

1949 - 1950

Rise and shine



Seemingly trying to rival some Bertram Mills' act of trapeze artists are Macdonald, of Fulham, and Feehan, Manchester United goalkeeper. Arthur Rowley looks on a little alarmed



Jezard on his way to scoring a goal

Middle
side

FULHAM'S ROAMING ARTHUR WON THE BATTLE OF THE ROWLEYS

FULHAM 1, MANCHESTER UNITED 0

THE magnetic, magnificent Manchester United were just a tremor of the earthquake team we know they can be, and have been since the war.

Jezard was here more than a rumble to indicate the latent power that heroic Fulham never allowed them to develop.

Instead, it was the London side which erupted into brilliant life.

Here, at last, was a really First Division Fulham, displaying form which few really thought lay dormant within them.

Forward, speedy Arthur Stevens took full advantage of John Aston's surprising looseness on the turn, sweeping through to blaze the ball goalwards.

Jezard hardly made a mistake, and some of his dazzling footwork thoroughly tangled the United defence. But it was the roaming of Arthur Rowley which did so much to cause the chaos and confusion which occasionally seized the Manchester defence.

He certainly showed brother Jack how to be a centre-forward, though his centre, which Jezard leapt to head a grand goal in eight minutes, was sent over from the right wing.

In defence, Fulham could hardly be faulted, with Jim Taylor superb. Manchester United forwards switched in vain. Only electrified Jim Delaney showed a spark when he was on the wing. But there was no escaping the blanketing by Fulham defence, which made much use of offside tactics.

*** MAN OF THE MATCH:** Fulham inside-left, Bedford Jezard, twenty-two, the match winner. A wholehearted enthusiast on the field, he never stops work.

BOB MORLEY.

Fulham v Manchester United
1 - 0



Fulham cornered! Goalkeeper Kelly has "inside" trouble with Manchester United forwards Bogan, inside-right, and Pearson, inside-left, before he gets the ball and clears it upfield.

DUEL NEAR THE POSTS



Manchester United goalkeeper, duel at the Fulham goal. Left, Kelly, Fulham goal-keeper, duel at the Fulham ground to-day.

Fulham outpaced a "ghost" Villa

Fulham 3, Aston Villa 0

ONE always expects to see a bit of poultry at Christmas time. Some of the fowls at Craven Cottage, however, were hardly in keeping with this season of goodwill, writes STAN HALLS.

A Fulham defender, for instance, perpetrated one very unfortunate tackle on Edwards, Villa inside left. Why Mr. Taylor, the referee, failed to spot it I don't know.

Aston Villa also served up some narky nonsense on occasions which made me wonder why they have a Players' Union if the lads feel like that about each other on the field of play.

Aston Villa were Christmas ghosts of the great Villa that pioneered football history.

Villa were undoubtedly upset by the fact that Ivor Powell, international half back, the only real constructive agent in the side had to play right back as an experiment forced on Villa by injury to Parkes who had a pulled muscle.

It was Fulham, however, who started out really trying to play the football. Their third goal, a real game clincher in mid-second half demonstrated this. Bob Thomas, turning inside the back, put in a brilliant through pass which left winger McDonald cutting in and outpacing all challenges hit smartly to the net.

That outpacing was the clue to Fulham's match-long superiority.

In Villa's unlucky thirteenth minute of the first half, Fowler scored with a well placed header. In the twenty-fourth minute Jezard with a burst of speed lured the clumsy defence wide of goal and teed the ball up for McDonald to score.

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Everton

✓ Draw 1-1

Fulham

EVERYONE SAID 'A GOOD GOAL!'—BUT THE REF. DISAGREED

By GEORGE HARLEY

THE old boxing cry, "We wuz robbed," is one of the less familiar phrases at Fulham, where officials and players are justly proud of their reputation as good losers. But yesterday they felt they were good winners; and they had to rest discontented with a goalless draw against Everton.

A hard, spilling game was drawing to a close when Arthur Rowley moved out to the wing and centred for Bedford Jezzard to head home what appeared to be an excellent goal.

'Lucky Break for Us'

The jubilation was cut short by the referee, Mr. S. E. Law, who awarded a free kick to Everton. Fulham players protested; there was lusty booing from the terraces and mystified murmurs from the stands.

Mr. Law, whose refereeing has always impressed me, told me the goal was disallowed because an Everton player was impeded.

But one of the Everton players said: "It was a lucky break for us—but we can do with one or two for a change."

The Fulham manager, Bill Dodgin, said: "Our fellows never dispute a decision if there is any doubt, but this time they felt they were completely in the right."

"Cliff Britton, the Everton manager, shared my view that it was a good goal."

The fact remains that Fulham had enough of the play to have settled the result long before.

But their forwards were not as quick on the ball as their hard-tackling defence and were hesitant within shooting range.

Fine Wing Play

Everton fought with great spirit for their point; yet less than a month ago their side would have been regarded as the reserve team sprinkled with a few League men.

Feature of an even first half was the scintillating wing play of Eglington for Everton and the astute prompting of Fulham wing-halves Qvested and Beasley.

Fulham had much the better of the second half but Everton not only defended gallantly but developed several menacing raids in one of which Buckle missed a fine chance by shooting over.



FIST FIRST as Everton goalkeeper George Burnett leaps to punch the ball away from the head of Arthur Rowley, Fulham centre forward, during the draw match at Craven Cottage yesterday.

Dec 29
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Fulham

V

Everton

0-0

Charlton v Fulham Dec 31-1949

HOW KELLY AVOIDED HEAD-ON COLLISION



This looks like a head-on collision between Hugh Kelly, Fulham's goalkeeper, and Charlie Vaughan, the Charlton centre-forward. But Kelly avoided trouble for himself and his rival by a late body-swing to his right.

Reverse-kick sent the ball over Sam Bartram's shoulder as the Charlton goalkeeper beat Fulham inside right Bob Thomas centre, while his right back, Jimmy Campbell, looked on warily in the match at the Valley yesterday.



BACUZZI FREEMAN

KELLY

TAYLOR HURST

QUESTED

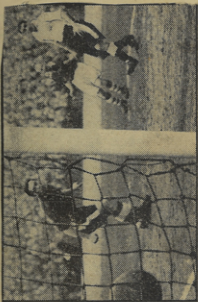


Jan 7 1950 3 Round of F.A. Cup
 Charlton v Fulham.

Draw 2-2



Kelly, of Fulham, went down on his knees but could not stop the shot. But he smiled again—the goal was disallowed.



HURST (in the centre) scoring Charlton's first goal, watched by Kerr, goalkeeper, and Bacuzzi, of Fulham.

Fulham's Taylor had the right size for Vaughan

CHARLTON 2, FULHAM 2

WHAT a tense and stern struggle was this match at the Valley yesterday. And the game had everything over which to thrill and enthuse.

First we had Bartram running so far out of his goal that he had to head the ball away. Then the unusual sight of referee Ellis rolling about on the ground trying hard to get out of the players' way.

There were thrills in plenty and slices of luck for both sides. But on balance Fulham were the more cohesive force all through.

Taylor never gave Charley Vaughan a ghost of a chance, but had Brown and O'Linn showed more enterprise and accuracy, he could, on occasions, have given him the slip.

Fulham's forward play was more robust than clever, but Bob Thomas tried hard to get the line working smoothly. Stevens was a clever winger, though his opposing defender, Lock, was obviously playing under a handicap.

His damaged ankle did not hold out. In fact, he showed signs of limping in the first 10 minutes.

The game opened sensationally. Hurst for Charlton and Thomas for Fulham scored in four minutes.

Hurst regained the lead for Charlton after the interval, then a picture book free kick by Freeman from 30 yards beat Bartram all the way.

Hurst was the danger man in the Charlton attack, and he always had the beating of Bacuzzi by sheer speed.

The Charlton winger had little difficulty in getting over centre after centre, but so well packed was the Fulham defence that nothing came of them.

There were many stoppages for injuries, and both trainers will be hard pressed getting their charges ready for the replay at Fulham on Wednesday. CHARLES COOPER.



Which way did it go?
Photo: A. W. James, 50 Crookham Road, S.W.6, from whom copies may be obtained.

CHARLTON
 ✓
 Fulham
 2-2

I SAW

IT FIRST!

Fulham goalkeeper, Hugh Kelly, punching clear in the Charlton match on Saturday.
 P.A.—REUTER.



Wed. Jan. 11. 1950

Fulham v Charlton
 in Cup tie replay.
 Charlton won. 2-1



CHARLTON'S
 FIRST GOAL



Kelly went down to the shot but could not stop D'Arcy scoring Charlton's first goal. Running in is Pavitt, Fulham's left back. ("Star" picture.)

DAILY GRAPHIC FOOTBALL UNIT GOES TO...

Fulham v Charlton

The Football Unit was at the Fulham, Charlton Cup replay which Charlton won 2-1. Pictures by Sidney Beadell and William Field. Story by Roland Allen.

To-day the Unit will be at the Norwich v. Portsmouth replay. Exclusive pictures will be taken by Douglas Thorpe and Clifford Sanderson. Story by Jack Milligan.

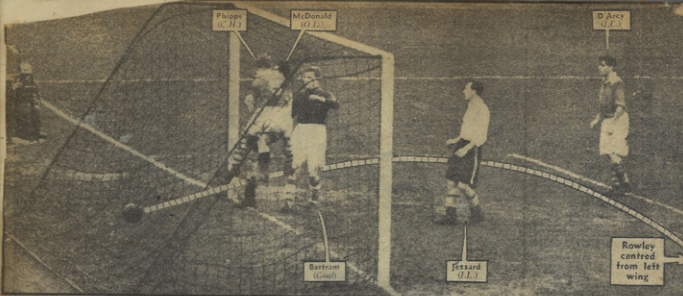


Bill Pavitt, who gets his first game for Fulham at left-back in today's Cup replay, gets "good luck" wishes from the injured Joe Bacuzzi (right) and Manager Bill Dodgin.

HAS ANYBODY SEEN KELLY?

Hugh Kelly, Fulham goal-keeper, puts on his star acrobatic act. He came out to challenge Vaughan and flew over his back, but Charlton failed to score.

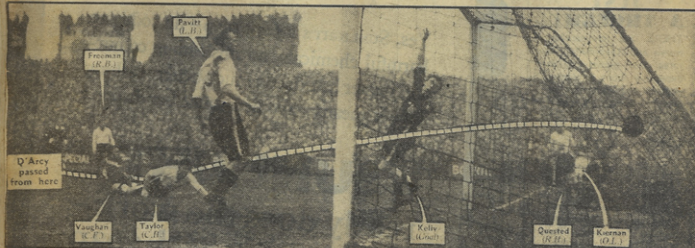




THE INVISIBLE MAN SCORED THIS ONE

Rowley, Fulham centre-forward, got the ball out on the left. He evaded all challenges and centred. Bartram, Charlton goalkeeper, misjudged the

flight of the ball and was left looking on while McDonald, hidden behind Phipps, ran in to finish the job. This was Fulham's only goal.



THIS WAS THE BEST GOAL OF THE MATCH

Vaughan's goal, second for Charlton, was the best of the match. D'Arcy, who scored the first goal, made a forward pass to Vaughan, who

pivoted on his right foot and sent in a fast shot with his left. Kelly, Fulham's Irish goalkeeper, had little chance of getting near it.

Irishman D'Arcy a Charlton ace

Fulham 1, Charlton 2

JIMMY D'ARCY, a six-foot Irishman, came back to the Charlton Athletic first team yesterday after nearly two years in the reserves. In the F.A. Cup replay at Fulham he scored a fine goal in the first half and made an even better one for Vaughan, his centre-forward, in the second.

D'Arcy joined Charlton from Ballymena United on March 1, 1943, as a centre-forward. He played a few games in the senior side, then went to the reserves. He was at inside-left yesterday when he ran between the Fulham backs and got his first.

He had moved to centre-forward when he flicked a forward pass towards Vaughan, who turned on his heel and crashed in a short shot which gave Charlton a two-goal lead.

It looked all over until, ten minutes from the finish, McDonald, the outside-left, scored a scrambling sort of goal for Fulham, which was in character with the rest of the football the losing side played.

£5,000 kicks

As Charlton get an attractive home match against Cardiff City in the next round it could be said that, with two kicks, D'Arcy repaid the £5,000 they paid for him. He is a fine, strong, direct footballer, extremely useful in what is known as typical Cup-tie football.

The other Charlton strong man in this mostly negative, high and careless kicking affair, was Phipps, the centre-half, who was ice-cool, extremely efficient, and complete master of his piece of the pitch.

Hurst, who made the pass leading up to the first goal, was in something like the form which got him talked about as an England possibility earlier in the season.

The most entertaining foot-

baller was Hugh Kelly, the Fulham Irishman. He did his goalkeeping with a flourish and a touch of showmanship. Neither this, nor his acrobatics, which once sent him spinning and somersaulting high in the air, affected his efficiency.

Fulham fiddled

Charlton go on in the Cup because they played direct football and snapped up their chances, while Fulham fiddled and fuddled and, in attack, gave a sound defence all the time they needed for consolidation.

A footballer of the future, I think, is Derek Upton, Kent reserve wicket-keeper, who played a sound game at left-half for Charlton. He was one of the few who kept the ball on the ground, and his tackling was timed to a split second.

Charlton's straightforward speed down the wings, their quick craft as inside-forward, and their better organisation in defence, were the three factors which took them to the fifth round. They played better, and Fulham worse, than normal form in League matches had led us to expect.

HE GOT THIS ONE SIDEWAYS

Charlie Vaughan, standing sideways to the net, swung round like a circus acrobat and, as Fulham half-back Taylor made a despairing effort to get in his tackle, hooked the ball first time from Kiernan's pass. Goalkeeper Kelly dived in his attempted save, but the ball flashed past him into the corner of the net. This goal put Charlton two up—a winning lead.



VAUGHAN

TAYLOR

PAVITT

KELLY

BARTRAM STOOD BY
FOR THIS ONE



Sam Bartram (above), the Charlton goalkeeper, is too late to get there as McDonald scrambles the ball past for Fulham's goal at Craven Cottage

'Curtains' for Fulham—By GITTINS



2-1 IN THE CUP-REPLAY!



SCORES FOR FULHAM!



POSSIBLY THE 2-0-CLOCK KICK-OFF WAS THE CAUSE OF FULHAM'S DELAYED ACTION.



JIMMY SEEDS! CIGAR SENDS OUT A SMOKE SCREEN!

Jan. 14, 1950

FULHAM V MANCHESTER



You can almost hear Berg Trautmann, Manchester City's goalkeeper, shout "Right!" as his grasping fingers cut the ball from Arthur Rowley's head during a corner-kick attack by Fulham at Craven Cottage.



SUPERLATIVE

WHEN Fulham had beaten Manchester City 1-0 at Craven Cottage almost every spectator among the 30,000 broke into a long round of applause.

They were not applauding Fulham's victory which was deserved enough but one of the season's finest displays of goalkeeping from Berg Trautmann, the ex-German prisoner-of-war in the City side.

Two saves from Stevens and Rowley were worthy of any superlative. And, when the final whistle sounded, both Stevens and Rowley waited to shake Trautmann by the hand.

Another young star was Jim Lawler at left-half for Fulham. He made delightful use of the ball and was the best wing half-back on the field.



Trautmann

FULHAM UNIMPRESSIVE



Manchester in the ball as m attack afternoon.

Stevens tried many times to beat the Manchester City goalkeeper but was foiled by his uncanny anticipation. Winking with relief on his face as Trautmann saves again is Westwood, the City left back.

Great End-of-Match Ovation for Visiting Goalkeeper

MCDONALD GOAL IN SECOND MINUTE GAVE FULHAM THE POINTS

FULHAM 1: MANCHESTER CITY 0

MANCHESTER CITY must thank German-born, ex-prisoner-of-war Bert Trautmann for keeping the Fulham total down to one goal at Craven Cottage on Saturday. He performed marvellously behind a very shaky defence, and the 30,000 crowd showed their appreciation, at the final whistle, of his grand goalkeeping by applauding him all the way as he walked the length of the field where Fulham's Kelly, Stevens and Rowley were waiting to congratulate him.

Fulham were soon a goal up, Stevens picked up a loose ball and his quick centre was easily nodded home by McDonald after only two minutes' play.

Fulham should have taken full advantage of the very poor City defence, but alas, the home attack lacked speed and marksmanship. When they did break through, Trautmann was there to bring off some marvellous saves.

City almost equalised after 20 minutes, a free-kick just outside the penalty area, stopped but not held by Kelly, being scrambled away to safety.

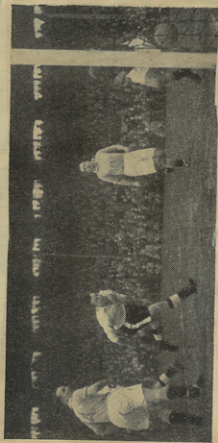
Fifteen minutes later Thomas put in some good work, first shooting only inches high, then beating two or three defenders before centring from the right wing for Jezzard to head just wide of the upright.

