inside-right*): Like Steel, Crichton and Craig, he helped in Headington's Southern League and F.A. Cup successes. He and Steel should know each other's play for they formed the right wing at Headington and Darlington. Scored 33 times for Oxfordshire club last season and is Bedford's leading marksman with 13 goals. Lives at Oxford, where he works in car factory. Aged 28, 5 ft. 11 ins., 12 st.

BERNARD MOORE (*Centre-forward*): Experienced, hard-shooting centre-forward, whom Bedford secured from Brighton and Hove in November. Luton paid Hastings United £4,000 for him in 1951 and in less than three seasons he made 74 Second Division appearance, scoring 31 times, before moving to Brighton during the 1953-54 campaign. Native of Brighton.

ARTHUR ADEY (*Centre or inside-forward*): A roaming type of forward whose heading is considered to be in the top class. Although a native of Parkhead, Glasgow, he developed with Doncaster Rovers, later assisting Gillingham and Bradford. Has scored in all but one of Bedford's six F.A. Cup-ties. Lives in the Kingston area. Aged 24, 6 ft. 1½ ins., 12 st.

FELIX STAROSCIK (*Outside-left*): This Polish International might have become an Arsenal player a few years ago but for injuries. He assisted Third Lanark for three years, until transferred to Northampton in 1951. Appeared in 23 Third Division and Cup games last season and scored 14 goals. Showed match-winning qualities in last round when he scored two of the three goals that dismissed Watford. Electrician for a local omnibus company.

TED DUGGAN (*Centre or inside-forward*): Since he made his debut for Bedford in October, 1953, has made 89 first team appearances and scored 64 goals, 25 in 1953-54, 31 last season and eight this winter. Badly torn knee ligaments have caused him to miss a number of games since the tie against Leyton. He joined Luton when 15 and transferred to Q.P.R. in 1949, later assisting Worcester.

BILLY WAUGH (*Outside-right*): When this dapper right-winger joined Bedford from Chelmsford last March, he renewed association with former Luton colleagues in Duggie Gardiner, now Bedford's trainer-coach, and Ted Duggan. Luton was Waugh's first Football League club. Afterwards he played for Q.P.R. and Bournemouth. He is a clever ball player who scored twice in the Town's 6-0 win over Walthamstow in the fourth qualifying round.

BERT CARBERRY (*Wing-half*): A native of Glasgow who played for the same Scottish junior club as Adey. Joined Bedford last July after six and a half seasons as a Norwich wing-half. Also figured in attack. His form for Bedford reserves at inside-left has made him a candidate for a place in the first team's forward line. Aged 25, 6 ft., 12 st. 6 lb.

ARSENAL

Colours—Shirts: Red, White Sleeves and Collars. Knickers: White. Stockings: Blue, White Rings, White Tops.

1. (Goal)
Sullivan

2. (Right-back)
Charlton

3. (Left-back)
Evans

4. (Right-half)
Goring

5. (Centre-half)
Fotheringham

6. (Left-half)
Holton
(Captain)

7. (Outside-right)
Clapton

8. (Inside-right)
Tapscott

9. (Centre-forward)
Groves

10. (Inside-left)
Bloomfield

11. (Outside-left)
Tiddy

Referee:
Mr. L. CALLAGHAN
(Merthyr Tydfil)



Linesmen:
Mr. W. T. CASTLE
(Colchester)
[Red Flag]
W/O W. J. BAKER
(Basingstoke)
[Yellow Flag]

Staroscik
11. (Outside-left)

Adey
10. (Inside-left)

Moore
9. (Centre-forward)

Yates
8. (Inside-right)

Steel
7. (Outside-right)

Crichton
6. (Left-half)
(Captain)

Craig
5. (Centre-half)

Farquhar
4. (Right-half)

Quinn
3. (Left-back)

Cooke
2. (Right-back)

Pope
1. (Goal)

BEDFORD TOWN

Colours—Shirts: Blue, White Collar and Cuffs. Knickers: White. Stockings: Blue and White.



