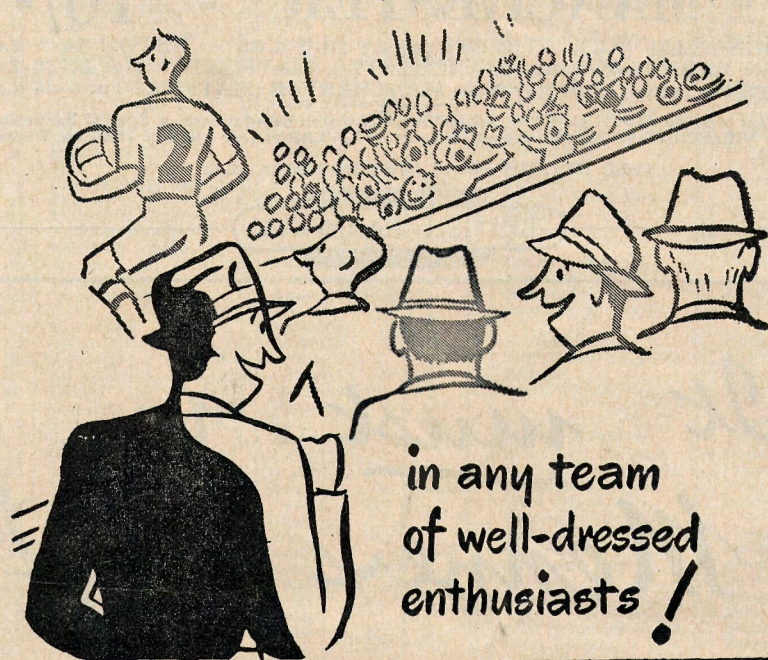


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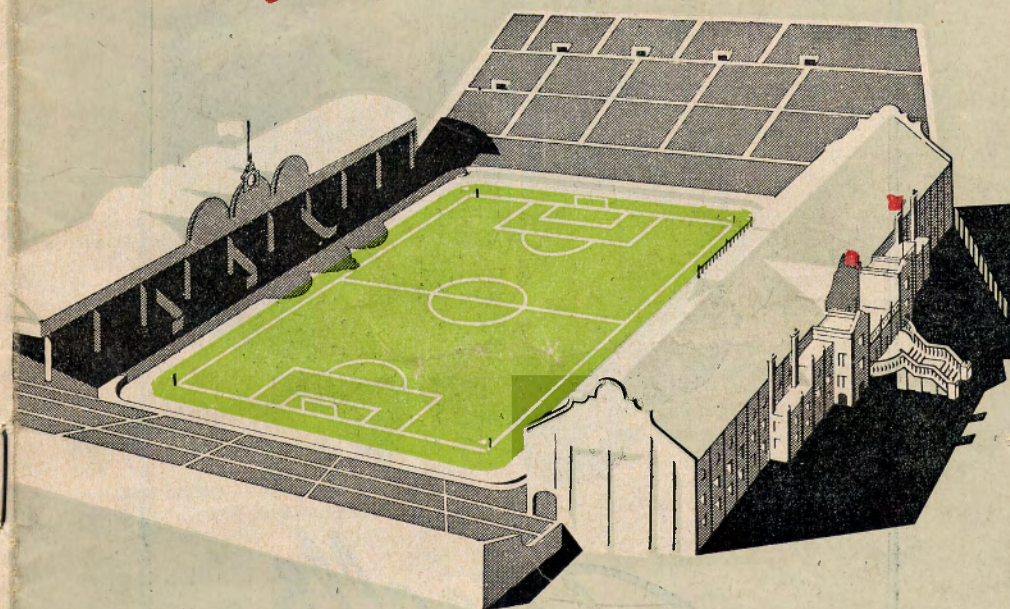


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NOTES

OUR FIRST TEAM will be at home again next Saturday, this time in a League fixture, and our opponents will be the other Merseyside team — Liverpool. When the two teams last met, at Liverpool on October 18th, Villa won a hard game by 2-0, and whilst our lads will be all out to complete the double, you may be sure the visitors will come with the idea of avenging that defeat. There is every portent of a very keen game, for League points are vitally wanted by both sides, so make Villa Park your objective next Saturday when the kick-off will be at 3 o'clock.

IN THE COUNTRY AGAIN.

Last Sunday morning a party of our players, in the charge of Mr. George Martin, left Villa Park for their comfortable quarters in the country at Letchworth — where another of their toning-up processes will be undertaken. This will be their third visit to Letchworth during the past few weeks. They commenced their return yesterday, staying the night in Leamington, coming on to Villa Park to-day just before the time of kick-off.