Trautmann won the admiration of all in the second-half with some "impossible" saves. In the seventh minute of this half Rowley drove goalwards a terrific shot which Trautmann caught in mid-air as he flung himself across the goal.

Three minutes later Bob Thomas tested the goalkeeper with a first-time drive. Then Rowley tried to side-foot an along-the-ground centre from Stevens into the net, but Trautmann pounced on the ball as it was about to cross the line.

Stevens was next, sending in two fierce drives, but again the City goalkeeper dealt capably with the shots.

During intervals of the Trant-



Fulham v Manchester City
1 - 0

Young Lawler deserved some of the Fulham cheers

By C. A. HUGHES

FULHAM could have beaten Manchester City more easily than by one goal to nothing but for the fair-haired giant between the posts who has donned the mantle now laid aside by Frank Swift, hero of so many games for the City and England.

I refer to Bert Trautmann, former German prisoner-of-war, who gave we folk in London as good an exhibition of goal-

keeping as we have seen for some time. At the finish the crowd cheered him all the way across the field and the Fulham players shook him by the hand.

What better tribute could a lad, a foreigner, receive, especially one who had fought against and been captured by us, yet played to enjoy our full hospitality.

I would not like all the praise to go to Trautmann, although his brilliant positioning and clean handling of the ball deserves the credit I have given him, for there was another lad from across the sea who also caught the eye and gladdened it.

His name — Robin Lawler, from Ireland. Deputising for Pat Heasley, captain and left-half, this fair-haired, slightly-bustled never put a foot wrong and even surpassed the more experienced Quastad, fancied candidate for Rio.

In fact he did a lot of Quastad's work in the second half, anticipating City moves on the other side of the field split seconds before his colleagues.

Inept City attack

Another new-comer was Pavitt, deputy for Bacuzzi. He, too, can be well satisfied with his display, for I am certain the crowd were.

With Taylor his usual self and Freeman carefree in tackling or feeding, Fulham had little to worry about from a rather inept City attack. Kelly had little to do but did that well, especially in saving a Turnbull drive in the second half.

Fulham got but one goal against Trautmann and that in the third minute, when McDonald prodded by Westwood's miskick to nod home from three yards the centre from Stevens which followed.

Westwood and Walsh were the only other defenders to get any grip on a lively Fulham attack which spoiled many movements by bad passing.



Head

room

Jim Taylor, of Fulham, heads away from Manchester City's Munroe.

(Photo: A. W. James.)

Fulham. 2

Manchester City 1

Saturday Jan. 14. 1950



Trautmann, German ex-prisoner of war, did many circus tricks in his brilliant display in the Manchester City goal against Fulham, and you might think this was one of them. But it was only for a second that the ball balanced on Trautmann's thumb, with Rowley, Fulham's centre-forward, crashing in on the left. In another second Trautmann was on his feet and the ball was away—another fine save.

Fulham - 1

Manchester City - 0

HEADS V. HANDS— HANDS WIN



It's all heads to the ball at Fulham, but Manchester City goalkeeper Trautmann gets there first and takes it from danger—the head of white-shirted Jezard, Fulham inside-left.

Trautmann's "keeping won him a special cheer from the crowd and handshakes from Fulham players after the match. Fulham have a rising star in young left-half Lawlor, who deputised for Pat Beasley.

Jan. 21. 1950

Chelsea v Fulham

CHELSEA FADE AFTER 20 BRILLIANT MINS.

CHELSEA 0, FULHAM 0

For the first 20 minutes Chelsea's football in this game at Stamford Bridge, was a fair imitation of the fascinating stuff which Manchester United used to put over with such consistency and success two seasons ago, writes **Harry Dutton**.

The attack moved smoothly, the players interchanged positions bewilderingly, and they shot so often that it seemed that goals must come. Chelsea were grand to watch.

But as someone near me remarked, Chelsea seemed to weary of well-doing, and from then to the end the game developed into just a keen and unexciting duel between two moderate sides.

Roy Bentley's unorthodox roaming and clever positional play gave Taylor, Fulham's capable centre-half, a terrific run round in that scintillating first 20 minutes, and little Bowie at inside-right twice went within an ace of scoring with good shots. Bentley also might have scored with a header. Had these efforts come off, Chelsea would in all probability have run away with the match.

But to Taylor's credit, he never lost his composure when Chelsea were dictating the game's course, and in the second half, with strong supporting half-back play from Chatterton and Beasley, he played a considerable part in taming Bentley and subduing the whole Chelsea attack.

Indeed, there was such a transformation that towards the end Fulham, with their quick break-

aways, went far nearer to winning than Chelsea, and would have done so but for two excellent saves by Medhurst.

First Medhurst performed an acrobatic feat in saving a header from McDonald, and later he did extremely well to leap across his goal to tip a tricky lob from Stevens just over the bar.

On the evidence of this match it is clear that Fulham's search for a top-class inside-forward must continue. Between them Thomas, Rowley and Jezzard failed to get in a shot from start to finish.

From a Chelsea point of view, nothing was better than the excellent form of Willemse at left-back, and the complete domination of the middle of the field by Johnny Harris. If Scotland can find a better centre-half for the Hampden match than this player Scotland is lucky.



BENTLEY, Chelsea centre-forward, in a duel for the ball between two Fulham defenders in the match at Stamford Bridge to-day.



Chelsea's inside-left, Billington, puts the Fulham defence on edge as he makes a dangerous try for a goal at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea v Fulham.
Draw 0 - 0



Fulham defenders Quested (right-half) and Taylor (centre-half) go for the ball, while Chelsea's centre-forward, Bentley, sinks gracefully to the ground.

Jan. 28. 1950

(Fourth Round F.A. Cup Ties)
20 Fulham ~~vs~~ Norwich first a friendly
at Norwich
the game ~~was~~ was a draw 1-1

Feb 4. 1950

Newcastle United \checkmark Fulham
3 - 1

A RUSH OF INJURIES PUT FULHAM OUT

NEWCASTLE 3, FULHAM 1

NEWCASTLE scraped home against a side crippled so badly through injuries that we saw more of Fulham's courage than their undoubted skill. Their long string of misfortunes started when Rowley went off after nine minutes and returned on the left wing.

The slight disorganisation did not affect them very much, and the brilliant play of wingers Stevens and McDonald kept Newcastle on the defensive, except for breakaways, and the visitors went deservedly ahead through Thomas after 28 minutes.

Even when Thompson equalised after 34 minutes Fulham still looked capable of saving the game.

But when Taylor was assisted off after an hour and returned crippled on the right wing, the steadiness went out of Fulham's defence. Yet this was not the end, because Jezard was almost a passenger for the last half-hour as well.

No team could stand this complete disorganisation, and Newcastle's speed and a completely sound team got on top.

Even then they did not look like winning until Beasley sliced a ball to Robledo's feet for a gift goal after 73 minutes, and Hannah got the third just on time.

It was a poor game. The result should be discounted by both teams, and, while it is only conjecture, I still think Fulham would have won with a full side.

They had better understanding in attack during the early stages and more than held their own with ten men. Had it been a Cup Tie it would have been a tragedy for the visitors to have passed out in such circumstances.

Rowley, Fulham centre-forward, was taken to hospital after the game to have a broken ankle bone set in plaster.

BILL STEPHENS.

BEASLEY SCORES IN 30 SECONDS

Norwich Equalise in Last Minute

Norwich City 1; Fulham 1

For this friendly game at Carrow Road, Fulham were without centre-half Jim Taylor, who was rested. Quested moving to centre-half with Lawler filling the vacancy. Sid Thomas was restored to the first team at outside-right, Stevens moving inside to the exclusion of Bob Thomas. Plack and Pavitt continued respectively for Kelly and Bacuzzi, both recovering from foot injuries.

The game was only half-a-minute old when Fulham took the lead. A cross from Sid Thomas was met by Beasley, who gave Norwich 'keeper, Nethercot, no chance.

This lead was held until the final minute, when, from corner-kick, Kinsey headed through to equalise.

Fulham nearly went further ahead in the second-half when Low kicked off the line with Stevens on hand and goalkeeper Nethercot on the ground.

Bryn Jones and Kinsey were prominent for Norwich. Birch made a promising debut at outside-right. Norwich had a fair share of the play. The Fulham attack was not impressive.

JIM TAYLOR, Fulham centre-half, has been selected for the Football League XI v. The League of Ireland at Wolverhampton on Wednesday, February 15. Roy Bentley, of Chelsea, is to lead the Football League attack.

LEN QUESTED plays at right-half in England's "B" team against Holland at Newcastle on February 22.

HUGH KELLY and Joe Bacuzzi are expected to be fit for next Saturday's match at Newcastle. Both have had foot injuries. Kelly is recovering at his home in Ireland.

ONE UP, THEN LUCK WENT

GEORGE HANNAH, from Linfield, was not rushed into First Division football by Newcastle because he needed "building up."

The "building up" is over; for George, against Fulham, moved the ball better than anyone else and cracked in a last-minute goal from twenty yards to make it a 3-1 Newcastle victory after Fulham had led by a Bob Thomas goal.

Fulham played more than half of the match with only seven fit men. Rowley was off after seven minutes and returned limping badly.

On his return to London he was taken to hospital with a twisted ankle.

Then came injuries to Thomas, Pavitt and Taylor, and opportunist goals from Thompson and Robledo put United on the right track.

(5) Round of FA CUP TIES
FULHAM FIX. A FRIENDLY
WITH BRENTFORD.

FULHAM. - BRENTFORD
3 1.

Fulham Outwit Brentford

Bill Poynton, having his first game for Brentford—he was transferred from QPR in exchange for Nelson today—was prominent in an early attack in the friendly game with Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Once Fulham settled down their more accurate passing gave them an advantage and they were a goal up after nine minutes. A raid in which most of the Fulham forwards took part left Jezzard clear, and he beat Jeffries with a shot from 15 yards.

After 25 minutes Coote equalised for Brentford, heading in a centre from Girling.

Fulham then put on pressure and regained the lead through Thomas after 34 minutes. Two minutes later Jinks put them further ahead when he headed in a McDonald centre.

Half-time: Fulham 3 Brentford 1.

The Brentford defence was soon under pressure after the interval and good work by Monk and Quinton cleared a dangerous situation. At the other end Poynton broke through but his pass to Hill was intercepted.

Result: Fulham 3, Brentford 1

Fulham were best, but Brentford played on gamely

FULHAM 3, BRENTFORD 1

In their friendly match with Fulham at Craven Cottage, Brentford forwards were led by Poynton, whose transfer from Queen's Park Rangers, in exchange for Nelson, was completed this morning.

For the first few minutes Brentford held their own with their first division opponents, but then Fulham began to exert pressure.

After Jeffries had saved smartly, a combined passing move by the Fulham attack led to Jezzard scoring with a low drive.

Bewley was marking Poynton very closely and the new Brentford centre forward was wandering out to the wings to elude attention.

In the 25th minute Brentford equalised.

Poynton dribbled through to the goal area, passed out to Girling, and the left winger's centre was headed into the net by COOTE.

A long shot from Manley 30 yards out was tipped over the bar by Gage; and then in the 34th minute Fulham went ahead for the second time.

McDonald sent over a centre from the left and THOMAS headed the ball in.

Two minutes later Fulham went further ahead.

This time Hinshelwood centred and JINKS put the ball past Jeffries.

Half-time: Fulham 3, Brentford 1.

Full-back Freeman ran up the right-wing and started a Fulham attack soon after the interval, but this was cleared by Monk, who was playing well for Brentford.

Fine work by Girling from the Brentford back led to a rousing attack by the visitors, during which Gage caused a moment of panic in the Fulham defence by failing to gather the ball.

Hinshelwood and McDonald changed wings in the Fulham side.

There was a tremendous scrum-mage in the Fulham goal-mouth when the referee gave an indirect free kick for obstruction.

Latimer finally ended the Brentford pressure by shooting wide. Brentford returned to the attack, but this attempt was spoiled by three forwards setting offside.

Feb. 18. 1950.

Fulham v Blackpool.

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MORTENSEN MAGIC MISSING

By Stan Halsey

Fulham 1, Blackpool 0

STANLEY MORTENSEN, England star and Blackpool centre forward against Fulham was the great disappointment of this very disappointing game. None of the old shrewd aptitude for running into the open spaces was shown in his play.

None of that valiant battling for the ball in critical moments when inside support failed. Reason was Mortensen had to have a shot of penicillin an hour before the match before he could play at all.

Blackpool were so reserve-ridden through injury, so many players had been lost to the team in recent Cup and League campaigns that Morty volunteered to play if the penicillin treatment worked.

Neither side really deserved the verdict, Bob Thomas, Fulham inside

right, won the game with a piece of personal opportunism after collecting a pass.

Farm, the very competent Blackpool goalkeeper, expecting a hard drive along the ground, was caught in two minds. He came out—and Bob lobbed the ball over his head into the net.

Hinshelwood, Fulham outside left, of whom much was expected, was moved to outside right—and still left much to be expected.

Centre forward Jinks was useful—but will never be high Jinks in my opinion.

The game was slowed by the amount of shoving and shirt-pulling with the occasional clumsy tackle which marred the game.

I feel that Johnston, Blackpool right half, emerged from a mediocre match as star of the game.



Well held! Farm, Blackpool goalkeeper, grabs this header by Jinks (right), Fulham centre-forward.

FULHAM DESERVED VICTORY



Farm, the Blackpool goalkeeper, was just in time to intercept a centre which was going straight to the head of Jinks, the Fulham centre-forward.

'This is mine!'



You could almost hear Farm, Blackpool's goalkeeper, saying, "This is mine!" as he snatched the ball almost from under the nose of Jinks, Fulham's centre-forward.

**My ball,
please**



Leaping for the ball in this Fulham-Blackpool game on Saturday were Fulham's Bob Thomas (No. 8) and Blackpool's Shimwell (No. 2). Goalkeeper Farm looks a little taken aback and Wright (No. 3) stands intently by. (Photo: A. W. James, 50 Crookham Road, S.W.6.)

FULHAM V BLACKPOOL

Jinks' move put Fulham out in front

FULHAM 1, BLACKPOOL 0

IT WAS a lovely day for cricket, and these two teams should have watched to it, for though this CRICKET ground was the scene of a game by the name of Soccer, it was a precious little football about it.

The players kicked the ball hard and belted after it lustily, but though Stevens and Hinchelwood went close for Fulham, and Shimwell nearly blotted the cross-bar with a header, the pre-skill, it was half an hour before the first corner fell to Blackpool.

I was glad when the whistle went for half-time after the dulllest first half I've seen anywhere this season.

The mine awoke to semi-life in the second half, though, as far as Fulham were concerned, from a Brazilian burst which showed the forwards what was needed. The Londoners put the ball up towards the Cottage roof most of the time. And then, midway through the second half, a flash of good football, and someone's dividend.

Jinks, who had to stagger manfully all through to make good stuff, put a perfect pass down the middle to B. Thomas, who ran it on and lobbed it coolly past the advancing Farm.

Fulham in the lead seemed to have learnt the lesson that previous matches had taught. The decision of the game and the command of the game and the game was a first Division side. In fact from this point on the game became watchful.

Blackpool, with five reserves, faded away, and Mortensen was in a pocket all the way through. Fulham, however, showed their could win, proceed with their advantage, and the last 30 minutes of this game almost made the rest of the affair worth while.

* MAN OF THE MATCH: Jimmy Jinks, laid the "Jinx" which has dogged him so long and, by forgetting football backed or by forgetting the game, he took the honours in the Fulham record book.

RALPH L. FINN.

Fulham. V Stoke City
DRAW. 2 — 2

Feb 25. 1950



High-flying Fulham forward shut his eyes and trusted to luck to get this ball into the Stoke net at Craven

Cottage. But goalkeeper Wilkinson was quicker on the uptake, and punched away before things got dangerous!

Fulham
Draw 2

Stoke city
2

FULHAM SAVED BY THOMAS

FULHAM rallied splendidly in the second half of their match with Stoke City at Craven Cottage, Thomas levelling the scores with two grand goals. Fulham soon had the Stoke defence in action, Hinselwood forcing a corner in the second minute following an attack on the left. Fulham followed up this raid and earned another corner on the right, but this time Jezzard shot wide.

At the other end George Mountford almost beat Flack with a header, the Fulham goalkeeper fumbling his catch. After 15 minutes Mountford scored for Stoke.

Taking the ball out to the left Mountford dribbled round Freeman and after drawing out Flack lobbed the ball neatly over the goalkeeper's head.

Half-time: Fulham 0, Stoke 1
Jezzard nearly equalised half a minute after the resumption. He sent in a shot from 30 yards that had Wilkinson beaten all the way, but the ball hit the angle of the post and crossbar and rebounded into play.

After 51 minutes Bowyer scored a second for Stoke after Malkin had worked the home defenders out of position with a run down on the right.

Thomas scored for Fulham after 60 minutes. Jinks worked his way down the middle and Thomas, anticipating the move, closed up to receive a gift pass.