BEDFORD TOWN

Back row: N. Watson (Trainer), E. Duggan, A. Rogers, D. Williams, B. Kinchin, T. Pope, H. Yates, R. Steel, D. Gardiner (Trainer-Coach).
 Middle row: T. Kelly (Manager), Mr. W. G. Burridge (Director), F. Faulkner, Mr. N. Gray (Director), P. Nolan, Mr. H. L. Miles (Director),
 R. Craig, Mr. F. G. Wells (Director), R. Brandham, Mr. H. O. Cosford (Director), A. L. Adey, Mr. T. C. Eckstein (Director), D. Quinn,
 Mr. C. Symes (Director), Mr. R. H. Cornelius (Secretary).
 Front row: W. H. Cooke, Mr. F. French (Director), W. Waugh, Mr. F. Ambidge (Director), L. Garwood, Mr. C. S. Folkes (Chairman), J. Crichton,
 Mr. L. G. Noble (Vice-Chairman), F. Staroscik, Mr. C. H. Goodman (Director), C. Partridge.

Appearances and Goalscorers

(Up to and including 31st December)

Appearances are shown first, with goals scored in brackets.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Evans	25	Wills	13
Goring	25	Bowen	10
Fotheringham ..	23	Barnes	8
Clapton	22 (1)	Groves	8 (5)
Kelsey	18	Lawton	8 (6)
Tapscott	18 (7)	Sullivan	7
Holton	17 (2)	Charlton	4
Tiddy	17	Nutt	3 (1)
Roper	16 (4)	Dickson	1
Bloomfield	15 (2)	Herd	1
Lishman	15 (5)	Walsh	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Dodgin	22	Charlton	5
Wade	21	Forbes	5
Wilkinson	21 (14)	Wills	5
Herd	16 (8)	Cook	4
Smailes	15	Nutt	4 (1)
Sullivan	15	Vernon	4 (2)
Saxby	14 (3)	Standen	3
Bennett, D.	12	Roper	2 (2)
Rossiter	12 (3)	D. M. Bennett ..	1
Dickson	9	A. Biggs	1 (1)
Haverty	9 (3)	Bloomfield	1
Swallow	9 (1)	Clapton	1
Ward	9 (3)	Dove, H.	1
Bowen	7	Goulden	1 (1)
Doughty	6	Goy	1
D. Flanagan	6 (4)	Lawton	1 (3)
Guthrie	6	Lishman	1
Holton	6 (2)	Nicholas	1
Walsh	6 (3)	Tapscott	1

ARSENAL JUNIORS

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

D. Bennett	12 (10)	R. Feist	4
G. De'Ath	11	W. Pearce	4 (3)
W. Dennis	11 (7)	Saxby	4 (2)
Goulden	11 (12)	B. Kirby	3
Goy	11	J. Miller	3 (2)
D. Barrett	10 (9)	R. Clark	1
J. Pettis	10 (1)	R. Kingsland ..	1 (1)
W. Turner	9	M. Harman	1
G. Cox	9 (3)	T. Jones	1
Nicholas	8	D. Robertson ..	1
D. Dodson	5 (2)	B. Smith	1