NO GOALS AT BOLTON.

Bolton Wanderers 0. Aston Villa 0. Despite the absence of goals at Burnden Park on Saturday this game produced a lot of really admirable approach work, and some first-class finishing which was ably nullified by sound and solid defensive play on both sides. Villa, who had on view the side which had so ably trounced Portsmouth in mid-week, should have had the game in safe keeping long before the interval. They had the Bolton defence guessing quite early on, and in the first

fifteen minutes might have scored at least three times. Thompson's failure to safely pilot a penalty kick, in the ninth minute, was our first disappointment, for although he placed the ball nicely to the left of Hanson, there was not sufficient force behind it, and the goalkeeper easily got to it. This was followed by Higgins and Barrass kicking off their own goal line good scoring efforts by Roberts and Walsh. Hanson foiled other attempts at scoring by Goffin and Walsh by some most admirable saves. Altogether Villa were, in this first half, in most powerful form, and things looked good for them even though they had not found the net.

The second half, as so often happens, saw a great change. Villa's method and speed seemed to have gone; the attack, which had been so lively, became disjointed and sluggish, even though both Dorsett and Blanchflower were doing their best to get them back to their first half mood.

It was here that our strength in defence once again revealed itself. Parsons made several brilliant saves from Moir, Hassall and Lofthouse; Aldis and Parkes never faltered, and Frank Moss had such a firm grip on the famous Nat Lofthouse that England's centre-forward had few opportunities of showing his capabilities. In fairness to our attack it is only fair to state that in the last twenty minutes their power was greatly diminished by a thigh injury to Dave Walsh which had him almost hopping on one leg for the rest of the time. Johnny Dixon, too, had also been in the wars. Altogether, we suppose the result was a fair one, but it would have been nice

to have brought back the full quota of points instead of sharing them. even allowing for that great drive by Parry, three minutes from the end, which hit the foot of a post with a terrific thud.

Bolton Wanderers: Hanson; Hartle, Higgins; Wheeler, Barrass, Bell; Hughes, Moir, Lofthouse, Hassall, Parry.

Aston Villa: Parsons; Aldis, Parkes; Blanchflower, Moss (F.), Dorsett; Roberts, Thompson, Walsh, Dixon, Goffin.

Referee: Mr. L. N. Peake (Rotherham).

THE LEAGUE - FIRST DIVISION (Up to and including February 21st).

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Burnley	29	14	5	10	49	32	38
Wolverhampton Wan.	31	14	8	9	61	50	37
West Bromwich Albion	30	17	10	3	49	44	37
Preston North End	28	14	6	8	59	42	36
Arsenal	27	14	6	7	66	43	35
Sunderland	30	13	9	8	53	53	34
Blackpool	29	13	9	7	57	51	33
Manchester United	30	13	10	7	46	46	33
Charlton Athletic	27	12	7	8	54	45	32
Tottenham Hotspur	30	11	11	8	55	45	30
Liverpool	29	11	12	6	48	53	28
Sheffield Wednesday	31	10	13	8	46	51	28
Portsmouth	30	10	13	7	52	57	27
Bolton Wanderers	28	10	11	7	45	50	27
ASTON VILLA	28	8	10	10	39	39	26
Newcastle United	30	10	14	6	45	53	26
Cardiff City	27	7	10	10	33	30	24
Stoke City	30	8	15	7	38	51	23
Middlesbrough	30	8	15	7	45	65	23
Chelsea	29	7	14	8	38	48	22
Derby County	30	8	16	6	40	53	22
Manchester City	29	8	16	5	46	63	21

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Aston Villa 2. Manchester United 2.

As expected, the United Reserves played a hard and forceful game at Villa Park last Saturday and fully deserved to share the points. Villa started off well, but it was the United who scored first, in the fourth minute, through Downie. Just before half-time Smith took advantage of a slip by the United defence to beat two men, before centreing, to give Pace an easy chance to equalise. Five minutes after the interval McParland put Villa in front, but after an hour's play, Downie again scored to once again put the sides on equal terms.

Aston Villa: Cordell; Lynn, Vinall; Canning, Martin, Moss (A.); Smith, Gibson, Pace, McParland, Lockhart.

Manchester United: Crompton; McNulty, Bent; Gibson, Jones, Blanchflower; Scott, Doherty, Foulkes, Downie, McShane.