Fulham, now using first-time tactics, began to look more dangerous, and for a time the Stoke defence was hard pressed.

Fulham equalised after 80 minutes when Thomas banged in the ball after Jezzard and Stevens had made a grand opening.

Result: Fulham 2, Stoke 2.

Bob Thomas closes the Fulham gap

FULHAM 2, STOKE 2

Defences were soon in action at Craven Cottage where Fulham entertained Stoke.

Bowyer swam the ball to Osocroft, but G. Mountford stabbed the centre past the post, then Bob Thomas sent Hinselwood away, but Jezzard handled his centre before shooting.

Another Fulham attack and then a corner to Stoke, but this one went behind, and in the next minute a narrow escape for Fulham, when Malkin centred and Mountford shot so quickly that Flack fumbled Baczuzi on the line, scrambled the ball away as Stoke appealed for hands.

Stoke went ahead when Osocroft beat both Freeman and Pavitt with a body swerve and passed to the unmarked G. MOUNTFORD, who had little difficulty in beating Flack.

Bob Thomas, working hard to get the Fulham line into action, raced away only to shoot badly.

The Fulham attack was coming up against Franklin at his best and Jinks was not getting a look in.

Fulham was not crowding on the pressure, but the Stoke defence was never in real trouble.

Half-time: Fulham 0, Stoke 1.

Fulham were unlucky in the opening seconds after the resumption when Jezzard hit a great shot from 25 yards out that banged against the upright and came back into play.

After all Fulham's attacking it was disheartening to see the simplicity with which BOWYER got Stoke's second. A loose ball, a left foot kick, a goal.

Fulham came back and BOB THOMAS, from Beazley's perfect pass, had reduced the gap by one, and very nearly equality when Thomas dropped a centre on the top of the net.

BOB THOMAS equalised.

own on the...
ack, who made the shot, had
"It would not have gone in,
Jimmy."

Bowie mentioned the matter to Baczuzi, who rather testily inquired, if not in these exact words, "Why the dickens didn't somebody tell me?"

Mr. A. E. Ellis, the referee, volunteered the opinion that the ball was swinging away. Mr. Bill Dodgin, the Fulham manager, was not too certain.

'It was going in'

The other view was that of Archie Macaulay, the Fulham forward in reserve, who was sitting in the trainers' box near the touchline.

"I reckon it would have been a goal, and I should have done what Joe did," he said quietly. And as the incident receded into history some of them were inclined to hedge from assertion to qualified opinion.

From my seat, allowing for angles and a large bobbing tribby hat, I would have laid ten times the odds the ball was going into the net than I would against Stanley Matthews winning his first Cup medal.

"Now goals are facts," said little Jimmy, changing the subject. In that connection I think Blackpool were just that one better. There was, of course, no shadow of doubt that the penalty was a correct decision.

Costly free-kick

Goals also count. It was because Brennan and Bowie did not score when they should have done, allowing everything for the skidding ball, that Fulham lost.

Nor were they wise. I think, to bring their entire left flank into the scheme for stopping Matthews, whose subtle free-kick, one of seven given for illegal tackles on him, led to the goal.

"He is a marvel. Nobody can stop him," said Dodgin to unanimous murmurs of assent from his players gathered round. I second that.

MAR. 4. 1950

FULHAM MISS A GIFT BUT SHARE THE POINTS

Fright for Burnley

Fulham did very much better than was expected in forcing a draw at Burnley and although they had many narrow escapes in the first half they would have won but for an amazing miss by Jezard in the second half.

Fulham weathered the storm in the early stages of the game. Kelly, reappearing after an injury to his toe, was in great form and made some brilliant saves. But he was beaten three times, only for Bacuzzi to kick off the goal line on each occasion.

Campbell deputised at centre-forward, for Jinks, transferred over the week-end to Luton. The Irishman combined well and forced Strong to save from point-blank range on two occasions.

Fulham came more into the picture after the interval and Stevens and Thomas, the right-wing pair, often harassed the Burnley defence. Stevens, in particular, was a constant danger, getting in some strong drives and causing Strong many anxious moments.

The miss of the match fell to Jezard. With an empty net before him from six yards out he balanced the ball over the bar. Fulham nullified a lot of their good approach work by their close passing play.

A draw was a fitting result, for Burnley deteriorated after promising much early on.

To-morrow Fulham are at home to Birmingham, bottom of the table with only 18 points and struggling hard to avoid relegation. Birmingham have not yet won an away game, and have only

drawn three on foreign soil. Last week they secured two points at home against Huddersfield and will be all out to get at least one point at Craven-Cottage.

Fulham should win, but their forward line, a little disorganised by changes and injuries, must not continue to miss opportunities. Whether Campbell plays at centre-forward depends on whether Rowley recovers in time from his foot injury. I think Fulham will win, but only by a small margin. J.W.P.

*Fulham
away to
Burnley
draw. 0-0*

JEZZARD LOST ONLY CHANCE

Fulham were again too hesitant

Burnley 0, Fulham 0.

Jezard, Fulham's inside-left, missed a glorious opportunity at Burnley on Saturday when with the score standing at 0-0 half way through the second half he blazed sky-high over the bar from only six yards out with an absolutely open goal.

It was the miss of the match and the nearest either team ever got to scoring.

Fulham had some narrow escapes at the start but after they had weathered this early bombardment they settled down to good if rather defensive football.

Bacuzzi kicked off the line with Kelly beaten on three exciting occasions. First Spencer, then Potts and then Shannon slammed in shots that looked like certain goals, and would have been but for the sound anticipation of Bacuzzi.

Later Kelly showed his mettle and performed a number of brilliant saves.

Fulham wasted many fine chances when, after neat approach work, close passing and hesitancy in front of goal only served to confuse the attackers instead of the attacked.

They came more into the game in the second half, however, and Stevens and Thomas, the Fulham right-wing pair, harassed the Burnley defence. On two or three occasions Stevens delivered some strong drives which took Strong all his craft to save.

This goal-less draw was Burnley's fifth at home this season.

JINKS TRANSFERRED.

During the week Luton Town F.C. paid a substantial fee to Fulham for the transfer of James Jinks, their centre forward, who had been deputising for Rowley in the past few matches.

Jinks formerly played for Millwall. His first game for his new club was against Bury at Luton on Saturday.

KELLY SAVED FULHAM



Flash like a close-range header from George Mountford over the bar in the match against Stoke. Freeman and Bacuzzi look anxiously on.

KELLY RETURNS AND WINS CAP

Hugh Kelly, the Fulham goalkeeper, who has been out of the first team for several weeks owing to a fractured toe, has been chosen to play for Ireland against Wales at Wrexham on Wednesday.

It is Kelly's second Ireland cap. He is one of six retained by Ireland out of the side beaten 9-2 by England.

Mar 11, 1950.
 Fulham v Birmingham City
 Draw. 0 - 0



Merrick, Birmingham goalkeeper, saves from Fulham forward, Johnny Campbell, in the match at Fulham this afternoon.

Fulham had chances

FULHAM 0, BIRMINGHAM 0

WHAT a delightful afternoon it was at Craven Cottage, beside the River Thames! The sun shone, a gentle breeze blew, and, if one wanted something to watch, 22 men were aimlessly kicking a ball about. True, there was a little purpose or point in their aimable game, but it was there to see. Certainly one would never have day-dreamed that one of the teams—Birmingham City—were fighting relegation.

Perhaps Fulham felt charitable towards their point-poor guests. Perhaps the light ball and breeze were too much for their First Division footballers. Anyhow, it was a pleasant afternoon—but not for watching this brand of soccer.

Both teams can obviously play much better. Birmingham showed their possibilities in the first ten minutes, producing excellent combined play at top speed. Inside-right Dorman initiated most of the attacks, with strong support from wing halves Boyd and Ferrin. But neither Birmingham nor Fulham had one forward with a shot in either boot.

Chances there were in plenty. But it was left to Fulham left-back Bacuzzi to provide the shot of the game, a 30-yards slam that Merrick just tipped over the bar.

Fulham's defence got themselves into some remarkable tangles in the second half, but somehow managed to scramble the ball away each time.

BOB MORLEY.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

By CLIFF BASTIN

"To hell with football, let's all get stuck in!"

That seemed to be the order of the day at Craven Cottage where Fulham and Birmingham played a goalless draw. No, this was not a good match. It had its thrills but they were not the result of good football.

If Birmingham are to escape relegation—and there doesn't seem much hope of their doing so now—they must adopt cooler tactics than the desperate football they played yesterday.

For twenty minutes they looked as if they might win. They played fast, and sometimes quite clever football, and had a not very sound Fulham defence worried.

But even during this spell one could sense their over-eagerness.

If Birmingham had scored during this aggressive spell I think they would have won. But they didn't and Fulham, the surprisingly playing the same type of football, came more into the picture.

The game got progressively worse. The second-half was just a desperate do-or-die affair littered with hard knocks and free kicks. Fulham were now the more dangerous mainly by individual bursts with Bob Thomas the best forward.

All round a draw was a just result. That there were no goals was also just—neither side really deserved one.



MERRICK, Birmingham goalkeeper, saves from Fulham centre-forward Johnny Campbell, in the game at Craven Cottage this afternoon.

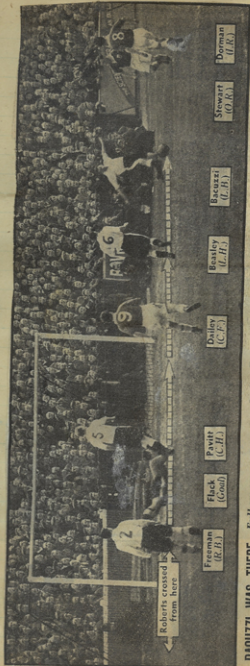
WATCHING the mid-week match between Queen's Park Rangers and Brentford was Eugene ("Taffy") O'Callaghan, once of Wales, the Spurs, and Fulham, and now member of the Fulham coaching staff. With him was his son David, being 18 and soon to go into the Services.

On Monday young O'Callaghan will join the Fulham ground staff, and remain there until he is called up. He is an outside-left, he tells me; his father was a first class inside-right of the type every club is searching the country for now. "What do they call you at home?" I asked David. "Taffy," he replied, and, with a smile at his father, he added, "I call him Taffy, too."

JOURNEY'S End . . . Jimmy Jones, former Belfast Celtic centre-forward, signed for Fulham last night. Frank Osborne, Fulham's manager, pulled off the deal against fierce competition from Aston Villa and Manchester United.

Jimmy had joined Larne, the Irish intermediate club, only a week yesterday.

When a section of the crowd invaded the pitch at Windsor Park, Belfast, on Boxing Day, 1945, Jones had a leg broken. He was awarded £4,000 damages against the Belfast Corporation for malicious injuries.



Freeman
(R.B.)

Flack
(Goal)

Pavitt
(C.H.)

Dailly
(C.F.)

Beasley
(L.H.)

Bacuzzi
(L.B.)

Stewart
(O.R.)

Dorman
(I.R.)

**BACUZZI WAS THERE
TO SAVE THE GOAL**

Fulham supporters gasped when Roberts, Birmingham left-winger, sent this pass across the goal-mouth. Freeman, Flack, Pavitt and Beasley all missed the winger's fast pass, which looked like

giving Stewart or Dorman a scoring chance. Lucky for Fulham that Joe Bacuzzi was in position to nip in smartly and hook the ball out safely towards the touchline.



Merrick, the Birmingham goalkeeper, was missing from the picture when Fulham right-winger Stevens sent over this dropping centre, which should have given a goal. Campbell was on the right spot, but misjudged his header, which went wide.

Fulham
✓
Birmingham

More than eyes can bear

Tightly shutting their eyes and screwing their faces with the effort, three players leap simultaneously for the ball. Opposing the Birmingham player are Fulham's right-half, Quested, and right-back, Freeman.



Derby County ✓ Fulham
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Mar. 18, 1950

FULHAM'S POOR FINISHING GAVE DERBY THE POINTS

DERBY 2, FULHAM 1

I CANNOT remember seeing a team so completely revitalised as Derby were yesterday after playing such poor football for more than half the game. In the first half they were too bad to be true, and it was mainly through Fulham's poor finishing that Derby were behind by an only goal at the interval.

It was the same in the early stages of the second half before

Pavitt used his arms to bring down an innocuous looking centre from the right.

Jackie Stamp took the free kick from the edge of the penalty area and scored.

The transformation brought about by this goal was as amazing as it was complete. From a demoralised and downcast team, Derby became a bustling and purposeful combination, and during a series of menacing attacks, Ward put the home side in front.

The tonic effect of Stamp's goal was particularly felt by young John Poppitt, normally a reserve full-back, who was making his first appearance on the right wing.

Up to that point he could do nothing right, and his energy and determination had only led to admonishment from the referee. From the time of the equaliser, however, Poppitt appeared to have regained his confidence.

Derby, with so many forwards on the injured list, had to field a makeshift line, which probably accounted for their earlier deficiencies.

In the first half they made the mistake of keeping the ball in the air when faced by a strong wind. The Fulham attackers, in particular Johnny Campbell and Sid Thomas, were given plenty of opportunities to sparkle.

The little right-winger repeatedly had Parr bewildered.

MAURICE WOODBINE.

Fulham v Arsenal
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April 25 1950



Not only Bacuzzi's heart, but the rest of his body too, was in the goalmouth while a shot from McPherson, of Arsenal, is held by Fulham's goalkeeper, Flack. Also in picture are Lishman (Arsenal) and Pavitt.
(Photo: Mr. A. W. James, 50 Crookham Road, S.W.6.)

Cox again crowns Arsenal fight

By C. A. HUGHES

WEAKENED by Cup injuries and with men who had battled out an extra-time semi-final, Arsenal still had enough fighting spirit to overcome a two-goal deficit at Craven Cottage and wrest a point from Fulham.

The manner in which Fulham overran London's finalists in the first half was surprising, for they, too, are not yet at full strength. Their speed off the mark split the famed Arsenal defence and it was refreshing to see this new Fulham attack so virulent.

Johnny Campbell, their Irish importation from Belfast Celtic, had a few tricks to offset Compton's tactics and speed in turning was one of them. He can shoot, too, although his first goal for his new club was a fairly easy effort in the third minute from a corner kick.

Stevens got the second goal after 21 minutes, and he might not have won this honour had not the Arsenal defenders stood still waiting for an offside whistle.

In the second half we saw the fighting Arsenal with a rearranged attack. Roper deserted the centre for the outside-right position, McPherson changed wings, and Cox went into the centre.

The Fulham defenders hesitated when Logie got a forward pass, and the little Scot had the easiest of chances. Both Freeman and Bacuzzi cleared under the bar, with Flack out, before Cox got the equaliser, a powerful shot following a magnificent save from a Roper drive.

Gunners handed out another 'Chelsea' lesson—to Fulham

Fulham
Arsenal

FULHAM 2, ARSENAL 2

FULHAM have now learned the bitter lesson Arsenal taught Chelsea in the Cup semi-final—no team can count on a two-goal advantage being sufficient against these mighty fighters from North London who never recognise defeat. Fulham held this lead after 21 minutes in which they produced

their finest football of the season, rocking the Arsenal defence time and again with precise square-passing moves carried out at top speed.

Then they fell back on defensive tactics and Arsenal, who had moved Freddy Cox to centre-forward with McPherson on the right wing and Don Roper on the left, took over the game with the dash of Cox knocking the stopper out of the Fulham defensive bottleneck. But there was a lesson in this match for Arsenal, too. For loose marking led to both Fulham goals.

First, Arthur Stevens placed a corner kick perfectly to Johnny Campbell, who had plenty of time and space to steady the ball and bang it home from five yards (5 minutes) for his first League goal.

Then Campbell swerved round Leslie Compton and passed to Stevens who scored easily, Arsenal vainly appealing for outside (21 minutes).

First Arsenal goal (64 minutes) was also a simple one. Jim Logie tapped the ball in from close range following Joe Mercer's clever cunning lob.

Eleven minutes later Arsenal equalised when Cox rushed in to crack the ball into the net after Doug Flack had made the save of the day from Mercer.

There was little wrong with Fulham apart from their second-half tactics. Johnny Campbell played cleverly at centre-forward and harassed Compton into an unusual number of mistakes.

But why must the crowd boo Leslie so unnecessarily?

I preferred the right-wing of Arthur Stevens and Bob Thomas to Fulham's left, where Walter Hinchelwood, even after beating Laurie Scott, could not get his passes across accurately.

Bill Pavitt and Len Quested played heroically in the home half-back line, Arsenal's attack, until the shuffle, was a thing of shreds and patches.

* **MAN OF THE MATCH:** Fulham's centre-half Bill Pavitt, who signed professional forms in 1946 when he came out of the R.A.F. A great club man, Bill can play anywhere in defence, and always wholeheartedly.

BOB MORLEY.