LEADING FIRST DIVISION SCORERS

Lothouse (Bolton) ..	25	Glazzard (H'field) ..	9
Fleming (S'land) ..	18	Kinsey (B'ham)	9
Keeble (Newcastle) ..	18	Morton (Luton)	9
Leary (Charlton)	18	Wraggs (Sheff. U.) ..	9
Harris (P'mouth) ..	17	Baxter (P.N.E.)	8
McKay (Burnley)	17	Purdon (S'land)	8
Swinbourne	17	Brooks (Spurs)	7
Milburn (Wolves) ..	16	Davies (N'castle) ..	7
Allen (W.B.A.)	15	Dyson (Man. City) ..	7
Hancocks (Wolves) ..	15	Ford (Cardiff)	7
Mudie (Blackpool) ..	15	MacEwan (Luton) ..	7
Turner (Luton)	15	Pilkington (Burnley) ..	7
Brown (B'ham)	14	Tapscott (Arsenal) ..	7
Harris, J. (Everton) ..	14	Bentley (Chelsea) ..	6
Perry (B'pool)	14	Cullen (Luton)	6
Taylor (Man. Utd.) ..	14	Ellington (Everton) ..	6
Thompson (P.N.E.) ..	14	Howitt (Sheff. U.) ..	6
Gauld (Charlton)	13	Hurst (Charlton)	6
Dixon (Villa)	12	Johnstone (Man. C) ..	6
Hayes (Man. C.)	12	Lawton (Arsenal)	6
Viollet (Man. Utd.) ..	12	Metcalfe (H'field) ..	6
Finney (Preston)	11	Murphy (B'ham)	6
Henderson (Ports.) ..	11	Pegg (Man. Utd.)	6
Astell (B'ham)	10	Ringstead (Sheff. U.) ..	6
Ryan (Charlton)	10	Shackleton (S'land) ..	6
Chisholm (S'land) ..	9	Stevens (Bolton)	6
		Wainwright (Ev'ton) ..	6

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Man. United ..	26	11	2	0	35 15	3	4	6	18	23 34
Blackpool	25	9	2	2	36 19	3	4	5	15	21 30
Luton Town	25	9	2	1	33 14	3	3	7	15	20 29
Burnley	25	8	2	3	23 11	3	5	4	16	20 29
Charlton Ath. ..	26	9	1	3	35 17	3	3	7	21	34 28
Sunderland	25	7	5	1	31 23	4	1	7	23	35 28
Wolves	25	10	1	1	32 14	1	4	8	24	29 27
Portsmouth	25	6	5	2	29 26	5	0	7	21	29 27
Everton	26	6	4	2	26 18	4	3	7	13	23 27
Chelsea	25	7	3	2	14 10	3	4	6	22	31 27
Newcastle Utd. ..	26	9	1	1	32 16	3	1	9	25	30 26
Bolton W.	25	7	3	3	32 15	4	1	7	15	20 26
Manchester C.	25	7	3	3	25 16	2	5	5	22	28 26
West Brom. A.	26	8	3	2	22 13	3	1	9	13	23 26
Preston N.E.	26	4	3	6	20 21	6	2	5	27	20 25
Birmingham	26	7	3	3	33 17	2	3	8	16	26 24
ARSENAL	25	7	3	3	22 15	1	5	6	12	26 24
Cardiff	25	7	2	3	21 31	2	2	9	11	28 22
Tottenham H.	25	5	2	5	21 19	3	1	9	11	23 19
Aston Villa	26	5	3	5	19 21	0	6	7	12	24 18
Sheffield U.	25	4	4	5	15 22	3	0	9	19	24 18
Huddersfield T.	25	5	3	4	20 20	1	2	10	12	42 17

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	Goals			Pts
				L	F	A	
Tottenham H.	25	20	1	4	87	31	41
Bristol Rovers	23	16	3	4	72	31	35
Portsmouth	23	16	3	4	65	31	35
Chelsea	22	16	2	5	68	29	34
Fulham	23	15	1	7	62	35	31
Bristol City	24	13	5	6	41	28	31
Brentford	24	14	3	7	58	43	31
West Ham	21	13	1	7	65	30	27
Birmingham	24	11	5	8	61	33	27
Leicester City	24	10	7	7	64	50	27
Cardiff City	24	11	4	9	47	39	26
Watford	22	11	3	8	48	49	25
Brighton & H.A.	23	10	5	8	43	47	25
Crystal Palace	23	11	2	10	48	45	24
Charlton Ath.	23	10	4	9	41	39	24
ARSENAL	24	10	3	11	54	49	23
Norwich City	22	10	2	10	44	38	22
Queen's Park R.	24	10	2	12	37	50	22
Southampton	23	8	5	10	45	46	21
Leyton Orient	22	8	4	10	47	46	20
Luton Town	22	8	4	10	53	57	20
Bournemouth & B.	24	6	8	10	35	53	20
Aldershot	24	7	5	12	30	51	19
Swansea Town	23	8	3	12	34	63	18
Ipswich Town	23	7	2	14	53	59	16
Plymouth Argyle	24	7	2	15	31	53	16
Millwall	24	6	3	15	46	71	15
Coventry City	23	5	5	13	34	67	15
Southend United	21	4	6	11	30	46	14
Reading	22	6	1	15	36	63	13
Swindon Town	23	5	2	16	21	74	12
Northampton Town ..	21	3	3	15	30	75	9

