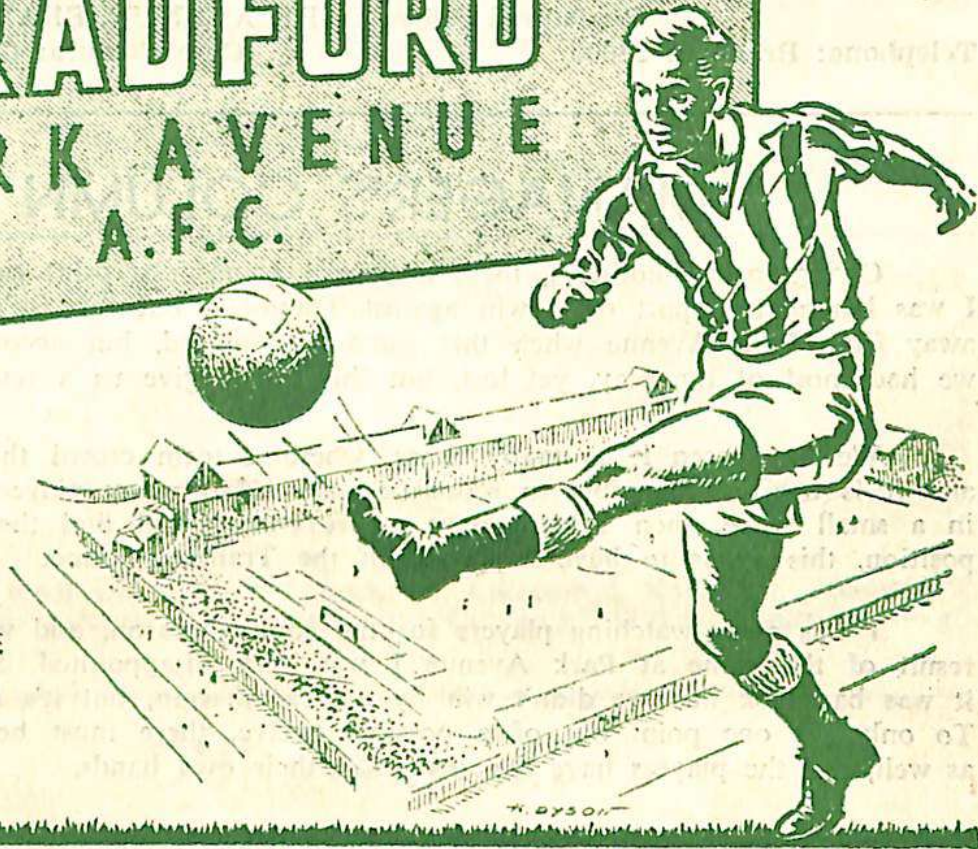


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MANAGER'S COLUMN

Owing to the holidays, these notes are going into print earlier than usual. I was hoping to report on a win against Tranmere, but this isn't possible. I was away from Park Avenue when this game was played, but according to reports, we had most of the play, yet lost, but this didn't give us a result.

We have seen it so many times, where a team crowd the opposing area, and it is nearly impossible to score because of so many players being bunched in a small space, then a team have a break-away and find the defence out of position, this seems to have happened in the Tranmere game.

I was away watching players for the coming season, and when I heard the result of the game at Park Avenue I was very disappointed. Some people say it was bad luck that we didn't win by a clear margin, but it's not all bad luck. To only get one point out of a possible twelve, there must be some bad play as well, and the players have the answer in their own hands.

I'm hoping to play a new player here today. I completed the arrangements with his club last week but they couldn't release him until after one of the Easter games, plus the fact that we couldn't play him against either Tranmere or Hartlepool because of their league placings. Permission will have to be made before we play him today, I hope this will be granted. After seeing this player in action over the last few weeks I think he will be an asset to us for the coming season.

I'm looking forward to meeting the Auxiliary Committee agents when we meet at the dinner on Wednesday, 17th April. This function is a "gift" from my Board in return for the time and energy the agents give to Park Avenue, their services are greatly appreciated by all here.