IT WAS A GOAL



The clash between Fulham and Arsenal drew 40,000 to Craven Cottage and it was undoubtedly the match of the season. Four goals were shared and our picture shows an incident leading up to Fulham's second goal. Stevens and Scott (Arsenal back) go up for the ball like ballet dancers. Stevens won the duel and scored. For full report see "Fulham Sports Chronicle," page eight.

April 1 1950

Bolton Wanderers v Fulham

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Fulham defence came back, nearly made a getaway

BOLTON 2, FULHAM 1

WHEN Bolton scored twice in the first seven minutes there seemed every reason to anticipate a runaway victory.

But injuries to centre-forward Lofthouse and Langton, back at outside-left after his Inter-League match injury, robbed the home attack of much of its speed and thrust.

And Fulham's defence tightened up so well that Wanderers failed to score again, though Lofthouse should have got No. 3 when he beat the Fulham back and in trying to dribble round Kelly, the goalkeeper, he lost the ball completely.

Seven minutes after the restart Jezard took advantage of slack defensive play to score a goal which put inspiration into the Craven Cottage men.

They attacked with such spirit that the Bolton defence became so shaky that an equalling goal appeared imminent.

Only the skill and dourness of Gillies at centre-half (being watched by two representatives of the Scottish F.A.) and Banks, a well-born back, with Barras and no repeatedly falling back, saved the day.

And, Bolton's right-back and

captain, played well under difficulties. Two hours before the start he developed a temperature and was rushed off to the club doctor.

He had to face a lively wing pair in Jezard and Hinchelwood, who blazed over the bar on one occasion when a centre by Stevens had given him a great chance.

Favitt and Bacuzzi shared the hour with Kelly in an uncomplaining defence.

*** MAN OF THE MATCH:** Hugh Kelly, Irish international goalkeeper, brought off several spectacular one-handed saves, particularly from Moir and Hernon. A grand lad!

Fulham were two down in 7 minutes

BOLTON 2, FULHAM 1

ABOUT 25,000 spectators saw Bolton Wanderers take the lead against Fulham within five minutes. Hernon headed down the middle for LOFTHOUSE to send the ball past Kelly.

Two minutes later brilliant forward play following a centre by Langton, ended in Lofthouse giving a lovely pass to MOIR who shot a second goal.

Langton and Hernon gave Fulham great trouble and Kelly was just in time to grasp the ball in a goalmouth scramble.

Fulham's inside forwards worked smartly together, but they did not finish too well and Hanson had no difficulty in dealing with high shots from Stevens and Thomas.

Bacuzzi handled a foot outside the penalty area, and though the kick was without result, only wonderful anticipation by Kelly prevented a header from Moir going under the bar. The same player crashed in a 30 yards shot which went barely a foot wide as Kelly made a desperate dive across goal.

So cleanly did the Bolton half-backs tackle that Fulham forwards found it difficult to get to close range, though a corner had to be conceded to prevent Campbell breaking right through. Then Lofthouse got past everybody except Kelly who snapped the ball off his toes. Lofthouse and Langton both received injuries.

Half-time: Bolton 2, Fulham 0. Slack defensive play let in JEZZARD, who reduced the Fulham arrears with a well directed shot.

Banks almost kicked a centre from Stevens through his own goal. Kelly brought off a brilliant one-handed save from Hernon.

Barras was only just in time to prevent Thomas shooting into an open goal. Freeman once ran through on his own, but sent the ball behind.

April 7. Good Friday 1950

Pompey 3
✓
Fulham 0

HE'S SEEN KELLY



THE forward goes back. Ike Clarke, Portsmouth centre forward, has a lean look as Fulham goalkeeper Hugh Kelly catches the ball and swerves away from him.

POMPEY'S FANS DID NOT EVEN GET TIME TO CHIME

By JAMES STAGG

PUNCH-PACKED Portsmouth played like the champions they are to beat a fighting Fulham 3-0 yesterday at Fratton Park. And if any of the England selectors had been watching Peter Harris, Portsmouth's right winger, they would have wept bitter tears for leaving him out of England's Hampden team.

Playing the game of his life, Harris twice beat the whole of the Fulham defence to score ice-cool goals himself and again to give left winger Jack Froggatt a perfect centre for him to head the third.

Only once did the famous Pompey chimes roar across the field from supporters, for the rest they were left breathless with excitement.

Portsmouth set the pace sending in rapier attacks to the Fulham goal.

But gradually the London team settled, and in turn lunged at the Portsmouth goal, and—a sample of their fighting spirit—immediately after Harris had put his team ahead Butler was forced to make two magnificent saves in quick succession from Jezard and Stevens.

And Fulham took up the running after the interval, pressing the Portsmouth defence hard, only for Harris to score his second goal from a breakaway.

Undismayed Fulham hit back, and just as stolidly, the Portsmouth defence, with the Jimmies, Dickinson and Scouler outstanding, stood up to the hammering.

April 8, 1950

Fulham v Sunderland
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FULHAM LACKED FINISH

FULHAM should have established a winning lead in the opening half-hour against Sunderland at Craven Cottage, but their forwards could not finish.

From the kick-off McDonald, the Fulham outside-left, broke through and shot inches over the bar. Then Hinshelwood and Campbell worked through the Sunderland defence and only smart work by goalkeeper Mapson cleared the danger.

Rowley, at centre-forward, started a promising move but his pass to McDonald went astray. After 10 minutes McDonald put the ball into the Sunderland net but the whistle had already gone for offside.

A free-kick for Sunderland on the edge of the goal area and a corner on the left kept the Fulham defence busy for a spell, but when they broke away Rowley missed two chances in as many minutes.

First he hesitated and passed to Thomas instead of shooting and then he had a shot turned aside by Mapson when unmarked close in.

After 32 minutes and against the run of play Reynolds opened the score for Sunderland, tapping the ball in from a corner by Duns.

Half-time: Fulham 0, Sunderland 1.

Fulham went close immediately after the interval. Thomas moved out to the left wing and beat Watson and Sterling before sending the ball across the goal.

McDonald, who had moved into the middle, got his head to the ball, but Mapson just scrambled it clear.

Fulham were all out for an equaliser and when a corner rebounded Pavitt moved up and sent in an accurate shot from 40 yards.

Good work by Thomas and McDonald led to another corner for Fulham and when the Sunderland defence cleared Bacuzzi moved up to take a hand in the attack.

With only seven minutes to go Duns scored a second for Sunderland.

Wright scored the third for Sunderland after 86 minutes.

Result: Fulham 0, Sunderland 3



Where's that ball? Each of the three players—from Fulham and Sunderland—had his own idea on the subject after they had all gone up to it at Craven Cottage.

Full April 10. Easter Monday
Fulham v Portsmouth
0 - 1

IKE CLARKE MATCH-WINNER

Fulham forward switch nearly came off

A GOAL scored by centre-forward Ike Clarke 14 minutes from the start was enough to give Portsmouth both points at Fulham, and that solitary scoring effort just about represented the difference between the sides.

Full-back Ferrier missed from the penalty spot for Pompey in the fifth minute after Fulham's Freeman had taken on the goalkeeping role (unofficially) and fisted a ball over the bar, so that Clarke's effort was doubly welcome (writes Clifford Webb).

It came from one of the best moves of the match—long, low passing between Clarke and left-winger Froggatt, with the final shot never rising three inches above the soaked turf and zooming just inside the far post.

In all the circumstances—howling wind, driving rain and a treacherous surface—the football served up was extraordinarily good, and even though Fulham have had a pointless holiday, yesterday's performance is encouraging for the future.

Always prominent

Some smart forward moves, mainly initiated by Campbell and Rowley, pulled the best out of the very capable Portsmouth defence, and Butler was a shade lucky in being able to beat out point-blank drives by Rowley and outside-left McDonald just before the interval.

For the greater portion of the second half Portsmouth, forced to concentrate on defence, had every reason to appreciate the versatility and fighting qualities of wing half-backs Scouler and Dickinson.

Right on time Rowley almost saved a point with a fierce and surprising hook-shot from a narrow angle which Butler just managed to grab on the line.



Harry Freeman, Fulham right back, punches the ball over his own bar in a Portsmouth attack at Craven Cottage. Ferrier missed the penalty, but Portsmouth won 1-0.



Goalmouth melee at Craven Cottage, in which centre-forward Spence, sandwiched between two Fulham players, scores for Portsmouth.

Fulham are tricked by clever trio

The strong Portsmouth contingent at Fulham soon had something to shout about, as Portsmouth, with wind and rain behind them, attacked on the left. But Freeman cleared, and Spence very nearly put, through his own goal in a hurried back pass to Butler.

The sun suddenly came out and Fulham went into the attack with Taylor moving up dangerously on the left.

Portsmouth's next attack meant a penalty, for Freeman fisted over the bar when Pavitt misheaded. But Ferrier's spot kick was well wide.

But Portsmouth were in front in 12 minutes, when Pickett, Froggatt and Clarke mesmerised the Fulham defence and CLARKE took Froggatt's final pass to beat Flack.

Pickett, Clarke and Froggatt repeated their defence-splitting move, but this time Froggatt, left with the final shot, put well wide. It was still all Portsmouth.

Half-time: Fulham 0, Portsmouth 1.

Fulham made no bones about their intentions in the opening minutes of the second half, when both Campbell and Rowley shot as soon as they were within range.

Thomas took a good pass from Quesada, but slipped when well placed.

Scrap attacks by Portsmouth were broken up by Quesada and Taylor, and Fulham swarmed back to the attack, with Hinshelwood twice trying shots from far out.

Surprise shot by Dickinson nearly caught Flack napping and he had to leap very smartly across the goal to save.

Camera trick



FLACK, the Fulham goalkeeper, rushes out two-fisted, and it looks just too bad for Pavitt, his centre-half. But it's just another camera trick. Pavitt did not get a thick ear, and the pained expression is caused by his mighty effort to get to the ball. Well out of trouble on the left is Clarke, Portsmouth centre-forward.

April 15, 1950

Liverpool v Fulham
1 - 1

FLASH OF FORM BUT THEN THEY FADED AWAY

By BOB MacNAB

LIVERPOOL dropped another League point against Fulham at Anfield because they lost their punch midway through the second half.

Fulham were more impressive in the first half—and they hit the target after three minutes with a great goal by Stevens following good work by Quesada and Rowley.

Fulham were the better team right to the interval—sound in defence, and fast in attack.

Liverpool turned on the heat in the second half and Fagan scored in the fiftieth minute after Kelly had been lured out of goal.

But, as suddenly as they had revived, Liverpool faded right out of the game. And in the end a 1-1 draw was just a shade unfair to Fulham.

April 22, 1950

Fulham v V. Bromwich
0 - 1

Fulham met trouble all the way

FULHAM 0-W. BROMWICH 1

MISFORTUNES fell heavily on Fulham. In the last five minutes of the first half they had only nine players, Thomas going off with a leg injury and Quesada with a cut over his right eye.

But the nine men tore into the game and were close to scoring on three occasions in that five minutes.

Vernon was the villain of the piece. On several occasions he stood alone between his own goal and Fulham's determined attack.

Further ill-luck befell Fulham a quarter of an hour after time, for Bacuzzi pulled a thigh muscle and had to play at outside left.

That was not the end of their trouble, for with 20 minutes left a misunderstanding between Thomas, who had taken Bacuzzi's place at left-back, and Flack, the home goalkeeper, who each left the ball to the other, enabled Allen to tap the ball into an empty goal.

CORINTHIAN

Fulham 7 W. Bromwich 1

A TRAGEDY FOR FULHAM

Mistake by Thomas
in Front of Goal

"Evening News" Reporter

FULHAM'S Stevens tricked Millard in the opening stages, but his short centre was missed by Thomas, and Vernon cleared.

Allen beat Bacuzzi and sent in a shot which Taylor headed out. Then Fulham attacked, and Stevens took the ball across the field. His final pass was weak, but Taylor retrieved, and McDonald's centre from the outside-right position was cleared.

Both defences were inclined to make errors, but the forwards were unable to profit by them. Stevens beat Millard and transferred to Rowley, but Sanders ran out and deflected his shot for a corner. Thomas, with an overhead kick, almost converted the flag kick, but with Sanders out of his goal Vernon cleared.

Taylor made a long run and shot over, then, at the other end, Fulham defenders twice kicked off the line with Flack out of his goal.

Following a spell of mid-field play Quessed sent in a shot which Sanders punched out, and when Rowley put a short pass into the goal-mouth Kennedy robbed Jezzard just in time.

The referee was booed when Vernon appeared take the ball off Rowley's head with his hands, and play was not stopped. Jezzard's shot hit Vernon's head, landed near the goal, and Sanders had difficulty in pushing it over for a corner.

A few minutes before the interval Thomas left the field with a knee injury, then Quessed went off with a cut head after a collision with Gordon, but with only nine men Fulham almost scored through Jezzard.

Half-time: Fulham 0 West Brom 0 Quessed, with his forehead plastered and Thomas limping at outside-right, both resumed in the second half.

Fulham's Stevens was brought down and the referee gave a free kick a foot outside the line. It was easily cleared. Flack made two good saves before Rowley put in a fierce cross-drive which went past the post. Sanders took the ball off Rowley's head from a centre by Stevens.

Thomas, now back at inside-right headed just over from Rowley's pass. After two raids by Gordon, Stevens ran through to bring Sanders to his knees with a fierce ground shot. Bacuzzi had to go off with muscle trouble and came back to outside-left with Thomas at left-back.

After 61 minutes ALLEN scored for West Bromwich. Thomas headed with the ball a few yards from goal, lost it to Gordon and Allen dashed up to beat Flack.

RESULT: Fulham 0 West Brom 1.

Fulham still out of luck



Flack was often in action and our picture shows him dashing out to clear after Walsh, the Irish International, has narrowly missed scoring with his head. Photo: Angel, 28, Castletown Road.

There was no end-of-the-season flavour about the meeting of Fulham and West Bromwich Albion. The hard knocks that were exchanged between two sides free from relegation worries resulted in the field looking at times like a casualty dressing station. Fulham lost 1-0 and thus completed their eleventh games without a victory.

Fulham would not have lost the match but for a tragic mistake by Bob Thomas, playing left-back, when Bacuzzi was hurt. It looked as though Thomas intended to dribble the ball into the hands of Flack for the goalkeeper to clear, but all he succeeded in doing was to tap the ball to Allen, the Albion outside-left who slapped it into the net with an almost audible "Thank you." It was an amazing "gift."

Fulham could not be seriously judged on the result of this game as they were a crippled side for a large part of the game. They had the worst of the hard knocks, and at one time had only nine men on the field.

Poor finishing and bad marksmanship

They had the better attack but once again spoilt their raids by poor finishing and bad marksmanship. Rowley led the line well in the first half and caused Vernon, the Irish International, a good deal of trouble. The Fulham line lost much of its effectiveness when Rowley was switched to inside-left and Stevens to centre-forward.

But Stevens was again the one forward with that touch of imagination that stamps the match-winner. He made many openings but glittering chances were missed in the goalmouth.

Outstanding at right-half was Quessed, who played with a cut head after a collision but was always on top of his form. The defence could not be blamed for the defeat. The real explanation is that the forwards have lost the

April 29, 1950

Manchester United 3

Fulham

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FULHAM ON DEFENSIVE

Forwards Well Held at Manchester

"Evening News" Reporter

BOTH goals had narrow escapes in the opening minutes when first Mitten shot over from a good position, and then McDonald failed to connect with a centre from Arthur Rowley. Then brother Jack and Delaney figured in a right-wing movement, which led to half-back COCKBURN opening the scoring after six minutes.

Downie had met the centre and hit his shot against an upright, and the diminutive Cockburn shot past the unsighted Kelly to record his first goal of the season.

Stevens missed a grand chance of putting his side on terms when he shot just wide after a magnificent downfield run in which he combined effectively with Rowley.

Play switched with bewildering speed despite the state of the ground, and United almost went further ahead a few minutes later when Pearson's header was just off target.

Half-time: Man. U. 1. Fulham 0.

After 47 minutes Manchester United went further ahead through ROWLEY. The centre-forward shot from 25 yards, but Kelly stood transfix and appeared to think the ball would go over the bar. It was a superb goal and a chance well taken.

Shortly after Cockburn was injured in a collision with Rowley and taken from the field, his head bleeding profusely.

Cockburn resumed with his forehead stitched and covered in a large plaster to play at outside-left.

The pace of the game was now beginning to tell, for conditions underfoot were very heavy, but United went further ahead after 77 minutes, when ROWLEY shot through a scrimmage in the Fulham goalmouth, Kelly appearing to be hampered by one of his rear-guard colleagues.

RESULT: Man. U. 3. Fulham 0.

Stevens was lone Fulham hope

MANCHESTER U. 3. FULHAM 0

FOOTBALL went out gloriously at Old Trafford, where United demonstrated their ability to play football in mud and water, and made the ball do the work.

Fulham's defence, steady in the first half, began to totter, and it only became a matter of how many goals United would score.

Fulham were slow and cumbersome, and of their forwards only Stevens, at outside-right, was dangerous.

His lone and venturesome raids relieved the pressure, but even he became affected by the depression that descended on the side.