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	14	9	5	0	56	19	23
ARSENAL	12	10	1	1	54	15	21
Tottenham	13	9	1	3	34	15	19
Portsmouth	10	5	1	4	15	23	11
Watford	11	4	2	5	21	29	10
Charlton Ath.	12	4	2	6	21	33	10
Fulham	12	3	1	8	23	28	7
Brentford	11	2	3	6	19	24	7
West Ham Utd.	10	3	1	6	18	34	7
Bexleyheath	12	2	2	8	22	44	6
Crystal Palace	11	1	3	7	13	32	5

THIS IS THE DAY ON WHICH DREAMS COME TRUE

Jottings by Spectator

OF all the occasions marked on the football calendar this Third Round Cup Day is the one, above most of the others, when dreams come true. It is also the day—but we don't shout it from the housetops—when nightmares become real.

At this stage nobody can make even a rough guess, with any confidence, about the line which will be taken in this season's knock-out competition: how the story we shall have to relate at the end of it will run. What we do know is that it will be different, in this or that respect, from anything which has gone before.

Already at this first stage of the struggle, for the First and Second Division clubs, with the results of today's matches ignored, we are justified in saying that history has been made. This season four "outsiders," as they are called, without any reflection on their playing ability, have come through to this Third Round.

Regarding these, the little balls which they pull out of the bag at Lancaster Gate, have had a queer game of their own. They decided that the three "little" Bs left in—Burton, Boston and Bedford—should each play on the grounds of London First Division clubs. And that, of course, is just about the way these particular clubs would have had it work out if they had been able to control the arrangements.

Immediately Bedford had won through to this Third Round—for the first time in the history of the club—their boss was asked if he had a preference in relation to the next opponents. His reply was: "Yes, Arsenal at Highbury."

That the competition still makes it possible for Bedford, Boston and Burton to play First Division clubs is, to me at any rate, the complete answer to the people who argue that the competition should be confined, exclusively, to what we might call the established clubs. These appearances in London mean, quite apart from the results, what a final tie would mean to the Arsenals and the Newcastle Uniteds.

Most of us remember the time, in 1932, when another club outside the Football League—Darwen—came to Highbury. They were beaten by eleven goals to one, with nine shots banged past their goalkeeper in the first half of the game. That remains, apart from ties much earlier, against unknown City Ramblers and Ash-

ford United, Arsenal's biggest Cup win.

Don't imagine, however, that the "slaughter" of Darwen—in the result sense—depressed the lads from Lancashire. It didn't. They had been to London—most of them for the first time in their lives. When they were eleven down they managed to score. The opposite number to Alex James—an inside-left named Quigley, got the ball past goalkeeper Moss.

Afterwards, Quigley said: "What does the total against us matter? I can go home and tell my pals that I scored a goal on the Arsenal ground. It's a story that will last me for a long time—one I can tell to my children, even my grandchildren."

Yes, in one direction, that is what the Cup means to these non-Football League clubs appearing on the London grounds of First Division sides. It can also mean more—the real beginning of football fame for the clubs; the foundation on which the fortunes of the future can be built.

There is no point in dwelling at length on the possible outcome of these three ties in London. The trio will be beaten, of course. But will they? The "other thing" has been known to happen. Some of our friends at Tottenham will surely recall, today, the visit of "unknown" Worksop Town to their ground in 1923. These working men from Worksop held the mighty 'Sputs—Cup-winners and semi-finalists respectively in the two previous seasons—to a goalless draw. Did it really matter, so far as the Worksop players were concerned, that, it being agreed to stage the replay on the same ground, they were then beaten by nine? Of course not.