Referee: Mr. R. J. Fryer (Stoke).

MASERFIELD CUP.

Whitwick Colliery 4. Aston Villa 2.

A keen and absorbing game, on the Colliery ground, last Saturday, saw the

exit of our third team from this season's competition. Good scoring chances were missed before the Colliery, in the tenth minute, went into the lead through Holland and five minutes later White scored another. Soon after resuming Tyrrell scored for Villa, but Holland and Harvey scored further for the home side before Chapman, just before the end, reduced Villa's deficit.

Aston Villa: Richardson; C. Platts, Hunt; Barrett, Proudler, Crowe; A. Harvey, Follan, Jeffries, Tyrrell, Chapman.

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SENIOR CUP.

Aston Villa Amateurs 9.

Aston Lane Old Boys 1.

At Grange Road, Erdington, on Saturday, our Amateur team had a runaway win in the semi-final of the Senior Cup, and thus enter the Final for the second year in succession. The successful marksmen were: Broadhead 3, Perrin 4, Meaking 1, and opponent (o.g.) 1.

Aston Villa Amateurs: D. Partridge; J. Darnley, D. Cowley; W. Johnston, B. Jordan, R. Wood; A. Broadhead, B. Middleton, J. Perrin, M. Dobson, H. Meaking.

OUR GOAL SCORERS.

(Up to and including February 21st)

The League: Dixon 9, Thompson 6, Gibson 4, Roberts 4, Walsh 4, Pace 3, Smith 1, Aldis 1, Lockhart 1, Moss (A.) 1, Goffin 1, Lynn 1, Blanchflower 1, Opponents (o.g.) 2.

F.A. Cup: Walsh 3, Thompson 2, Dixon 1, Gibson 1, Goffin 1.

Central League: Pace 14, Smith 6, Chapman 5, Canning 4, Goffin 4, Tyrrell 4, Roberts 3, Jeffries 2, McParland 2, Vinall 1, Walsh 1, Lockhart 1, Opponents (o.g.) 2.

Birmingham and District League: Jeffries 11, N. Turner 4, Tyrrell 4, A. Dunn 3, H. Meaking 2, F. Bullock 2, S. Biddle 2, Follan 2, R. Horlick 1, Spencer 1.

Maserfield Cup: Jeffries 3, Spencer 1, Tyrrell 1, Chapman 1.

League Challenge Cup: Jeffries 1.

Mid-Week League: Pace 5, Jeffries 2, C. Basterfield 2, Spencer 1, Thompson 1, P. Bates 1, C. Warnett 1, Tyrrell 1, P. Williams 1, Opponents (o.g.) 2.

Friendly: Gibson 1.

A LITTLE OF EVERTON'S HISTORY

Champions Five Times.

They were runners-up for the League Championship in the second season of the competition, and became champions the following year. In all they have been First Division Champions five times and runners-up on six occasions. In the F.A. Cup they have reached the Semi-Final eleven times, the Final on five occasions, and won the trophy twice.

Originally the club was formed by a number of young men attending St. Domingo Congregational Church, Everton, but in 1879 they changed their name to Everton and became members of the Lancashire F.A. In 1882 they rented an enclosed ground of their own and the first "gate" realised thirteen shillings. The club won its first trophy — The Liverpool and District Cup — in 1884. Eventually they had the tenancy of a field in Anfield Road, and there they remained for nine years. At the end of that time the owner of the ground decided to increase the rent, and as a number of the members declined to agree to it, there was a split in the camp.

The dissentients found new quarters which they named Goodison Park, and those left, formed a new club of their own. That club is Liverpool.

This then is just a little of the history of one of the most famous clubs in the land, a club which is ever welcome at Villa Park, and no club will be happier than Aston Villa to greet the "Toffee-ites" back to the First Division, for they have been languishing too long in the Second Division for a club of such high repute and standing. May their return to the higher Division be soon, and very soon.

LIVERPOOL WILL BE OUR VISITORS NEXT SATURDAY

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

It is interesting to recall that when the League was first formed, Everton were looked upon as the weakest of the twelve clubs, and were admitted on the promise that they would strengthen their side. A glance at their League record will fully prove how that promise was well and truly fulfilled.

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THE F.A. CHALLENGE CUP - - - - SIXTH ROUND
KICK-OFF 3-0 p.m.