From being one ahead after six minutes, United hardly ever let up, and finished in sprightly style.

This was the goal tally. Six minutes—Downie's express shot hit post, and Cockburn scored from the rebound.

Forty-seven minutes—Rowley slammed in a 25 yards drive and goalkeeper Kelly hadn't time to move before the ball flashed past him.

Seventy-seven minutes—Delaney danced along the goal-line and centred for Rowley to hit number three after Kelly had half-parried Downie's shot.

Fulham had a few chances, but Arthur Rowley and his inside men had a bad game, and only Quesada seemed to have attacking ideas, though Taylor performed gallantly at centre-half.

Cockburn was brilliant, Downie kept up a steady stream of passes to the wings, and McNulty at full back defended stoutly.

England international full-back Aston played at right-half after two years, and was always to the front of the fray.

* MAN OF THE MATCH: Little Henry Cockburn, United's Jack-in-the-box left-half. He popped up in all manner of unexpected places, continually foiled the Fulham forwards, and then delivered the goods with some perfect passes.

May 6. 1950

Fulham v Middlesbrough
1 - 2

NO happy ending for FULHAM.

And no happy memories of their match against Middlesbrough to reflect on during summer. The Craven Cottage boys finished with a run of 12 games without a win—and the cure is still as plain as at the season's start: an inside-forward, to scheme the openings. A bit harsh to criticise them on yesterday's showing, for an injury to Joe Bacuzzi caused a big reshuffle leaving Bob Thomas in his place. Still, Fulham had ample chances to improve on their lone goal—a Stevens spot-kick.

THIRTEEN GAMES WITHOUT A VICTORY

Fulham's poor season

FULHAM completed a disappointing season by losing their last game at the Cottage by 2-1, and Middlesbrough, their conquerors, fully deserved their success.

Fulham's laboured and massive attack looked clumsy compared with the streamlined Middlesbrough forwards and never was their need of a clever inside forward more in evidence. Middlesbrough won because they had in Mannion a forward who knew when to hold the ball and when to part with it and he gave a display that was hall-marked by the stamp of international class.

Fulham's only goal was scored by Stevens from a penalty for hands, and Middlesbrough may well claim they were harshly punished for what seemed an unintentional infringement. Fulham led 1-0 at the interval but their hopes of ending a run of 13 games without a victory were dashed.

After the interval Middlesbrough took the initiative and Fulham faded badly. An injury to Bacuzzi did not improve matters and Bob Thomas, who took his place at left back, was not impressive. It was due to a mistake by Thomas that Middlesbrough got their winning goal. He hesitated with a clearance kick and McCrae went away with the ball to score.

Fulham's attack never functioned as a line, only Stevens looking dangerous. McDonald and Thomas had several gilt-edged chances to score but shot badly. Campbell showed bright flashes and provided several corners that should have yielded at least one goal, but he failed at three quarters.

Taylor played a great game at centre-half and Freeman was the best of the two backs. In goal Kelly showed great judgment in his interceptions and could not be blamed for either of the goals.

Their final record

It is hard to explain why Fulham have not won a game since February 18, as up to that time they were holding their own in the First Division with an average of a point a game. Their final record of 34 points from 42 games was much worse than expected and it looks as though the Easter games, all three of which were lost, had a demoralising effect.

Fulham have a strong side but badly lack a constructive forward. Unless such a forward is found before the start of next season Fulham may again have to struggle for points. The talent is there but much of it has been wasted by lack of a forward plan. There is little wrong in defence, and there is plenty of reserve talent to take the place of one or two veterans when they lay their boots aside.

If Fulham capture a forging forward then I expect them to do much better things next season. The club have retained all but four of their playing staff. The four exceptions are Cliff Thomas (wing half or back), and Vigor (wing half) who have been given

free transfers; and Jenkins (inside forward) and Cliff Lloyd (full back) who have been put on the open transfer list.

J.W.P.



FULHAM TRY HARD—BUT FAIL TO BREAK LOSING RUN

Fulham inside-left, R. Thomas, goes down on one knee and makes a great effort to beat Middlesbrough goal-keeper, Ugolini. Fulham despite a good try were again beaten. In these last weeks of the season they seem to have lost the winning touch that kept them well up the table earlier on. It was that good beginning that has enabled them to stay clear of relegation troubles and remain in the First Division.

May 6. 1950.

FULHAM'S TEAM FOR LAST MATCH



A special "Advertiser" picture of the Fulham F.C. team which lined up against Middlesbrough for the final match of the season last Saturday. From left to right are, back row: Frank Penn (trainer), H. Freeman, L. Quedsted, H. Kelly, J. Taylor, J. Bacuzzi, J. MacDonald and T. Harris (reserve). Front row: A. Stevens, J. Campbell, P. Beasley, A. Rowley, B. Thomas.

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July 24 Fulham Players reported
for training

Three New Fulham Stars



OFFICE BOY'S DREAM-JOB



Fulham's new boys meet for training — Archie Macaulay (left), Eddie and Reg Lowe, and Johnnie Haynes. Johnnie, 15-year-old Edmonton school-boy international, is too young to be a professional, so he has gone as office boy—with prospects of playing promotion.

Craven Cottage sprang into life early on Monday morning, when most of Fulham's players reported for training. They spent most of the morning sorting out their boots or fitting new ones. Serious training commenced later in the week.

Notable among those who appeared on Monday were three of the new players seen above. They are, left to right: Archie Macaulay, the Scottish international half-back, signed from Arsenal at a fee said to be £10,000, Reg Lowe, a full-back, and his brother Eddie, an English international wing-half, both of whom came from Aston Villa for a joint fee of £15,000.

Absent from the Cottage was Bobby Brennan, Irish international inside forward secured from Birmingham for £20,000. Brennan is at present training at St. Andrews ground, Birmingham F.C. headquarters.

August 8, 1950

They are basing their hopes on a 'build by buying' plan

FULHAM have been the most active of the big clubs in the transfer market during the close season.

They are planning to improve on their record last season, when they had their first taste of First Division football.

Here JOHN THOMPSON, "Daily Mirror" senior reporter, gives the details of the club's plans to 'go places.'

A GREEN notebook, rather worn and tattered at the edges, contains details of the first came into use when Mr. Frank Osborne and Mr. Bill Dodgin, the managerial duet at Fulham, decided that their team would need strengthening before the start of the season. The two Fulham bosses set off on tour and into their little book went particulars of the men they fancied. Eventually the list was whittled down to six—players with a total value of about £200,000.

There are ticks against the names of four of them now and these four will probably be in the eleven with which Fulham kick-off against Manchester United.

"We will decide what to do about the other two when we see how the present lot shape," said Mr. Dodgin.

The players whom Mr. Dodgin believes will strengthen his team are Bobby Brennan, the £19,000 inside forward from Birmingham City, Archie Macaulay, Arsenal's great wing half, Ian Black, Scottish international goalkeeper from Southampton, and Eddie Lowe, stylish Aston Villa half back or inside forward.

Said Mr. Dodgin: "Towards the end of last season Frank Osborne and I decided that, although the lads who had won promotion the previous year had done very well, changes would be necessary if we hoped to become a real success in the First Division."

The Engine-Room

"With these newcomers we believe we have a fine chance of going places this season."

Mr. Dodgin added: "The half back line in any club is the team's engine-room and in that respect we're unusually strong—with grand players such as Macaulay, Taylor, Lowe, Quested and Lawler."

"I fancy we'll see more use of the crossfield pass now—with consequent spaces in which the attack can operate."

Successor to Pat Beasley as Fulham's captain is centre half Jim Taylor, who went with the World Cup team to Brazil but didn't get a game there.

Mr. Dodgin said: "He's a shrewd student of Soccer and an example to the rest of the players both on and off the field. And I still believe he's the best centre half in England."



★ JIM TAYLOR, who succeeds Pat Beasley as Fulham's captain. "He's the best centre half in England," says manager Dodgin.

Jezzard in Centre

Many supporters believed that Fulham would have done better if there had been more finishing punch in the line.

What has been done to improve this fault?

"The arrival of Brennan may make a big difference," said Mr. Dodgin.

"He's a remarkably quick-thinking player and I think he may do for us what Eddie Bailly does for Spurs—missing sharply and making the ball do the work."

"As an experiment the attack will be led by young Bedford Jezzard, normally an inside left."

"He has the physique for the job, gets up well with his head and is a natural two-footed player."



Four of Fulham's new men get together. . . Eddie Lowe, Bobby Brennan, Archie Macaulay and Reg Lowe.

July 26. 1950.



READY.—Johnnie Haynes, 15, (second from right) Edman
son schoolboy international forward, tri-
Cottage ground with other newcomers
Macaulay (left) and the brothers Ray and

HIS GUEST RETURNS TO STAY



IAN BLACK



HUGH KELLY

TWO international goalkeepers were concerned in the most important exchange deal of the Soccer close season yesterday, writes John Thompson.

Ian Black, of Southampton and Scotland, will play for Fulham in future and Hugh Kelly, of Fulham and Ireland, will replace him in Southampton's Second Division team.

One of the reasons for the deal was the close friendship between Black and Mr. Bill Dodgin, the Fulham manager.

Black told me yesterday: "We met first when I was in REME and playing for Southampton as a guest during the war."

"Then Bill, who was then manager of Southampton, signed me from Aberdeen and his advice and coaching were, I think, largely responsible for me being picked for Scotland against England in 1948."

Manager Dodgin, who also paid Southampton a small fee, said:

"It has always been my wish to have Ian in my team. I think he is one of our greatest goalkeepers."

"When I was Southampton's manager I said that money could not buy Black, but I am glad now I have



August 12 1950

THIS LITTLE LOT COST FULHAM £49,000



Four top-line players make Fulham's 'International look'

Soccer clubs with no new stars for the coming season may well ask "How is it done?" when they see how Fulham have strengthened their team for their second season in the First Division, says Harold Palmer.

Four internationals—two Scots, Archie Macaulay, wing-half from Arsenal, and Ian Black, goalkeeper from Southampton, an Irishman, Bobby Brennan, inside-left from Birmingham, and an Englishman, Eddie Lowe, inside-half from Aston Villa—all secured during the close season, will give Fulham a new look.

What is more, the total expenditure has been only about £2000. That may be misleading. What Fulham did was to collect £47,000 by parting with a dozen players, mostly reserves, and they spent £49,000 on the new men.

That may not be so remarkable as the fact that none of these players was on the transfer list at the end of last season. But the managerial team of Messrs Frank Osborne and Bill Dodgin had a list of six men they wanted, and used their persuasive powers to get these four.

'Better than Arsenal's'

Macaulay, Jim Taylor and Lowe should make a great half-back line. Macaulay says he thinks it will be better than Arsenal's—and that's saying something. Obviously, Archie Macaulay's future will be assured at Fulham, just as it would have been at Highbury, otherwise he would not have made the move. He is sure to play a big part.

As for Lowe who was "capped" 19 and is now only 24, Mr. Dodgin

is confident he will get into the England team this season.

Brennan ought to do well in front of such constructive players as these. He is a great ball player and it is doubtful whether he has previously had the advantage of playing in front of such outstanding half-backs as these.

Wants to learn

He appreciated the way Luton likes to play football when he was with them, and valued the advice he received from their manager, Bob Winstanley. In his words: "I want to learn the game, and I should like to have some good footballers around me."

Fulham have every reason to expect more goals from their forwards this season. Constructive wing-halves, the arrival of Brennan and the switching of Bedford Jezzard to centre-forward ought to make a big difference.

Jezzard, who is having a month's full-time training, seems more willing to go centre-forward now that Arthur Rowley has gone to Leicester City. Last season Jezzard was not so keen, probably because he feared he might be robbing his friend of a place in the League side.

Another important capture is Eddie Lowe's brother, Reg, a left-back who may soon be challenging Joe Bazzaz for his place. A third brother, Charles, a goalkeeper, is having a fortnight's trial with the club.

Team-manager Bill Dodgin gives his new boys their ideas of how Fulham expect them to go this season. Left to right: Archie Macaulay (Arsenal), Eddie Lowe, Reg Lowe (brother from Aston Villa), Ian Black (Southampton), and Bob Brennan (Birmingham). All except Reg Lowe play against Manchester United today.



B. JEZZARD

AUGUST 19 1950

Fulham change goalkeepers



Ian Black



Hugh Kelly

Fulham have transferred their Irish international goalkeeper, Hugh Kelly, to Southampton in exchange for Southampton's Ian Black, a Scottish international. They also paid a small fee.

Black, unmarried, is 25, and his transfer to Fulham is in accordance with the club's plan of building a younger side. Kelly, 29, has played for Ireland several times.

Fulham's Frank Osborne said to-day, "The exchange was just part of our plan. We made up our minds last season on the players we wanted and are going out to get them." Bill Dodgin, Fulham manager, was formerly with Southampton.

August 19-1950

Manchester United v Fulham

REG ALLEN
BARRED WAY
TO FULHAM

MAN. UTD. 1, FULHAM 0

Both Manchester United and Fulham, who met at Old Trafford, included their notable close-season signings, but it was the London side's newcomers who took the eye in this first match of the season.

Quested, in his role of inside-right, was twice responsible for starting menacing raids and provided two chances from which Stevens should have put his side ahead.

Stevens figured prominently in a Fulham advance, and after drawing Reg Allen out of position he shot wide from well out.

A succession of corners proved of no avail and Fulham's attack was again at fault a few minutes later when Jezzard, after rounding Chilton, shot wide from fairly close in.

At the other end Downie balanced the account by doing the same thing.

Lowe and Macaulay were proving their worth in the visitor's defence which, though often under pressure, worked well and generally thwarted United's forwards before they got to shooting range.

When Manchester did break through Black was relieved to see a shot from McGlen strike the upright.

Then, shortly before half-time, Fulham came right back into the picture, but McDonald spurned a great opening provided by the forceful Quested. He was well off the mark with his effort.

Half-time: Man. U. 0, Fulham 0.

Manchester began the second half with a number of sharp raids, the best on the left-wing. A centre by McGlen dropped quickly and all Black could do was to fist it out to Rowley, whose return was headed wide by Downie.

Fulham looked a spent force at this stage, but were still using their wings well.

United, however, went ahead after 62 minutes, when PEARSON netted. Delaney crossed the ball and Rowley headed towards goal, and the inside-left diverted the ball past Black.

Fulham fought back against this reverse, and but for the sterling goalkeeping of Allen they might well have got on terms. Once he was charged in possession, but cleared the ball as he fell; then he dived full length to take a ground shot which had been turned in sharply by Quested.

August 19 - 1950

The £45,000 newcomers can make Fulham a grand side

MANCHESTER UNITED 1, FULHAM 0

MANCHESTER UNITED were fortunate to get both points from this game, and from each side we should have seen a bagful of goals. United had slight superiority in teamwork, though they were not the powerful combination of old, still, they are a good side.

Fulham, with four newcomers, were obviously feeling their

way, though they had every opportunity to build a commanding lead before the interval. Stevens twice beat the defence and raced goalwards.

But each time Reg Allen, coming out to narrow the angle, appeared to unsettle the left-winger, who shot wide.

There was worse to come. Jazard had only to lob the ball in, but tried to shoot too hard. Then McDonald wasted the best chance of the first half.

United were not much better. Downie sent in a shot which should have been more controlled, and all the forwards, Billy McGlen excepted, had no idea of real shooting.

Fulback McGlen, playing his first game at outside-left in place of Charlie Mitten, who is in Bogota, played hard and spiritedly—without the craft to make him a permanent.

Little Pearson scored the solitary goal after 62 minutes—and a beauty it was. Delaney swept in a perfect centre from the right wing, Rowley headed forward, and Pearson dived to head into the corner.

Fulham hit back hard. At least four times Allen, at full stretch, had to snatch the ball as it swept goalwards. Yet it was United who almost scored again when Pearson once more beat Black with a header which rebounded from the upright.

Fulham, with their new £45,000 quartet, Black, Lowe, Macaulay and Brennan, should blend into a sound combination. Brennan looks a fine acquisition.

*** MAN OF THE MATCH:** Full back Johnny Carey, whose play never falls below top standard. Perfect tackling, brilliant clearances and fine anticipation put him head and shoulders above the rest.

STEVE GRIFFITHS

BOB COMES IN



Bob Thomas usually plays at inside-forward for Fulham, but for tonight's match against Charlton he comes in at outside-left in place of McDonald.

Wednesday Dec. 23
Fulham v Charlton
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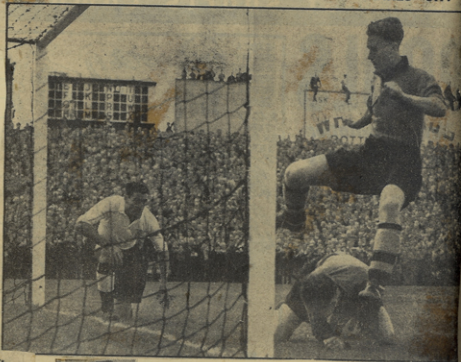
Black, the Fulham goalkeeper, makes a flying leap to deflect past the post a shot by Charlton centre-forward Vaughan at Craven Cottage yesterday. Charlton won 3—1.