Supporters of Arsenal don't need to be reminded of certain Third Round occasions on which the results have gone wrong in matches in which, if status and reputation really mattered in Cup football, victory was certain.

Nine months or so after Arsenal had lost the 1931 final tie—rather unluckily, to Newcastle United—the knock-out blow was delivered at the Third Round stage. The name of the giant-killing club begins with a W.

Coming to more recent times—1950—we again had opponents from two steps down the League. What a day it was for Carlisle United—and their followers—when they had to face the Cup-holders at our

Stadium. You may remember "John Peel" strolling round the ground before the kick-off. And also what a struggle the match itself was: a nightmare time for some of us as the Carlisle fellows got better and better, failing with scoring chances because, maybe, they couldn't believe they had made them.

That goalless draw set Carlisle alight. The people were all worked up to celebrate a victory for Carlisle in the replay. Even the local magistrates entered into the spirit of the affair by extending the licensing hours at the local hosteleries. But there was no excuse for bringing out the champagne. We won the replay 4-1.

Getting what consolation we can from the days when Arsenal have had their frights—and even "amazing" knock-outs—we remember other clubs enjoying their hour of triumph; of impossible dreams coming true.

In 1948 Colchester United beat Huddersfield Town at this Third Round stage. In the following round they knocked out Bradford, proving, if there is such a thing

as proof from Cup-tie results, that they were better than Arsenal. For Bradford had shared with Walsall the honour of knocking Arsenal out of the competition at what was for us the opening stage of the competition. In the following season Yeovil Town beat Sunderland.

And so we could go on with jottings about the performances of the giant-killers, maybe giving ourselves the shivers in the process. What is the answer to it all, apart from the trite observation that the Cup competition is the supreme leveller?

Does the answer lie in this sort of summary: On my right a club which has everything to gain and nothing to lose. And on my left a team which has everything to lose and nothing to gain. If a First Division side beats an almost unknown one by five or six, the fact is scarcely mentioned. But if a match should go the other way—as such matches do from time to time—the minnows get big type in the newspapers. They have had their never-to-be-forgotten hour—a day on which dreams have come true, and nightmares real.

OUR PLAYERS No. 15

CON SULLIVAN

IN seven First Division appearances this season has only once been on the losing side, and has done a fine job in the absence of Jack Kelsey.

Con joined us from Bristol City in February, 1954. His only League game that season was at Newcastle, and last season he played twice for the Senior XI. Birthplace: Bristol.





PLAYER OF THE WEEK

FRANK BLUNSTONE

Scored the only First Division hat-trick of the day last Saturday in Chelsea's 4-4 draw at Portsmouth. It was left-winger Blunstone's first hat-trick for Chelsea.

Football League Division I

1955	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 20	Blackpool ...	Away	1 3
" 23	CARDIFF CITY ...	HOME	3 1
" 27	CHELSEA ...	HOME	1 1
" 31	Manchester City ...	Away	2 2
Sept. 3	Bolton Wanderers ...	Away	1 4
" 6	MANCHESTER C. ...	HOME	0 0
" 10	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	1 3
" 17	PORTSMOUTH ...	HOME	1 3
" 24	Sunderland ...	Away	1 3
Oct. 1	ASTON VILLA ...	HOME	1 0
" 8	Everton ...	Away	1 1
" 15	NEWCASTLE U. ...	HOME	1 0
" 22	Luton Town ...	Away	0 0
" 29	CHARLTON A. ...	HOME	2 4
Nov. 5	Manchester United ...	Away	1 1
" 12	SHEFFIELD U. ...	HOME	2 1
" 19	(1) Preston North End ...	Away	1 0
" 26	BURNLEY ...	HOME	0 1
Dec. 3	Birmingham City ...	Away	0 4
" 10	(2) WEST BROM. A. ...	HOME	2 0
" 17	BLACKPOOL ...	HOME	4 1
" 24	Chelsea ...	Away	0 2
" 26	Wolverhampton W. ...	Away	3 3
" 27	WOLVERHAMPTON ...	HOME	2 2
" 31	BOLTON W. ...	HOME	3 1
1956			
Jan. 7	(3) BEDFORD ...	HOME	.....
" 14	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....
" 21	Portsmouth ...	Away	.....
" 28	(4) ...	.....	.....
Feb. 4	SUNDERLAND ...	HOME	.....
" 11	Aston Villa ...	Away	.....
" 18	(5) EVERTON ...	HOME	.....
" 25	Newcastle United ...	Away	.....
Mar. 3	(6) PRESTON N.E. ...	HOME	.....
" 10	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	.....
" 17	MANCHESTER U. ...	HOME	.....
" 24	Sheffield United ...	Away	.....
" 31	LUTON TOWN ...	HOME	.....
Apr. 2	HUDDERSFIELD T. ...	HOME	.....
" 3	Huddersfield Town ...	Away	.....
" 7	Burnley ...	Away	.....
" 14	BIRMINGHAM C. ...	HOME	.....
" 21	West Bromwich A. ...	Away	.....
" 28	Cardiff City ...	Away	.....