EVERTON

Right					Left
	CLINTON (2)	O'NEILL	LINDSAY (3)		
	FARRELL (4)	JONES (5)	LELLO (6)		
	BUCKLE (7)	CUMMINS (8)	HICKSON (9)	PARKER (10)	EGLINGTON (11)

Referee :
Mr. A. Bond
(London)



Linesmen :
Mr. H. Haworth
(Red Flag)
Mr. A. E. Hughes
(Yellow Flag)

GOFFIN (11)	DORSETT (6)	DIXON (10)	WALSH (9)	THOMPSON (8)	ROBERTS (7)
	PARKES (3)		MOSS (F.) (5)		BLANCHFLOWER (4)
			PARSONS		ALDIS (2)

Left

ASTON VILLA

Right

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CAMEOS OF THE EVERTON PLAYERS

Jimmy O'Neill (goalkeeper). Born Dublin, and joined Everton from a junior club in 1949, making his Football League debut in the 1950-51 season. On that occasion he deputised for Sagar, but has now succeeded the veteran goalkeeper, who has had a lot to do with O'Neill's development. Shrewd judges had predicted that he would one day play for Eire, and he won his first "cap" against France earlier this season. Already, despite his limited experience, he is one of the safest goal-keepers in the Second Division.

Tommy Clinton (right back). Born Dublin and secured by Everton from Dundalk, making his first League appearances in 1949-50. Small in build for a full-back, but what he lacks in inches he makes up in determination. Has been in and out of the Everton side but played in more than half of the club's matches last season and now appears to be an automatic choice.

Jack Lindsay (left back). Born Glasgow, and a former Rangers' player who had limited opportunities with the Ibrox Park club before being transferred to Goodison Park in 1950. Was then a centre-half, but has been converted into a very reliable full-back. Missed only two matches last season, and is one of the corner-stones of Everton's defence.

Gordon Rankin (full-back). Born Liverpool, and has been with Everton since his junior days. A young player of rich promise whom the club have been developing gradually. Had a long spell of first team duty in 1949-50, but has since had to content himself with occasional appearances.

Peter Farrell (right-half). Born Dublin and formerly with Shamrock Rovers. Arrived at Everton in 1946 with a big reputation which he has since enhanced. Everton's captain and a great inspiration to the side. Versatile, he has played many times at left-half or in either of the inside-forward positions. Eire have frequently called upon his services and he played a great part in his country's 1949 2-0 victory against England on his own Goodison Park ground.

Tommy Jones (centre-half). Born Liverpool. No relation to the Welsh International Tommy Jones, who filled the centre-half position for Everton with distinction for so many years. A full-back when he joined Everton as a youth, and made his bow in League football in 1950. A firm tackler, and a worthy successor to his namesake. Consolidated his first team place last season, and is now one of the best young centre-halves in the country.

Cyril Lello (left-half). Born Ludlow. Went to Goodison Park from Shrewsbury Town, then a non-League club, in 1948 as an inside-forward. The subject of much experiment but has now settled down into a competent left-half who still retains an inside-forward's scent for goals. First came into prominence during the war when playing as a "guest" for Lincoln City.

Jimmy Grant (wing-half). Born High Spen, Co. Durham. A 5-ft. 4-ins. bundle of concentrated energy who gets through an amazing amount of work. Equally useful as an inside-forward, and was once on the books of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Ted Buckle (outside-right). Born London. Joined Everton in 1949 from Manchester United and cost a big fee. Has been rather inconsistent, but is now back to the form which made him a player to be reckoned with at the time of his transfer. A penalty expert, he scored twelve goals in fifteen League matches last season. Has played more often on the left flank of the attack.

Wally Fielding (inside-forward). Born London, and was once on Charlton's books as an amateur. Like colleague Wainwright he made a big impression in Army football and Everton secured his signature in 1946 in the face of much opposition. At the height of his career he was near international class, and played for England against Scotland in the Bolton Disaster Fund match at Manchester in 1946. Most impressive feature of his play is his talented dribbling.

CAMEOS OF EVERTON PLAYERS (contd.)

George Cummins (inside-right). Born Dublin. The youngest member of the Everton team, and was secured in 1950 from a Dublin junior club. Is 22 years old next month, and a maker of goals rather than a scorer. Might easily have been lost to Everton, for within a few weeks of arriving in Liverpool he was ready to go home because of homesickness which he subsequently conquered.

Eddie Wainwright (inside-forward). Born Southport, and Everton has been his only League club. Came to the fore in Army football and was introduced to Goodison Park by Tommy Lawton. An automatic selection in the Everton team until 1951 when a succession of leg injuries upset his career. Was not able to play one first team game last season, but is now making a "come-back." Considering his slight stature he possesses exceptionally strong shooting powers.