With six games to complete over Easter we are going to be very busy. I hope that the injury bogey will pass us by, and sincerely hope that both our teams will improve their league positions before today's game. Dennis Gleadall will be out of the game for the rest of the season. He received a badly strained groin injury during the Reserve game with Wisbech, and Gordon Bradley also injured himself during the Denaby match so we start off the Easter programme short of players.

The news about the entertainment tax on football was received with jubilation by all clubs. This will make a great difference to the financial aspect, especially to the smaller teams like ourselves. We can now budget for the coming season by having more full-time players and possibly giving the players a little more wage. This extra money will be put back into the game, which I hope will be for the betterment of the game all round.

The Retained and Transfer List will be issued shortly by all clubs. This is the time that we check up on players that have been seen over the weeks, also deciding which of our players are worthy of keeping. It is a difficult time for player and manager, but as there is no sentiment in football only those worthy of their hire can be considered. Mistakes can be made in all walks of life, sometimes a club allows a good player to go, but there must be a reason for the decision.

I hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday, and that we can give you something better today than you have seen of late.

W. G. Corkhill

"Up the Green and Whites".

PLAYERS' APPEARANCES TO 13th APRIL, inc., FOOTBALL LEAGUE ONLY

Anders	20	Gleadall	28	Perry	37
Atkinson	41	Hindle	4	Redfearn	22
Batty	9	Houghton	6	Robinson	40
Bradley	6	Hudson	10	Smith	39
Brolls	11	Jordan	12	Suddards	35
Brown	16	Keen	7	Ward (L. W.)	33
Brickley	12	Kendall	29	Ward (D.)	18
Cameron	3	Malan	24		

Goals: Smith 28, Redfearn 8, Ward 7, Anders 4, Atkinson 4, Kendall 4, Robinson 3, Brown 2, Houghton 1, Keen 1, Williamson, Bfd. City (o.g.), Blakey, Chesterfield (o.g.)
Total 64.

OUR VISITORS

Rochdale are one of the few clubs who have had uninterrupted membership of the Northern Section since its formation in 1921. They were previously in the Central League.

In the third season of the Northern Section they just missed promotion after a tremendous struggle with Wolverhampton Wanderers. Wolves finished with 63 points and Rochdale had 62, with the third club, Chesterfield, a long way behind on the 50 mark. In twenty seasons only two clubs, Stockport County in 1930, and Rotherham United in 1947, scored more points without gaining promotion. Thrice in the last six seasons the runners up in the Northern Section have gained more than 62 points, but the maximum obtainable is eight points more now than when Rochdale reached their total. Three seasons later, 1926-7, Rochdale were again second in the final table, three points in front of the third club—Bradford. The previous seasons the positions had been reversed, Bradford second and Rochdale third. It was not until 1949-50, when they finished third that Rochdale were again concerned in the promotion struggle.

They have almost as often been engaged in the fight at the other end of the table and they have had to apply for re-election four times, having finished at the foot of the table thrice—in the first season, 1921-2 and again in 1931-2 and 1933-4, whilst they were last but one in 1930-31.

Last season they obtained 47 points, finishing twelfth from the top of the table.

Previous results when Rochdale have visited Park Avenue during the post-war period have been as follows:

1950-51	Bradford 0	Rochdale 1
1951-52	Bradford 1	Rochdale 1
1952-53	Bradford 2	Rochdale 1
1953-54	Bradford 2	Rochdale 2
1954-55	Bradford 1	Rochdale 1
1955-56	Bradford 3	Rochdale 3

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	2 Suddards	3 Perry
4 Atkinson	atty	6 Robinson
7 Hughes	8 Keen	10 Redfearn
	11 Devlin	11 Kendall
	10 Moran	
	6 Murphy	8 Pearson
	3 McCulloch	7 Wainwright
	Glover	4 Grant
	2 Parr	
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HARTLEPOOLS UNITED
SATURDAY, 27th APRIL
Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

AT PARK AVENUE
J. SUDDARDS & D. BRICKLEY BENEFIT MATCH

BRADFORD v. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

MONDAY, APRIL 29th, 1957
Kick-off 6-30

CLUB COMMENT

The season is fast drawing to a close, not as happily as we could have wished as, following what appeared to be a revival, there has been a return to the old ways with, at the time of writing, five defeats in succession.

