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OUR VISITORS—Continued

something like 50 League and Cup Matches." I thought at the time that such a statement seemed a fair and reasonable answer.

I originally set out to extend a sincere welcome to our guests to-day. We hope that they will thoroughly enjoy their visit to this area.

It is possible that we shall have difficulty in welcoming them as we would like, because of the language difficulty. Not one of the Team speaks a word of English, but we have been fortunate in securing the help of a lady and gentleman residing in Rotherham, who were both born in Vienna, and who speak both languages fluently. They have kindly promised to act as interpreters and we are hoping that they will meet our guests on arrival, and tell them the things we would ourselves express if we were able.

Incidentally, it will be interesting to note the re-action of the players on the field to the language difficulty.

Now for a "Quiz" of my own:—

Who was the Rotherham County player who whilst with the Club sustained a knee injury which, on the advice of a specialist, caused his retirement from the game, and yet after a year or two, he resumed playing, and had the honour of playing for his country a good many times, before complete retirement from football?

There are no prizes for the correct answer which will be given in the next First Team Programme. Meanwhile, I should be glad of anyone who remembers the circumstances, dropping me a postcard. I would then be able to say in the next issue of the Programme, how many of you were right. W.H.

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We must apologise to our supporters for the non-appearance of the usual Sports "Quiz" this week. The gentleman who provides this item has unfortunately been taken ill, and has been removed to Hospital. The item will be renewed as soon as possible.

OUR VISITORS. Only rarely do we have the chance of seeing Continental footballers at Millmoor, and so we welcome this opportunity of seeing an exhibition of the style that has caused a lot of heart-burning in this country, since the Hungarians defeated an English XI at Wembley. Perhaps it is of interest to note the re-action of English professionals to the criticism levelled against them since that particular match was played. Our own professionals are not slow to point out that Continental teams have not to undertake a heavy League Programme, as do the English Clubs. In the main, they are held together and trained together as a National Team, and that is held to be a tremendous advantage by players who oppose them. I feel that the opinion held among professional players generally is, that given equality of pre-match circumstances, the English sporting fraternity would have little cause to complain of the English Teams' performances against Continental Teams. It would certainly seem that the dice is heavily loaded against our boys. I remember during our last Tour of Holland, the Chairman of one of the Dutch Teams we met said after the match: "But then, these players ought to beat our fellows. After all, they are professionals, and our boys are Amateurs." The Coach, (who was an ex-professional English player) replied: "But you must not forget that whereas our Team have played 15 or 18 matches, these boys have just come over after playing

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

Date	Opponents	Grd	F	A
1958				
Aug. 20	Blackburn Rovershome	1..4		
22	Leeds Unitedaway	2..4		
24	West Ham Unitedhome	5..0		
29	Birmingham Cityhome	1..0		
31	West Ham Unitedaway	0..8		
Sep. 5	Nottm. Forestaway	1..4		
7	Fulhamhome	8..2		
12	Luton Townhome	2..1		
16	Fulhamaway	4..2		
19	Plymouth Argyleaway	2..0		
21	Stoke Cityhome	2..2		
26	Swansea Townhome	2..1		
Oct. 3	Doncaster Roversaway	2..1		
10	Buryhome	1..0		
17	Oldham Athleticaway	8..2		
24	Evertonhome	1..2		
31	Hull Cityaway	0..1		
Nov. 7	Notts Countyhome	0..1		
14	Lincoln Cityaway	8..4		
21	(1) Bristol Rovershome	1..1		
28	Brantfordaway	1..0		
Dec. 5	Derby Countyhome	5..2		
12	(2) Blackburn Roversaway	0..8		
19	Leeds Unitedhome	2..4		
25	Leicester Cityaway	1..4		
26	Leicester Cityhome	1..1		
1954				
Jan. 2	Birmingham Cityaway	8..1		
9	Bristol Cityaway	8..1		
16	Nottm. Foresthome	8..0		
28	Luton Townaway	1..1		
30	West Bromaway	0..4		
Feb. 6	Plymouth Argylehome	2..1		
13	Swansea Townaway	2..0		
20	(5) Doncaster Rovhome			
27	Buryaway			
Mar. 6	Oldham Athletichome			
13	(6) Evertonaway			
20	Hull Cityhome			
27	Bristol Roversaway			
Apr. 3	Brentfordhome			
10	Notts Countyaway			
17	Lincoln Cityhome			
19	Stoke Cityaway			
24	Derby Countyawa			

MIDLAND LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Grd	F	A
1958				
Aug. 19	Goole Townaway	5..1		
22	Halifax Townhome	0..0		
26	Wisbech Townaway	2..1		
29	Nottm. Forestaway	1..8		
31	Wisbech Townhome	2..2		
Sep. 5	Grimsby Townhome	2..1		
7	Corby Townaway	0..8		
12	Scarboroughaway	0..8		
14	Corby Townhome	4..1		
19	Granthamhome	0..2		
24	Workop Townaway	2..1		
26	Frickley Collieryaway	6..0		
28	Workop Townhome	2..2		
Oct. 8	Denaby Unitedhome	2..2		
10	Gainsbro' Trinityaway	1..0		
17	Doncaster Rovershome	2..1		
24	Peterborough Utdaway	2..2		
31	Boston Unitedhome	5..0		
Nov. 7	Lincoln Cityaway	1..8		
14	Scunthorpe Unitedhome	2..2		
21	Notts Countyaway	1..4		
28	Hull Cityhome	2..8		
Dec. 5	York Cityaway	5..2		
12	Goole Townhome	6..1		
19	Halifax Townaway			
26	Bradfordawa	4..4		
28	Bradfordhome	8..2		
1954				
Jan. 2	Nottm. Foresthome	9..1		
9	Mansfield Townhome			
16	Grimsby Townaway	2..0		
28	Scarboroughhome	5..2		
30	Mansfield Townaway	1..4		
Feb. 6	Granthamaway	0..3		
13	Frickley Collieryhome			
20	Denaby Unitedaway			
27	Gainsbro' Trinityhome			
Mar. 6	Doncaster Roversaway			
13	Peterborough Utd.home			
20	Boston Unitedaway			
27	Lincoln Cityhome			
Apr. 3	Scunthorpe Unitedaway			
10	Notts Countyhome			
16	Bradford Cityaway			
17	Hull Cityaway			
19	Bradford Cityhome			
24	York Cityhome			

Goal Scorers To Date—

Burke	25	Williams (R)	2	Farmer	1
Wilson	10	Johnson	2	Noble (pen)	1
Grainger	9	Henderson	1	Thomas (o.g.)	1
Guest	7	Marshall	1		

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