Dave Hickson (centre-forward). Born Salford. The current hero of Merseyside as a result of his dashing leadership of the Everton side. A young centre-forward with a great future who learned most of his football in Ellesmere Port, from which club he joined Everton in May, 1948. Made the centre-forward position his own almost as soon as this season began.

John Parker (inside-left). Born Birkenhead. Equally adept at either inside-left or centre-forward and finished last season as his club's top scorer with 16 goals. Arrived at Goodison Park in February, 1948, after having represented Liverpool in the F.A. Youth competition, and is another of the young players who seem destined to carry Everton back to the First Division within the next few seasons.

Harry Potts (inside-forward). Born Hetton-le-Hole. Signed for Everton from Burnley in 1950 at a cost of £20,000 after spending thirteen years with the Turf Moor club whom he joined from school. An excellent ball player, he was a regular member of Burnley's post-war side until his transfer, and played in the 1947 Cup Final against Charlton. Noted as a goal-maker rather than a goal-scorer, and has been handicapped in recent times through injury and consequent loss of form.

Tommy Eglington (outside-left). Born Dublin, and was already an Eire international when he joined Everton from Shamrock Rovers in 1946. A menace to most defences, and a player whom it is never wise to ignore. Possesses an unusual turn of speed, and has played many times for Eire and also Ireland. Absent from only four of Everton's matches last season and a scorer of eight goals. Hit five goals in Everton's 7-1 win against Doncaster Rovers in September last.

Score Board: Matches for Saturday, February 28th, 1953

The first name opposite the letters represents the home team. M. signifies Match abandoned. Key for to-day's matches as follows:—

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY	(F.A. Cup)	L	FULHAM
B	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	(F.A. Cup)	N	HULL CITY
B	ARSENAL	(F.A. Cup)	P	LEEDS UNITED
C	BLACKPOOL	(F.A. Cup)	P	SHEFFIELD UNITED
C	GATESHEAD	(F.A. Cup)	P	LEICESTER CITY
C	BOLTON WANDERERS	(F.A. Cup)	P	NOTTINGHAM FOREST
D	WEST BROMWICH ALBION		S	LUTON TOWN
D	SUNDERLAND		S	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
E	NEWCASTLE UNITED		T	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
E	WOLVERHAMPTON W.A.		T	BARNLEY
F	STOKE CITY		V	ROTHERHAM UNITED
F	MANCHESTER UNITED		V	LINCOLN CITY
G	CARDIFF CITY		W	SOUTHAMPTON
G	CHARLTON ATHLETIC		W	BRENTFORD
H	MANCHESTER CITY		X	WEST HAM UNITED
H	PORTSMOUTH		X	BLACKBURN ROVERS
J	PRESTON NORTH END		Y	COVENTRY CITY
J	CHelsea		Y	IPSWICH TOWN
K	BURY		Z	WALSALL
K	DONCASTER ROVERS		Z	CRYSTAL PALACE

1952	FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.		For	Agt.
Aug. 23	Arsenal ..	L	Home	1 2
30	Derby County ..	L	Away	1 0
Sept. 1	Sunderland ..	L	Home	3 0
6	Blackpool ..	L	Home	1 5
8	Wolverhampton W. ..	L	Away	1 2
13	Chelsea ..	L	Away	0 4
15	Wolverhampton W. ..	L	Home	0 1
20	Manchester United ..	L	Home	3 3
27	Portsmouth ..	L	Away	1 1
Oct. 4	Bolton Wanderers ..	L	Home	1 1
11	Middlesbrough ..	L	Home	1 0
15	Army F.A. ..	F	Away	1 3
18	Liverpool ..	L	Away	2 0
25	Manchester City ..	L	Home	0 0
Nov. 1	Stoke City ..	L	Away	4 1
8	Preston North End ..	L	Home	1 0
15	Burnley ..	L	Away	0 1
22	Tottenham Hotspur ..	L	Home	0 3
29	Sheffield Wednesday ..	L	Away	2 2
Dec. 13	Newcastle United ..	L	Away	1 2
20	Arsenal ..	L	Away	1 3
26	Charlton Athletic ..	L	Home	1 1
27	Charlton Athletic ..	L	Away	Postp'd
1953				
Jan. 1	Sunderland ..	L	Away	2 2
3	Derby County ..	L	Home	3 0
10	Middlesbrough ..	E.C.	Home	3 1
17	Blackpool ..	L	Away	1 1
24	Chelsea ..	L	Home	1 1
31	Brentford ..	E.C.	Home	0 0
Feb. 4	Brentford (Replay) ..	E.C.	Away	2 1
7	Manchester United ..	L	Away	1 3
14	Rotherham United ..	E.C.	Away	3 1
18	Portsmouth ..	L	Home	6 0
21	Bolton Wanderers ..	L	Away	0 0
28	Middlesbrough ..	L	Away	0 0
28	Everton ..	E.C.	Home	0 0
March 7	Liverpool ..	L	Home	0 0
14	Manchester City ..	L	Away	0 0
21	Stoke City ..	L	Home	0 0
28	Preston North End ..	L	Away	0 0
April 4	Burnley ..	L	Home	0 0
6	West Bromwich Albion ..	L	Away	0 0
7	West Bromwich Albion ..	L	Home	0 0
11	Tottenham Hotspur ..	L	Away	0 0
18	Sheffield Wednesday ..	L	Home	0 0
25	Cardiff City ..	L	Away	0 0
29	Cardiff City ..	L	Home	0 0
May 2	Newcastle United ..	L	Home	0 0