Aug 26-1950

Fulham v Wolverhampton - W.
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the ball is safely covered
Fulham goalkeeper
back as Wolves' centre
forward Swinbourne
attempts to follow up a
shot by Walker. Bacuzzi
guards the Fulham goal.

EVER SEEN A MAN IN MID-AIR WITH HIS BRAKES ON?



★ Surprise Gift

BERT WILLIAMS, Wolves and England goalkeeper, is a miser when it comes to giving anything away to opposing sides, but he softened against Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Len Guested, Fulham's terrier-like right half, sent in a speculative shot that surprised everyone—particularly himself—by finishing in the back of the net to give his side a two-nil lead.

Then, just to add to Bert's troubles, Fulham's Scottish goalkeeper, Ian Black, saved a penalty that would have given Wolves a point.

Fulham's Irish international inside forward, Bobbie Brennan, earned a medal for playing on with a shoulder injury. After the game he went to hospital with a suspected broken right collar-bone.



FAME ahead. For Hugh Kelly, Southampton and formerly Fulham goalkeeper? Al-

though the season's hardly begun, Irish selectors have seen him and noted his talent. That great judge of football, manager Frank Osborne, thinks Hugh, whom you see here, is the best Irish goalkeeper he has seen.

TEN Fulham players went home happily last night, congratulating themselves on their first bonus of the season. The eleventh — £20,000 inside-left Bobby Brennan — was not so happy. He went to hospital—to be X-rayed for a suspected fractured collar-bone. "I got a nasty knock in a collision," he explained. Although in great pain, he had pluckily played on after a short spell on the trainer's bench.

Flying flick beat the kick



A flick of the wrist by diving goalkeeper Williams, of Wolves, whips the ball from the feet of Thomas, the Fulham left-winger, at Craven Cottage.



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Aug 30-1950

Charlton v Fulham
Draw. 0 - 0

BUT WITH BRIGHT INTERVALS

By JOHN THOMPSON

A "HOODOO" was dispelled when Fulham took their first point from Charlton in a game of missed chances at The Valley last night.

This 0-0 draw followed a succession of Charlton victories in three League games between the clubs. They also knocked Fulham out of the Cup last year.

Before the game Ian Black, Fulham's Scottish international goalkeeper said: "All this talk about Charlton being a bogey team is nonsense." And so it is—now.

Neither team deserved to score. There was too much aimless kicking by both, but there were a few bright movements from time to time.

After a slapdash start the match sprang to life in the fourteenth minute, when Shreeve, Charlton's right back, slammed in a forty-yard drive which hit the crossbar.

Duffy was inches from scoring direct from a corner, and Hurst made several dangerous runs on the right.

England's Best

Charlton couldn't take advantage of this short-lived period of aggression because Jim Taylor, now England's best centre half, dominated the middle.

Quested, tireless and energetic, was one of Fulham's best players. Macaulay might have been effective had team mates run into more suitable positions to accept his distribution.

Lock played constructively for Charlton and maintained his promise as a future international.

It was a poor game. Unfortunately the noisy gentleman in the stand who kept shouting "Get rid of it" usually got his way!

No goals deserved

By JACK MILLIGAN

Charlton & Fulham 0

THERE were ten forwards worth about £70,000 at The Valley last night. None of them ever looked like scoring in a match that was a travesty of First Division football.

My notebook was almost empty after watching this game that looked more like a public park trial match.

Trace Charlton nearly scored, but their forwards had nothing to do with it. The first occasion was when Shreeve, their right-back, lunged out in a 60 yards happy-go-lucky shot that hit the upright, with Ian Black, the Fulham goalkeeper, having no clue about what was happening. The second was when Harold Phipps, the Charlton centre-half, lobbed a ball from the halfway line. This time Black was on the spot to save quite comfortably.

The records show that Charlton are still undefeated. I don't know why. Fulham, who have spent a fortune, took away a point. I don't know why about this either. If soccer referees had the same power as boxing referees they would have called this a "no-decision."

Black, the Fulham goalkeeper, just gets his fingers to a ball from Chris Duffy (No. 11), of Charlton, during the match at The Valley.



SEPT. 2 1950

Sunderland v Fulham

ROKER LEAD FOR FULHAM

NOT until 13 minutes after the interval could Fulham pierce a shaky Sunderland defence at Roker today. Then Macaulay scored.

Sunderland were soon off the mark before the crowd of about 40,000.

Their persistent attacks were more dangerous than the occasional breakaway raids of Fulham, though Fulham caused the first real incident of note in the game—a one-handed save by Mapson from a shot by Thomas. Sunderland persisted in their attack but could make no headway.

With more care Broadis and Campbell might have put their side ahead. Broadis missed a "gift" from only a few yards out, and Campbell shot across the goal.

At this stage, Fulham were coming more into the picture, chiefly through the prompting of MacCaulay.

Half-time: Sunderland 0, Fulham 0.

End to end play for a spell after the interval did not produce goal for either side. Then came Macaulay's goal. Receiving a through pass from Lowe (20), he shot past Mapson to give Fulham the lead.

Spurred on by their lead, Fulham continued to press against a willing home defence, and the Sunderland team were getting little of their own way.

Result: Sunderland 0, Fulham 1.

FULHAM ARE MASTERS

Thomas Stars In Their Attack

"Evening News" Reporter

THOMAS was the star of the Fulham attack at Sunderland and after failing narrowly to score himself he provided a fine opening for MACAULAY to give the Londoners the lead in the second half. Fulham replied with a clever move which ended with Mapson making a magnificent one-handed save at the expense of a corner from Thomas.

Sunderland's half-backs were on top for a while and Wright made two clever raids but on each occasion the ball was blocked and turned for a corner. At the other end Thomas brought Mapson to his knees with a fine drive.

While Sunderland showed the better approach Fulham's forwards were not idle, Mapson saving from Stevens.

A second chance came when Campbell slipped round Huddell, but he saved his shot.

Broadis went through on his own for Sunderland but put the ball across the face of the goal.

There was slackness in Sunderland's defence during several Fulham raids, but the shooting lacked snap. Sunderland wingers were eager and Freeman had a difficult task in watching Reynolds, but Taylor, like Walsh at the other end, covered the centre of the goal area effectively. Play was hard rather than of a high standard.

Half-time: Sunderland 0, Fulham 0.

Sunderland restarted with a dash that soon disappeared, and Fulham should have scored when Stevens headed over with Mapson out of goal.

Then Thomas made an opening for MACAULAY to score a grand goal as Mapson came out to narrow the angle.

An injury to Stevens took him off the field for a couple of minutes but Fulham were masters with Sunderland playing poor football. Taylor never lost his grip on Sunderland's young centre-forward.

RESULT: Sunderland 0, Fulham 1.



REG and EDDIE LOWE, the brothers who have transferred from Aston Villa to Fulham, play their first League match together today—Reg at left-back, and Eddie, half-back.

SEPT 2

Macaulay put Fulham on winning path

Sunderland, who played Ken Smith, an 18-year-old player, fresh from junior football at centre-forward won the toss and had the advantage of a slight breeze.

A solo effort by Smith was stopped by Taylor, who conceded a corner but this was easily cleared.

Some beautiful inter-changing by Campbell and Jezzard worked the ball into the Sunderland penalty area and the ball went to Stevens who shot. Mapson made a one-handed punch to save at the expense of a corner.

The corner was well placed, and when Macaulay attempted to work the ball through he was robbed.

Sunderland attacked and again Taylor was forced to concede a corner, but this was put harmlessly behind.

Bronis worked the ball through and Black was forced to push the ball round the post, but the corner created no difficulty.

Both sides were playing fast clever football and each team was looking for an opening. Bronis was again on the attack and a drive from 15 yards flashed past the post. Fulham made ground on the right and Stevens flashed the ball across the face of the Sunderland goal.

Sunderland attacked strongly and when well placed, Shackleton shot high into the Fulham goal. His shot was headed away by Quessed.

Half-time: Sunderland 0, Fulham 0
Sunderland's forwards were playing close football, and they met a stout Fulham defence, with both backs and goalkeeper playing a strong game.

Fulham moved to the Sunderland goal and Stevens was just beaten to the ball by Mapson, who had to dribble the ball outside the penalty area and then clear.

Jezzard was the next player to test Mapson, but his shot was partially stopped by Walsh and it was easily cleared.

The speed of the game was not so fast as in the first half, and play was confined to the centre of the field for a long time.

In the 58th minute Fulham took the lead through MACAULEY, when a through pass from E. Lowe was driven into the net well wide of Mapson's left hand.

This put new life into Fulham and they attacked strongly, but when well-placed, Thomas headed over the bar. The Sunderland defence was very uncertain under pressure.

Monday SEPT 4 1950

Blackpool v Fulham.
4 - 0

FULHAM CRASH AT BLACKPOOL

At half-time on Monday evening when Fulham were one down to Blackpool in their second away game in three days, it was still anybody's game.

Four minutes after the restart, however, Fulham found themselves facing a four-goal deficit, and from then on it was all over. The Cottagers must be congratulated for not giving up completely, and were unlucky not to score at least one goal.

Blackpool's first goal came after 17 minutes when a Matthews' centre led to Muddle netting.

Those first vital minutes of the second half saw reserve utility man George McKnight score a hat-trick in his first appearance for Blackpool's senior team this season.

His first goal came from a pass by Johnston who snaked through the Fulham defence and the ball was in the net without giving Black a chance.

Two minutes later, almost from the restart, as Freeman was attempting to clear a centre, McKnight dashed in, took the ball from the back's foot and crashed it into the far corner of the net.

Inside a minute McKnight headed in from a free-kick taken by Perry.

The Fulham attack had its moments, and Stevens was their most dangerous forward. The brothers Lowe did as well as could be expected against the wizardry of Matthews.



Jones, Aston Villa goalkeeper, leaps high and holds the ball to his chest, as Jezzard, Fulham centre-forward, grimaces in disappointment.

NO-YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!

DISAPPOINTED man is Bedford Jezzard, Fulham's centre-forward, who shows disapproval on his face as Keith Jones, Aston Villa's Welsh international goalkeeper, leaps high and hugs the ball to his chest.

SEPT 9, 1950

Fulham v Aston Villa
2 - 1



Fulham + Aston - Villa

Fulham Get Goals-Miss Many More

By VICTOR RAILTON

FULHAM were a goal up in seven minutes against Aston Villa at Craven Cottage, but a defensive error enabled the visitors to draw level nine minutes later.

Ford Villa's centre-forward appeared certain of opening the score when a pass from Craddock found him unmarked in front of goal, but he sent the ball straight to Black, who dropped it before quickly regaining possession.

A minute later Stevens, the Fulham left-winger, passed the ball to JEZZARD, who, taking the ball in his stride, sent a ground shot into the corner of the net.

After this Fulham attacked well, but a bad clearance by one of their full backs went straight to GOFFIN who took his chance to equalise. Craddock, Aston Villa's inside-left, was hurt in a tackle and changed positions with his winger. The continued switching of the visiting forwards upset Fulham and Dixon fired in a strong, rising shot which Black did well to hold.

Johnnie Campbell supplied Macaulay with the pass which led to Fulham regaining the lead four minutes from the interval. Macaulay fired in a strong shot which Jones could not hold. It rebounded to THOMAS, who dashed in from the left wing unmarked and put it into an empty net.

Half-time: Fulham 2, Aston V. 1.

A fine run by Stevens for Fulham resulted in his powerful drive being pushed round the post by Jones as he dived.

Brothers Eddie and Reg Lowe played well against their former club and it was due to their alertness that Ford failed to convert a Gibson centre.

While Villa defence appealed for off-side Campbell dashed down the right wing, but his shot was punched out by Jones, who with Powell, was responsible for stopping most Fulham attacks.

When Macaulay was fouled just outside the penalty area the referee spoke to Martin Freeman's kick was tipped over the bar.

Fulham should have scored more goals than they did against a weak defence but shot badly. Stevens and Thomas both missed open goals.



BLACK, the Fulham goalkeeper, makes a fine save from Ford, the Aston Villa centre-forward, in the match at Craven Cottage this afternoon.



A DUEL for the ball in front of the Fulham goal between Freeman (white shirt) and Goffin, Aston Villa outside-left.



A SPORTING gesture the crowd appreciated at Craven Cottage was the handshakes saluted by defeated Villa players for brothers Eddie and Reg Lowe. Team-mates until this season, they were playing together against their old club for the first time. Ahead of everyone with their congratulations at the final whistle were Dixon and Gibson, who had battled royal in trying to break down the Lowes' iron curtain defence.

Most improved player in football is the official centre-forward, and Stevens, outside-left. Both have learned control with speed and are deadly thrusts through the slightest opening.

Sporting Parson ... is Rev. V. Davies, Minister of Witney Methodist Church, Oxford, who refereed the Fulham v. Villa match yesterday. He read a stern sermon to Villa's Ivor Powell. There was so much hand waving that many thought Powell had taken orders—marching ones.

THE 'STOP STAN' PLAN IS JUST AN IDEA

By JOHN THOMPSON

FULHAM were given careful instructions on how to deal with Stanley Matthews before the 2-2 draw with Blackpool. They were told: "Stop him getting the ball and if he does get it lay off till someone else arrives to cover up."

That is the common sense way. There is no other. It is a pity that Matthews has no respect for common sense.

Thwarting and elusive as ever he made the goals with which Slater and Perry put Blackpool level.

But for the most part Fulham obeyed their orders gallantly. Had they not done so they would undoubtedly have lost.

They started off with some of the finest football I have seen this season. Jezzard and Thomas scored in the first fourteen minutes, but the teams were level at half-time. Blackpool's recovery having been both fervent and skilful.

After the excitement of that magnificent first half the second seemed tame. It was enlivened only by the masterly manner in which Macaulay tried to infuse into the attack the rhythm with which it had begun.

Jezzard kept plugging away in the centre. He has a big heart and speed off the mark, and he deserved the mobbing which supporters gave him as he left the field at the end.

Ian Black, Fulham's international goalkeeper, gave one of his pluckiest displays.

He had been advised not to turn out as he had to have penicillin treatment for boils a few hours before the kick-off.



JEZZARD
He deserved
the cheers

HIS GOAL HELPED FULHAM TO WIN



Bedford Jezzard scored one of the goals that gave Fulham victory over Villa. Here he is seen, tight-lipped and eager, in a raid on the Villa goal.

SEPT 13, 1950

Flying goalkeeper from Blackpool



Farm, Blackpool's goalkeeper, performs a high flying act to stop one of Fulham's best efforts

JEZZARD SHOWED TOUCHES OF MATTHEWS' WIZARDRY

By JOHN CAMKIN

Fulham 2 Blackpool 2

BLACKPOOL'S thanks for a point at Craven Cottage are due to the phantom of the wing—Stanley Matthews.

Francing around a bewildered Joe Bacuzzi and other defenders engaged in rescue operations, Matthews enabled Blackpool to recover from the shock of conceding two goals in the first 12 minutes.

It was the England outside right who laid on the passes for both his side's goals.

No. 1 came after 18 minutes when Matthews pirouetted past Bacuzzi and laid the ball on to Bill Slater's toe.

From six yards, Slater shot into a crowd of players on the line—but referee George Tedds did not hesitate in pointing to the centre.

No. 2 was another simple Matthews—Slater performance in the 36th minute. A long ball from the inside-right found Matthews.

midfield and his centre was headed home by Perry.

But it was by no means all Matthews. At the start Fulham's forwards played some fine football, and the trouble caused by the fast-improving Jezzard among the Blackpool defenders was not far short of the Matthews standard.

Shot on the turn

Jezzard cracked home the first goal in nine minutes and prepared the way for the second by Thomas three minutes later when he moved out to the left wing.

Picking up a Bacuzzi clearance, he lobbed the ball into the vacant middle for Thomas to beat Farm with a powerful shot taken on the turn.

FULHAM: Black; Freeman, Bacuzzi; Gossard, Taylor, Love (E); Campbell; Mearns; Jezzard, Thomas, Stevens.

BLACKPOOL: Farm; Shmied, Wright; Johnston, Hayward, Kelly; Matthews, Slater, McKnight, Mortensen, Perry.

SEPT 16 1950

Derby County v Fulham
3 - 2

FULHAM CAME BACK WITH A FLOURISH

DERBY CO. 3, FULHAM 2.
The Derby offside trap was soon in operation. Jezzard being the first victim when Fulham first attacked. Derby moved forward from the free-kick and Morris tested Black with a right-foot drive from 10 yards.

LEE had been too slow to be dangerous on two occasions, but made amends when, in the 10th minute, he gave Derby the lead with a perfectly timed header from Powell's high curving centre. Black could only get a hand to the header.

After left-half Musson had nearly scored by dashing through himself, full-back Parr came into the attacking picture. He put over a high centre and STAMPS, running clear of the Fulham defence, headed well out of Black's reach to score Derby's second goal in the 17th minute.