Football Combination

1955	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 20	WATFORD ...	HOME	1 2
" 27	Cardiff City ...	Away	2 3
" 30	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	1 6
Sept. 3	MILLWALL ...	HOME	5 1
" 10	NORWICH CITY ...	HOME	2 0
" 17	Portsmouth ...	Away	2 2
" 21	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	2 3
" 24	PLYMOUTH A. ...	HOME	3 0
Oct. 1	Southend United ...	Away	1 2
" 8	SOUTHAMPTON ...	HOME	5 2
" 15	Birmingham City ...	Away	0 3
" 22	FULHAM ...	HOME	1 2
" 29	Ipswich Town ...	Away	3 1
Nov. 5	CHARLTON A. ...	HOME	2 2
" 12	Aldershot ...	Away	1 2
" 19	BRISTOL CITY ...	HOME	2 2
" 26	Swansea Town ...	Away	4 1
Dec. 3	NORTHAMPTON T. ...	HOME	1 0
" 10	Queen's Park Rangers ...	Away	0 2
" 17	Watford ...	Away	1 3
" 24	CARDIFF CITY ...	HOME	4 2
" 26	BRENTFORD ...	HOME	4 2
" 27	Brentford ...	Away	3 4
" 31	Millwall ...	Away	4 2
1956			
Jan. 7	Chelsea ...	Away	.....
" 14	Norwich City ...	Away	.....
" 21	PORTSMOUTH ...	HOME	.....
" 28	CHELSEA ...	HOME	.....
Feb. 4	Plymouth Argyle ...	Away	.....
" 11	SOUTHEND U. ...	HOME	.....
" 18	Southampton ...	Away	.....
" 25	BIRMINGHAM C. ...	HOME	.....
Mar. 3	Fulham ...	Away	.....
" 10	IPSWICH TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 17	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	.....
" 24	ALDERSHOT ...	HOME	.....
" 30	LUTON TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 31	Bristol City ...	Away	.....
Apr. 2	Luton Town ...	Away	.....
" 7	SWANSEA TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 10	QUEEN'S PARK R. ...	HOME	.....
" 14	Northampton Town ...	Away	.....

London Mid-week League

1955	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Sept. 29	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	5 1
Oct. 5	CHELSEA ...	HOME	1 1
" 12	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	1 1
" 19	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	HOME	2 3
Nov. 9	Chelsea ...	Away	0 4
" 16	QUEEN'S PARK R. ...	HOME	1 0
" 23	Crystal Palace ...	Away	1 2
1956			
Jan. 11	WEST HAM UTD. ...	HOME	.....
Feb. 1	Queen's Park Rangers ...	Away	.....
" 8	CHARLTON ATH. ...	HOME	.....
" 15	Portsmouth ...	Away	.....
" 15	PORTSMOUTH ...	HOME	.....
" 12	West Ham United ...	Away	.....
Undated	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....

Home matches at Highbury.