L—League. E.C.—English Cup F—Friendly.

1952	CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES.		For	Agt.
Aug. 23	Newcastle United ..	L	Away	2 0
25	Wolverhampton W. ..	L	Home	3 3
30	Sheffield United ..	L	Home	2 2
Sept. 3	Wolverhampton W. ..	L	Away	1 2
6	Barnsley ..	L	Away	1 2
8	Bolton Wanderers ..	L	Home	0 0
13	Derby County ..	L	Home	2 1
17	Bolton Wanderers ..	L	Away	3 2
20	Blackpool ..	L	Away	2 2
27	Blackburn Rovers ..	L	Home	2 3
Oct. 4	Manchester United ..	L	Away	0 3
11	Sheffield Wednesday ..	L	Away	0 1
18	Chesterfield ..	L	Home	2 0
25	Stoke City ..	L	Away	0 1
Nov. 1	Burnley ..	L	Home	4 1
8	Preston North End ..	L	Away	0 0
15	Manchester City ..	L	Home	1 0
22	Liverpool ..	L	Away	3 0
29	Bury ..	L	Home	2 0
Dec. 13	Leeds United ..	L	Home	2 0
20	Newcastle United ..	L	Home	5 0
26	Huddersfield Town ..	L	Away	1 3
27	Huddersfield Town ..	L	Home	3 0
1953				
Jan. 3	Sheffield United ..	L	Away	1 0
10	West Bromwich Albion ..	L	Away	2 1
17	Barnsley ..	L	Home	1 2
24	Derby County ..	L	Away	0 1
31	Blackpool ..	L	Home	1 3
Feb. 7	Blackburn Rovers ..	L	Away	1 1
14	Manchester United ..	L	Home	2 2
21	Sheffield Wednesday ..	L	Home	0 0
28	Chesterfield ..	L	Away	0 0
March 7	Stoke City ..	L	Home	0 0
14	Burnley ..	L	Away	0 0
21	Preston North End ..	L	Home	0 0
28	Everton ..	L	Away	0 0
April 3	Manchester City ..	L	Away	0 0
6	Everton ..	L	Home	0 0
11	Liverpool ..	L	Home	0 0
18	Bury ..	L	Away	0 0
25	West Bromwich Albion ..	L	Home	0 0
May 2	Leeds United ..	L	Away	0 0

L—League.

MIDLAND MID-WEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES.

1952			For	Agt.
Oct. 8	Derby County ..	L	Away	2 2
15	Stoke City ..	L	Home	3 1
29	Birmingham City ..	L	Away	Postp'd
Nov. 5	Derby County ..	L	Home	2 0
19	Leicester City ..	L	Away	3 3
26	Birmingham City ..	L	Home	0 1
Dec. 10	Leicester City ..	L	Home	1 1
1953				
Jan. 14	Notts County ..	L	Home	2 4
21	West Bromwich Albion ..	L	Away	1 1
Feb. 8	Kidderminster H. (Mon.) ..	L	Away	0 1
11	Port Vale ..	L	Home	3 1
19	Notts County (Thurs.) ..	L	Away	Postp'd
25	West Bromwich Albion ..	L	Home	3 0
March 5	Stoke City (Thurs.) ..	L	Away	0 0
18	Kidderminster Harriers ..	L	Home	0 0
26	Port Vale (Thurs.) ..	L	Away	0 0

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