Another Lee header nearly brought a goal, but Freeman was on the goal line to head clear.

LEE scored his second and Derby's third in the 39th minute.

Half-time: Derby 3, Fulham 0.

Derby resumed their ascendancy after the interval, and Lee raced down the wing to beat two men, but his final pass inside found no response. Then, seconds later, the centre-forward drove right across the front of the goal from 20 yards.

Derby's narrowest escape came when Jezzard beat centre-half Ward and goalkeeper Brown in a duel for the ball only to head wide.

JEZZARD'S reward came when he outpaced Ward and shot hard and low past the advancing Brown. Fulham were further inspired by a rather fortunate goal. Full-back Freeman took a free kick just outside the penalty area and the ball was deflected off MORRIS into the net.

Fulham fought back —they deserved at least a point!

DERBY 3, FULHAM 2

TWO centre-forwards high on the select list of England selectors showed up at the Baseball Ground. Their names—Jack Lee, the Derby demon, and Bedford Jezzard, the Fulham forager.

My verdict after watching them for 90 minutes: Lee is ready for representative honours now; Jezzard will be within two months.

Both scored in this match. Lee twice to make himself Division One's top scorer; Jezzard once. All three were good goals—the Fulham man's perhaps the best.

He brought it off late in the second half. Derby were leading 3-0 and it looked like a cricket score for the Rams.

But along came Jezzard. Receiving the ball on the half-way line, he raced past centre-half Ward drew Brown out of his goal after running half the length of the field, and planted it coolly into the net.

Fighting back

It was this gem that changed the whole course of the match, and in the end the London boys deserved a draw mainly because of their grand "fighting-back" football. Next to Jezzard, the man most responsible for this astonishing comeback was Archie Macaulay, his inside-forward display as outstanding as his red hair.

The trouble with Derby was that their defence played far too square. I have the greatest admiration for Tim Ward as a footballer; as a centre-half he was too often beaten for speed by the bustling Jezzard.

There is little wrong with the Rams' attack. Jack Stamps fills Billy Steel's place pretty capably, although I think Johnny Morris—who played a grand first half—does miss the little Scot.

Goal-order: Lee, Stamps, Lee, Jezzard, Freeman (one of his free-kick specials, deflected into the net by Morris).

JOE HULME.

Derby County 3
v
Fulham 2

TWENTY thousand pounds can make a fellow feel important. "It was given for your services or mine I fancy we would feel indispensable to the employer who made out the cheque.

That's why some expensive footballers are temperamental. But it doesn't affect them all. There are others you don't hear much about because they quietly get on with their jobs and appreciate that football is a team game. There are lads like Bobby Brennan.

The slim Irishman for whom Fulham paid £20,000 to Birmingham City dislocated his shoulder recently. He has watched Bob Thomas play in his place.

Brennan knows that Thomas is a keen rival for his own position in the Fulham first team, that he will have to play exceptionally well to regain it.

Today he plays for the reserves to check his fitness. Thomas plays against Derby County at the Baseball Ground.

But at Craven Cottage yesterday, when the players were chatting about past games with Mr. Bill Dodgin, their manager, it was Brennan who spoke most highly of Thomas's form. "What a wonderful game he played against Blackpool the other night," he said.

That £20,000 doesn't mean a thing to Brennan.

It is never easy to make a comeback after injury. Keith Jones, the young Aston Villa goalkeeper is learning that lesson the hard way.

FULHAM RALLIED TOO LATE

FULHAM fought back well in the second half of the game at Derby, where they were at one time three goals down, goals by Jezzard and Freeman nearly saving a point.

Derby took the lead after nine minutes.

Lee headed in a fine centre from Powell and, following this early setback, Fulham had to defend hard, both Musson and Morris having near misses.

Fulham were again in trouble in 17 minutes when right-back Moseley took the ball downfield and centred to give Stamps a goal.

Derby's third goal came after 38 minutes when Lee unmarked, received a perfect pass from Stamps.

Half-time: Derby 3, Fulham 0

Black saved well when Stamps took a free kick from just outside the penalty area.

After 70 minutes came a Fulham revival. Jezzard, who always outpaced Ward, beat him to a long pass and slipped the ball past Brown. The rally continued with a goal from a free kick by Freeman, which was deflected in by Musson.

Result: Derby 3, Fulham 2.

Fulham v Liverpool
2 - 1

SEPT. 23. 1950

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1950

JEZZARD STRIKES BACK FOR

After snap goal gives Liverpool lucky lead

Evening Standard Football Reporter

A snap goal by LIDDELL after four minutes gave Liverpool a lucky lead at Craven Cottage, but Fulham equalised through JEZZARD early in the second half.

Two minutes after Liverpool's shock goal Sidlow held the ball as Jeznard charged into him, but the whistle had already gone. A moment later Sidlow grabbed a long clearance from Pavitt, with Stevens scampering in from the left.

Apart from that valuable goal little had been seen of Liverpool. Jeznard was causing considerable trouble within the Liverpool defence and a pass to Campbell led to the winger shooting sufficiently hard for Sidlow to drop the ball for a corner.

Macaulay shot on, Liverpool had missed and the ball bounced away, but a moment later Jeznard appeared on the left, cleverly feinted with foot flutter, and forced another corner.

Hard to believe

It was hard to believe Liverpool were one up. Yet a third attack might have led to a second goal when Taylor slightly misjudged a clearance and Liddell promptly sent across to the other wing. Payne, however, missed the follow-up.

Back again came Fulham with Sidlow diving desperately to save a Jeznard back header.

The Fulham approach work throughout the first half had been admirable, yet the Liverpool defence always seemed able to cope.

Half-time: Fulham 0 Liverpool 1. Fulham at last got level as Stevens tied the defence in a knot and JEZZARD ran on to the pass to give Sidlow no chance.

Two minutes later Jones's head stopped a wing drive from Quested.

Macaulay, casually deceptive in a Fulham attack, was scheming to some purpose, and again Stevens nearly scored.

Weak link

Fulham's weak link was outside-right, where Spicer had a firm grip on Campbell. Twice movements broke down there—then a third as Campbell waited while Spicer tackled quickly.

MIND MY BACK!

Ray Lambert, Liverpool's right back, looks a bit apprehensive about where Cyril Sidlow, his goalkeeper, is going to come down after leaping to punch away a centre at Craven Cottage. Sidlow was beaten twice in the second half and Fulham won 2-1.



OR FULHAM

Brain and Feet did the damage

WHEN one of the slickest brains in Soccer gets together with a pair of the fastest feet be prepared for football fireworks.

The BRAIN is Archie Macaulay, the red-headed Scot; the FEET belong to Bedford Jezzard, the Fulham firebrand.

This combination tantalised Liverpool out of their wits, embarrassed the most disciplined defence in football, and paved the way for a merited 2-1 Fulham victory.

A burst of Liddell opportunism gave Liverpool the lead after four minutes but then the Merseyside defence took a severe hammering.

Macaulay deftly cut his way through time and time again while Jezzard's explosive leadership made it an unhappy League debut for big Joe Cadden, one time Glasgow junior, one time Brooklyn centre half.

Jezzard's correct aggressiveness and his unselfish leadership had to get results. Four minutes after the interval he left big Joe yards behind and bamboozled Sidlow.

Jezzard's Power

Other more established centre halves than Joe Cadden will certainly feel the power of Jezzard.

The brain continued to play havoc and not even the brilliance of Spicer at left back and the energy of little Paisley, the left half, could hold him.

A beautiful through pass from Macaulay found Campbell and over came a cross for Thomas to tap home the winner.

SURVIVED SHOCK TO WIN



This "flying header" by Stevens caused panic in the Liverpool goalmouth, but the ball went over the bar.

IT is seldom that a shock goal proves to be the undoing of the team to score it, but that is what happened when Liverpool went down 2-1 to Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Liverpool's snap goal inside five minutes transformed Fulham into a relentless football machine which could not be stemmed. Stung by the reverse, the Fulham forwards launched a non-stop attack, combining beautifully at top-speed, and only some heroic goalkeeping by Sidlow prevented a landslide.

Brain behind the Fulham attack was Macaulay, who is the complete answer to those who think that speed alone is essential to modern football. Archie refuses to be hurried when he is in possession of the ball and few players can excel him in the accuracy of through passing.

back was Eddie Lowe, another player cast in the Macaulay mould.

Pavitt deserves praise for filling the place of Freeman so well, and Black, except for one slip when Liddell scored, was top-class.

To-morrow Fulham are away to Portsmouth, who won on Everton's ground 5-1 last week. On paper this looks like victory for Portsmouth, but Fulham's recent displays have given them confidence, and they might hold Pompey to a draw.

If Bacuzzi and Co. can stop up the gaps the forwards are quite capable now of getting goals. I think Fulham are good enough for a draw.

—J.W.P.



Photo: A. W. James,
50, Crookham Road.

Jezard, brilliant leader of a storming attack.

Undoubtedly Macaulay has infused craft into this Fulham attack and players like Jezard and Campbell are 100 per cent better footballers because of his scheming.

Jezard played super-football as the leader of the storming Fulham attack and justified the opinions of those who think that one day he may lead the England forward line. His distribution was good and his constant thrusts down the middle and harassing in the goal area caused deep depression in the Liverpool ranks.

Stevens played well at outside-left and proved that a good footballer can play in any position. Taylor was slightly off form, but did enough to stop Stubbs getting a goal. Best Fulham half-

Sept. 30 1960
Portsmouth 0 Fulham 1

Fulham Are Unlucky, Lose 1-0

"Evening News" Reporter

A DRIZZLING rain fell against Fulham at Fratton Park, where Duggie Reid had an early shot diverted by Lowe for an unproductive corner. The Cottagers then attacked, and from a cross by Campbell Jezard headed into Butler's hands.

Black also stopped an unusually easy free-kick from Reid.

Jezard led another promising raid into Portsmouth territory and the ball went out to Stevens who shot over the bar.

Portsmouth, however, did most of the pressing and Black did well to save again from Harris and Reid while Scoullar just lobbed the ball over the bar. Stevens took a free kick from about 30 yards, but Butler punched away and later brilliantly saved from Campbell.

Fulham had another narrow escape when Harris dribbled the ball past the goalkeeper as Black ran out but Pavitt luckily kicked the ball behind.

Black afterwards pushed two great shots by Reid over the top but Portsmouth could make nothing of the four corners which followed. Three minutes before the interval, however, from a pass by Phillips, REID scored for Portsmouth.

Half-time: Portsmouth 1, Fulham 0.

Fulham's attack had been functioning poorly. Stevens at outside-left was their liveliest forward, but he was not getting much support.

Eventually Brennan got his head to a corner from Campbell but turned the ball behind. Jezard got the ball just inside the penalty area, but was beaten by Butler, who raced out to clear.

Fulham's inside forwards were inclined to lay too far back, but Macaulay volleyed one shot high over the bar.

Then Campbell and Stevens switched places on the wings to enable Stevens to take a couple of corners on the right, but both proved unproductive, and when Brennan had a chance he shot across the goal.

Reid again netted, but the goal was offside.

RESULT: Portsmouth 1, Fulham 0.

Fulham v Everton Oct 1. 1950.

FULHAM NEVER BETTER THAN SECOND BEST

FULHAM 1, EVERTON 3

EVERTON played as if they really meant it and showed themselves to be not only capable of brilliant sustained Soccer but showed Fulham up as a very ordinary side.

Despite being without Campbell and Brennan, Fulham can offer no excuses. They were soundly trounced by a better side.

For 20 minutes Everton's ditherings and dalliings looked good, but gave the Fulham defence ample time to clear its line.

Then, quite suddenly, a Catterick header set Everton alight, and before half-time they were four up. Catterick scored a brilliant hat-trick and Fielding got the other.

After change of ends Fulham fought back valiantly, but were always playing second fiddle.

Buckle, who had a grand game, put the fifth nail in the Cottagers' coffin before Hinchelwood saw the once-faultless Sagar let a centre slip through his fingers to give Fulham their consolation goal.

Everton need have no fear of the future if they continue to play as they did here. But Fulham, despite the winged-heel brilliance of Jez-zard and "go" of Stevens, must look to their defence. The halves are weak and the backs shaky.

RALPH L. FINN.

Oct 14 1950

Stoke City v Fulham.

FULHAM DRAW

Stoke Hold Strong Attacks

"Evening News" Reporter

FULHAM'S defenders were kept at full stretch by a lively Stoke attack in the early stages, Ormston being particularly dangerous on Stoke's right wing.

Black saved an awkward dropping centre from Ormston, and Mullard broke through the Fulham defence but was ruled off-side.

Fulham's half-backs had little time to prompt their forwards, who took a long time to settle down.

QUESTED, from a perfect pass by Macaulay, was weaving his way through the Stoke defence when he was brought down on the edge of the penalty area, but the free kick availed Fulham nothing. Stoke with their outside-right Ormston the danger man, frequently challenged and Black dropped the ball when Ormston centred, but quickly recovered. Taylor excelled with smart tackling and strong defensive work in Fulham's overworked rear-guard.

Fulham took the lead after half an hour, QUESTED scoring against the run of play. The goal was the result of a misunderstanding between Herod, the Stoke goal-keeper, and Kilton, the City left-half. QUESTED nipping in between them to score a smart opportunist goal.

Half-time: Stoke 0, Fulham 1.

Fulham's goal had a fortunate escape when Mullard, with only Black to beat, shot wide from Os-croft's centre.

From a Macaulay pass, Stevens tested Herod with a fierce cross-drive and Jez-zard, after outwitting Mountford, was also on the target with a great shot.

Fulham's attackers were well subdued and seldom looked like increasing their lead. Stevens was injured and switched wings with Campbell, who went to outside-left.

ORMSTON scored for Stoke with the last kick of the match.

RESULT: Stoke 1, Fulham 1.

Oct 21. 1960.

Fulham v Huddersfield
Draw 1 - 1

Winger Requested solves Fulham problem

FULHAM 1, HUDDERSFIELD 1

WE like a bit of spirit about our football, and are even prepared for a few fouls in a spirited game—as long as they are nothing serious. What we don't like are the kind we saw in this game.

Frankly, Fulham disappointed me. They fell a goal behind after two minutes from a sharp Huddersfield left-wing raid, and then played grand football until they had the ascendancy and wiped out the lead.

Brightest spot for Fulham must have been the display of makeshift right-winger Len Quested. I won't say he will necessarily be a great winger but what he did in his unaccustomed position was promising.

He moved well down the wing nearly always outpacing left-back George Howe and his centres were always near enough on the mark.

It was from a Quested centre after a long ball from Macaulay had sent him careering away that Stevens was able to get the equaliser.

Fulham's mistake was that they played too much to that right wing and consequently Stevens and Brennan, perhaps the best wing pair on the day, didn't see enough of the ball.

Huddersfield's danger men were their wingers McKenna and Metcalfe, who had the beating of Pavitt and Freeman.

It was through a Metcalfe run that Hassall got their quick goal.

*** MAN OF THE MATCH:** I had to choose between Fulham's captain, Jim Taylor, and Huddersfield's goalie, Mills. And Mills gets there because he really did save Huddersfield. This tall, dark chap has enough daring for a Commando platoon and the agility of a panther. He holds the ball well and is good either up or down.

CHARLES DETTMER



In the thick of it, an incident during the Huddersfield Town v. Fulham match at Fulham this afternoon.



★ ONE FOR FULHAM ★

A FULL-LENGTH dive, fingers clawing . . . at nothing. It is Huddersfield goalkeeper Mills, beaten by



Huddersfield Town goalkeeper Mills flings himself full-length across the goalmouth trying to save a shot by Fulham's outside-left, Stevens.



The incident which led to Hassall scoring Huddersfield's first goal in the match with Fulham at Craven Cottage this afternoon.

Oct 28 1950
Middlesbrough v Fulham
Draw.

LATE GOAL BY JEZZARD

Earns Fulham a
Valuable Point

"Evening News" Reporter

FULHAM made a promising start at Middlesbrough. Thomas was a yard or two wide with a shot before a 'Borough player had touched the ball and shortly after Quessed twice tested Ugolini.

When Middlesbrough retaliated, Taylor came to Fulham's rescue after three forwards had essayed shots.

Right-back Robinson headed away a shot from Jezzard with the goalkeeper out of position, but Fulham escaped when goalkeeper Black just won a race against Spuhler.

Middlesbrough's pressure increased and MANNION put them ahead following a free kick.

When Freeman appeared to head off the line with Black beaten, the 'Borough players appealed that he had fisted the ball out.

Black had a busy period before Macaulay gave Quessed an opening, but he ran the ball out of play.

Fulham had lost their early smoothness and only Thomas and Quessed on the right threatened danger.

Half-time: Middlesbrough 1, Fulham 0
Fulham resumed aggressively and Brennan tested Ugolini with a drive from the edge of the penalty area but Middlesbrough were still the better team and McCrae and Spuhler went near to increasing their lead.

After Middlesbrough had wasted chances, Freeman took the ball down field to provide Brennan with a chance. Ugolini conceding a corner.