South-East Counties League

1955	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 27	Portsmouth ...	Away	4 0
Sept. 3	Chelsea ...	Away	1 3
" 10	Bexleyheath ...	Away	3 0
" 17	Fulham ...	Away	1 0
Oct. 1	Crystal Palace ...	Away	2 1
" 8	WEST HAM U. ...	HOME	7 0
" 15	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	10 1
" 29	West Ham United ...	Away	5 2
Nov. 12	CHELSEA ...	HOME	3 3
" 19	PORTSMOUTH ...	HOME	6 0
Dec. 17	FULHAM ...	HOME	4 2
" 31	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	HOME	8 3

Home matches at Grovelands, Southgate.

A	Torquay v. Birmingham	.....	L	Swindon v. Worksop	.....
B	Tottenham v. Boston	.....	M	Sunderland v. Norwich	.....
C	Notts County v. Fulham	.....	N	West Ham v. Preston	.....
D	Charlton v. Burton	.....	P	Swansea v. York	.....
E	Everton v. Bristol City	.....	Q	Portsmouth v. Grimsby	.....
F	Sheffield W. v. Newcastle	.....	R	Man. City v. Blackpool	.....
G	Hartlepoons v. Chelsea	.....	S	Bolton v. Huddersfield	.....
H	Leyton O. v. Plymouth	.....	T	Aston Villa v. Hull	.....
J	Wolves v. West Brom.	.....	U	Bristol R. v. Man. Utd.	.....
K	Luton v. Leicester	.....	V	Bury v. Burnley	.....

W Chelsea v. Arsenal

Friday, 31st December, beat Bolton Wanderers (Home) 3-1 (Half-time 1-0)

Team: Sullivan; Charlton, Evans; Goring, Fotheringham, Holton (Capt.); Clapton, Tapscott, Groves, Bloomfield, Tiddy.

Referee: Mr. R. E. Smith (Newport).

Goalscorers: Tapscott 2, Groves.

Saturday, 31st December, beat Millwall (Away) 4-2 (Half-time 2-0)

Team: Guthrie; Bennett, Wade (Capt.); Dickson, Smailes, Forbes; Saxby, Wilkinson, Herd, Roper, Nutt.

Referee: Mr. A. G. Cook (Sussex)

Goalscorers: Nutt, Wilkinson, Roper, Herd.

Saturday, 31st December, beat Crystal Palace (Home) 8-3 (Half-time 4-1)

Team: Goy; G. De'Ath, Nicholas (Capt.); G. Cox, W. Turner, J. Petts; W. Dennis, D. Barrett, R. Kingsland, Goulden, D. Bennett.

Referee: Mr. D. G. Jarman (Herts.)

Goalscorers: Barrett 4, Goulden 2 (2 penalties), Kingsland, Bennett.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Guildford City	24	15	6	3	47	16	36
Cheltenham T.	25	14	5	6	44	33	33
Chelmsford C.	24	12	6	6	41	25	30
Yeovil Town	22	11	6	5	55	30	28
Hastings United	20	11	4	5	51	30	26
Hereford United	24	11	4	9	48	49	26
Dartford	23	10	4	9	42	39	24
Worcester City	24	9	5	10	46	42	23
Tonbridge	25	8	7	10	28	35	23
BEDFORD T.	18	9	4	5	39	25	22
Weymouth	22	8	5	9	42	37	21
Llanelli	20	8	5	7	33	39	21
Gravesend & N.	22	8	4	10	38	42	20
Lovell's Athletic	18	8	3	7	31	27	19
Gloucester City	21	7	5	9	30	31	19
Exeter City	23	7	5	11	32	41	19
Headington Utd.	23	8	3	12	36	45	19
Kidderminster	20	7	5	8	35	48	19
Kettering Town	23	5	8	10	51	52	18
Barry Town	18	4	7	7	34	40	15
Bath City	21	4	6	11	22	50	14
Merthyr Tydfil	22	2	3	17	21	67	7

Wednesday, 11th January, 1956

Kick-off 2.15 p.m.

Saturday, 14th January, 1956

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.