Fulham began to have a good share of the exchanges but Jezzard was well held by Whitaker.

JEZZARD equalised for Fulham after 81 minutes.

RESULT: Middlesbrough 1, Fulham 1

Macaulay best man for Fulham

Middlesbrough 1, Fulham 1

MACAULAY was Fulham's outstanding player when Middlesbrough were held to a draw at Ayresome Park. Geoff. Walker, the Middlesbrough outside-left, tore the ligament of his left knee in the early stages and limped along the wing for the rest of the game.

This threw the Middlesbrough attack out of gear, but even so there was a distinct lack of thrust and finish about their work.

Mannion put the finishing touch to a move shared by Woodward and Spuhler to give Middlesbrough the lead after 22 minutes.

After the interval Middlesbrough claimed that a Fulham defender had "palmed" the ball away when McCrae headed for goal, but the referee refused the appeal.

Then Fulham got the ball into the net, but an offside decision nullified the effort.

Nine minutes from the end, however, after Mannion had conceded a free kick for a foul on Macaulay, the Fulham right-half planted the ball into the goalmouth and Jezzard headed the equaliser.

FIERY FULHAM SPARKLED

MIDDLESBROUGH 1, FULHAM 1

AFTER a milk-and-water display for 80 minutes, Fulham jumped to life in the last 10 minutes and staged a fireworks finish which brought the equaliser and nearly another couple.

Inspired by Archie Macaulay, most polished player on the field, Fulham threw in everything. First Brennan got the ball in the net and the referee signalled a goal. Then he consulted a linesman and gave offside.

But Fulham weren't beaten. A slick pass from Master Archie was seized on by the burly Jezzard, who sent a scorching header screaming into the net.

Five minutes later Jezzard, with a quick-fire snap drive, brought the save of the match from Ugolini.

In fairness to Middlesbrough it must be said that they were slowed down by an early injury to Spuhler, and soon after Walker got a knee injury which made him a passenger.

Will Mannion, with a typical quick move, gave them the lead midway through the first half. And soon after, right-back Freeman dived in best goalkeeper style to head the ball away from the goal-line in saving an express drive from Bell. Middlesbrough swore he had handled and clamoured for a penalty.

GORDON REAY.

Nov. 4. 1950.

Fulham v. West Brom. A.

FULHAM BLACK-OUT IN LAST MINUTE

By RAYMOND GLENDENNING

Fulham 0, West Bromwich Albion 1

"YOU lucky people." That's how Tommy Trinder, as a Fulham director, of course, summed up Albion's victory. The goal in the last 30 seconds, that gave them two points, was lucky. In fact, it was almost a freak.

With the Albion forwards pressing in a last, final fling, the ball cannoned off Fulham pivot Jim Taylor's leg and so played Richardson onside. With all the Fulham players appealing—even the goalkeeper—all the Albion centre had to do was trickle the ball into the net.

Vast as was the indignation of the crowd, I uphold referee Ling's decision. Richardson was "played onside," and Fulham paid the penalty for not playing to the whistle. Most of the blame must land on goalkeeper Black's shoulders, however, for he could easily have smothered the ball had he tried.

West Bromwich were undoubtedly the better side throughout.

Right from the start both defences had anxious moments, but once Albion's wing-halves—especially Barlow, who was the star man on the field—got a grip on the game, the Midlanders were always on top.

By comparison, Fulham were listless and disjointed, though Macaulay and Lowe showed neat and scheming touches.

FULHAM v WEST BROM.



Nov. 11. 1950

Newcastle 1 v Fulham 2

FULHAM FIRST TO WIN AT NEWCASTLE

HERO of Fulham's shock victory at Newcastle was Stevens, who crowned a fine display with a brilliant goal after Thomas had levelled the score. Fulham seem to reserve their best displays for away games and they recovered magnificently to win after being a goal down after eight minutes. It was Newcastle's first home defeat.

Fulham could have been forgiven for losing hope in the first ten minutes when an all-round brilliant Newcastle forward line looked set for something like an Australian cricket score. Quested had the misfortune to turn a low cross from Robledo into his own net, but this seemed to build up Fulham's morale rather than destroy it and they pegged away to a sound if at times desperately earned triumph.

Taylor gave a talented display at centre-half, and kept Milburn, England's centre-forward, shot-starved through the game. Thomas scored when Brennan, Newcastle centre-half, missed his tackle.

Steven's speed on the right wing was always too much for McMichael and his winning goal was cleverly obtained. He deceived the back with a swerve and then lobbed the ball over Fairbrother's head as he came out.

Quested had a day to remember. Before scoring for Newcastle, he whipped the ball off the Fulham goal-line, and he made another dramatic last-minute save.

Walker's cross shot had beaten Black, but with the ball just about to cross the line Quested flung his heels out and turned the ball round the post.

To-morrow Fulham are at home to Sheffield Wednesday, who are in the relegation zone. Fulham should win, but they have not been too impressive at Craven Cottage lately. If the ball runs kindly they are likely to get a comfortable victory, but it is to be hoped that they will not allow the Wednesday to dictate the play and be content with a draw.

J.W.P.



STEVENS SHONE

Photo: A. W. James,
50, Crookham Road.

FULHAM HIT BACK

Stevens Shocks Newcastle

"Evening News" Reporter

FULHAM were lucky not to concede a goal in the first minute of their match with Newcastle United at St. James's Park this afternoon, when Mitchell nearly side-stepped a tackle by Quested to give Milburn a difficult chance from the inside-left position.

Milburn's first-time shot hit the crossbar, with Black beaten, and rebounded into the Fulham penalty area, where it was finally cleared after a good deal of scrambling.

Newcastle took the lead in the ninth minute. A centre almost along the goal-line from the left was diverted by QUESTED past Black who just managed to touch the ball on its way.

After 25 minutes THOMAS equalised for Fulham during one of his side's few first-half attacking movements. Thomas collected the ball in the middle of the field, beat Brennan, then flashed a hard drive from the penalty spot.

Half-time: Newcastle 1, Fulham 1. Four minutes after the interval Fulham took the lead through STEVENS after Quested had sent him speeding down the right wing.

Stevens, resisting an attempted tackle by McMichael, cleverly flicked the ball over Fairbrother's outstretched arms. Shortly afterwards Thomas, four yards from the Newcastle goal, missed a great opening when he headed over the bar from McDonald's centre.

Newcastle's defence had no counter for the speed of Stevens and McDonald on the two wings.

Newcastle on the other hand were still striving desperately for an equaliser in an attempt to save their unbeaten home record, but they had lost most of their first half sparkle against a Fulham defence that tackled first time and allowed few openings.

RESULT: Newcastle 1, Fulham 2

No. 18.
Fulham v Sheffield Wed.
4 - 2



McJARROW, the Sheffield Wednesday inside-right, tries to head for goal from a corner kick, with Black, the Fulham keeper, in close attendance, in the match at Craven Cottage this afternoon.

It Always Looked Safe For Fulham

By VICTOR RAILTON

FULHAM should have taken the lead on several occasions in the early stages of their match against Sheffield Wednesday at Craven Cottage but their forwards were right off the mark.

After five minutes a centre from Stevens went across the face of the visitors' goalmouth with Brennan standing by completely unmarked, but he failed to accept the chance. He did chase the ball, however, and lobbed it back into the goalmouth, where Thomas, standing two yards out, knocked it outside the post.

A minute later Thomas again had a chance but wasted a good pass by shooting weakly in their first attack after 11 minutes. Sheffield's left-winger, Woodhead, lobbed the ball into Fulham's goalmouth where McJARROW scrambled it against a post before seeing it rebound into Fulham's net.

Fulham's tale of missed chances continued. McDONALD shooting straight at the goalkeeper from a few yards. However, he made amends after 29 minutes when receiving a long through ball from Freeman.

A minute before the interval Stevens centred to THOMAS, who had only to tap the ball past McIntosh to give Fulham the lead.

Half-time: Fulham 2, Sheffield Wed. 1.
After the interval Fulham forced five corners in seven minutes, and MACAULAY scored their third goal. He received the ball 40 yards out, calmly sidestepped Witcomb, and suddenly whipped in a 20-yard drive.

A foul on Froggatt by a Fulham defender just outside the penalty area resulted in McJARROW heading in Wednesday's second goal from Witcomb's kick.

THOMAS hit the cross-bar and then scored Fulham's fourth goal from the rebound.

Result: Fulham 4, Sheffield W. 2.

This new Fulham will take some stopping

Fulham 4, Sheffield Wednesday 2

FULHAM showed that their forecast-shattering defeat of Newcastle was no flash in the pan. They got four goals against Sheffield Wednesday. But if they had got ten they would not have been flattered.

This new Fulham will take some stopping. Macaulay and Stevens formed a grand wing. Brennan and McDonald weren't far behind. Lowe and Quested prompted them continually.

Woodhead, always a dangerous flyer on the Sheffield left wing, got over a centre which McJarrow turned cleverly past Black. But Fulham's new brand of football would not be denied. In the thirtieth minute McDonald poked a perfectly-placed lob from Freeman past McIntosh.

Just before half-time a picture goal put Fulham ahead. Lowe started it and the ball went from McDonald to Macaulay and Stevens before Thomas rounded it off.

Macaulay put Fulham further ahead, but Sheffield hit back and McJarrow narrowed the lead.

Four minutes from the end Bob Thomas bundled the ball in.

The kick with a hang-over —for Thomas

NO wonder Bob Thomas, Fulham centre-forward, looks dismayed. He took this slashing first-time kick during an attack on the Sheffield Wednesday goal—then looked down to find he'd missed the ball. And Wednesday full-back Swift need not have worried quite so much about his face-saving effort!



Fulham got four—still need shooting lessons

FULHAM 4, SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2

THE Fulham player that tops the cover on the Craven Cottage programme is a spotty-faced, ill-looking young man. I don't know why they do that to the men of Fulham. For the team I saw was quite a nice-looking, well-balanced side—nothing brilliant, mind you, but good enough, I think to win more games than they'll lose.

Why, then, the pimply programme look? Perhaps it's because the Fulham boys still have something to learn, and it's shooting, first-time, quick, crisp hard shooting. When they do that I am sure the pimples will disappear and the points come rolling in.

This match bore the shooting lesson out all over again. Fulham should have had an easy win, yet in the end it was not until three minutes before the final whistle that the game was in the bag for them.

The man who clinched the issue—Bob Thomas, deputy centre-forward. And a fine goal it was! Thomas beat centre-half Turton on

the half-way line, raced on to fire in a brilliant shot, which McIntosh just as brilliantly pushed on to the bar. But there was Thomas to slam in the rebound.

The game began in very topsy fashion, yet by my reckoning Fulham could have been three up within 15 minutes. Instead Wednesday were one up, Woodhead's cross being sidefooted in off the post by McJarrow.

It took Fulham 27 minutes to equalise. Before it happened, both Thomas and McDonald had gone near, and in the end it was McDonald who got the goal—volleying in a good cross by Freeman.

Only now did Fulham begin to play the sort of game that wins praise from manager, critics and fans. Brennan's slide-rule passes became a pleasure to watch. Lowe turned in some grand constructive work, and Macaulay showed once again that he has all the touches of the Soccer artist.

Naturally the goals followed. First, a corker from Thomas after a four-man Fulham movement, and then a sizzler from Macaulay—a goal worth framing, this!

JOE HULME

Fulham.

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Sheffield Wednesday

Nov. 25

Arsenal. 5. Fulham.
5 - 1



ARSENAL'S first goal: Ian Black goes to full length to try to stop a shot by Goring. Arsenal centre-forward, Lishman, Arsenal inside-left, watches the ball go into the net.

ANOTHER LISHMAN HAT-TRICK

By HOWARD WHITTEN

Arsenal 5, Fulham 1

DOUG LISHMAN'S crackerjack hat-trick—his second in successive Highbury games—lit up the murk and deepened the gloom around Fulham's harassed defence. After banking in three good goals in 24 minutes, Arsenal bagged for a quarter-hour spell starting near the interval when Roper was off after being lamed in almost scoring a fourth.

Fulham's effort yielded a goal to never-say-die Bob Thomas, who recovered at sprinter's pace from a jump in which he and Les Compton both missed a long ball, raced Platt to it and just slid it in.

Logie and colleagues promptly dropped the exhibition delicacies which had crept into the front line and Ian Black faced a renewed bombardment in Fulham's goal.

Lishman had put Roper away for Goring to drive home the winger's half-cleared low centre. Inside ten minutes Forbes, racing through, charged down Black's clearance and scored at the second attempt and then Lishman's goal rush began.

His first rounded off precision interchanges with Logie. For his second, midway through the second half, he pounced on a Forbes drive which had been partly blocked. And to crown an England-class display, he picked up a sweet back-heel from Goring and walloped it in. In addition, he had four first class headers.

CANDID COMMENT. Peter Goring, Arsenal centre forward, was heavily outnumbered in this Highbury heading duel—but he beat Pavitt and Taylor, of Fulham, to the ball.



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It's a goal ref.!
and see Arsenal's
victory grin

GOAL! No doubt about it from the outstretched arms and smiling faces of Arsenal's Lishman (left) and Roper. But neither of these scored. The shot, one of five that beat Fulham keeper, Ian Black, at Highbury, came from centre-forward Pete Goring and he beat the camera, too.



It was so easy for Arsenal

Arsenal 5, Fulham 1

THIS match called for artificial light or a white ball—or both. We know they have these things at Highbury but they couldn't be used.

So the 45,000 spectators saw spectres going in and out of the mist and the black ball—when it was on their side of the field.

Even with this limited view the watchers must have been quite satisfied that Arsenal were the much better side.

Fulham disappointed both in attack and defence, the rear-guard adding to their own discomfiture by giving away early goals to set Arsenal on the way to victory.

Christmas presents

The first two might have been from Father Christmas. A pass from Roper was completely missed by a defender and Goring scored.

After other attempts to make Arsenal presents, Black put the ball against Forbes for the second goal.

Lishman, who got one before the interval, completed his hat-trick with two more in the second half after Thomas had managed to beat an Arsenal defence which, for that one and only time in the match, was caught napping.

In general, the Fulham forwards were too slow even to suggest mastery, the wingers doodling and Macaulay content with mere side-foot flicks.

As seen through this mist this form won't do for Fulham. For Arsenal it will do.

Dec. 2. 1950. Fulham. v. Burnley

Fulham won. ~~2~~
by 4 goals to 1.

Dec. 9. 1950.

Chelsea. v. Fulham
2 - 0



WANDERING goalkeepers were in trouble on Saturday. Take Ian Black, of Fulham (picture No. 1) for example. He is out of goal when a strong shot from Chelsea winner Parsons hits his legs and rebounds to 17-year-old debutant Bob Smith, centre forward, who, showing the ice-cool control of a veteran, slams the ball into the net.

END THAT BOWIE CASE LIKE THIS...

THERE is something about the sending of a man off the field that would petrify the forest of a referee's nervous system, as it would that of other human beings.

But the decision to send a man out of the company of his fellows in full view of some 44,000 spectators must take a bit of arriving at.

There is the staccato: "What's your name?"—although you've known it all along—and there's the reply, and then the "Off!" and the player's long run from the scene of play to the accompaniment of animal booing that might be directed at the player, and is more probably directed at the referee.

Anyhow, the player takes his long lonely run across the field accompanied by what might be the baying of hounds, and when it is a gallant little player like Jimmy Bowie, of Chelsea, why, it is all the harder to bear, and it's no wonder his chairman, Joe Mears, is going to make a personal matter of it. The Fulham people won't disagree.

HUMILIATING

What happened on the field is nobody's business but the referee's.

Bowie may have been culpable out there—there was too much of hounds in fading light to be able to distinguish clearly from the stand—but whatever the trouble was, it didn't appear to merit this drastic and humiliating business in a match that was full of local-Derby needle and play that was always robust without being terribly dirty.

Why, there were spectators who had gone through 30 years of football watching without seeing a man sent off, and we were able to think of only one occasion—in Scotland, long pre-war, when it happened justifiably—although there have been several occasions since when it could have happened. There are, in fact, a couple of men still prominent in the game who were sent off.

More than that, we can think of an occasion last season when a first-class referee of our acquaintance walked between two members of the same side and told them quietly that if they didn't stop swearing and throwing punches at each other in the mêlées he would send them both off the field.

Fulham.

Football Club players Birthdays

L. Guested	9 of January
A. Stevens	13 " "
R. Lewis	21 " "
A. Beasley	27 " "
C. Bowley	21 of April
D. Brennan	20 of July
A. Macaulay	30 " "
R. Thomas	2 of August
H. Kelly	17 " "
R. Lawler	20 " "
C. Thomas	30 " "
L. Gage	10 of September
J. Accuzzi	25 " "
B. Jezzard	19 of October
D. Gluck	24 " "
W. Hinchelwood	27 " "
J. Taylor	5 of November
Eric Thomas	12 " "
H. Freeman	14 " "
C. Newcombe	28 February