This has meant a slump in attendances but we hope to see all of those who have been absent from Park Avenue during our lean spell again visiting the ground on Monday, 29th April, when we entertain Huddersfield Town in a match for the benefit of two Bradford lads, J Suddards and D. Brickley, both of whom have spent all their professional career with Park Avenue.

The prices of admission have been considerably reduced and we hope that every Park Avenue enthusiast will do his utmost to ensure that the benefit is a financial success.

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Goole Town
Wednesday, 24th April, 1957
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

1955								
Aug.	18	Crewe Alexandra	...	A	0	2		
	20	Stockport County	...	H	3	2		
	25	Derby County	...	H	3	2		
	27	Stockport County	...	A	0	4		
Sept.	1	Wrexham	...	A	0	2		
	3	Scunthorpe United	...	H	1	2		
	8	Gateshead	...	H	0	1		
	12	Hull City	...	H	4	1		
	13	Scunthorpe United	...	A	2	2		
	15	Bradford City	...	A	0	2		
	22	Darlington	...	A	5	0		
	24	Hull City	...	A	0	2		
	29	Barrow	...	H	4	1		
Oct.	6	Carlisle United	...	A	1	2		
	13	Accrington Stanley	...	H	2	0		
	20	Chester	...	A	0	2		
	27	York City	...	H	0	2		
Nov.	3	Oldham Athletic	...	A	1	3		
	10	Mansfield Town	...	H	1	4		
	17	F.A. Cup Boston United	...	A	2	0		
	24	Chesterfield	...	H	2	0		
Dec.	1	Tranmere Rovers	...	A	3	0		
	8	Peterborough (F.A. Cup)	...	A	0	3		
	15	Crewe Alexandra	...	H	4	3		
	22	Derby County	...	A	1	6		
	25	Workington	...	A	1	0		
	26	Workington	...	H	1	3		
	29	Wrexham	...	H	0	4		
1957								
Jan.	1	Southport	...	A	1	5		
	5	(3) Halifax Town	...	H	2	1		
	12	Gateshead	...	A	3	1		
	19	Bradford City	...	H	2	0		
	26	Halifax Town	...	A	1	3		
Feb.	2	Darlington	...	H	3	1		
	9	Barrow	...	A	0	1		
	16	(5) Carlisle United	...	H	1	3		
Mar.	3	Chester	...	H	3	1		
	9	York City	...	A	2	1		
	16	Oldham Athletic	...	H	2	2		
	23	Mansfield Town	...	A	1	2		
	25	Accrington Stanley	...	A	0	5		
	30	Southport	...	H	2	3		
April	6	Chesterfield	...	A	1	4		
	13	Tranmere Rovers	...	H	1	2		
	20	Hartlepoons United	...	A				
	22	Rochdale	...	A				
	23	Rochdale	...	H				
	27	Hartlepoons United	...	H				
May	4		...					

MIDLAND LEAGUE

1956								
Aug.	18	Lincoln City Res.	...	H	1	2		
	23	Boston United	...	A	0	4		
	25	Scunthorpe United Res.	...	A	1	3		
	29	Boston United	...	H	1	0		
Sept.	1	Gainsborough Trinity	...	H	2	3		
	3	Peterborough United	...	A	1	5		
	8	Corby Town	...	A	2	2		
	10	Peterborough United	...	H	1	4		
	19	Rotherham United Res.	...	H	1	1		
	22	Hull City Res.	...	H	4	1		
	26	Bradford City Res.	...	A	2	1		
	29	Hull City Res.	...	A	1	5		
Oct.	3	Bradford City Res.	...	H	3	1		
	13	Grimsby Town Res.	...	A	3	2		
	20	Doncaster Rovers Res.	...	H	1	0		
	27	Mansfield Town Res.	...	A	1	3		
Nov.	3	Notts County Res.	...	H	2	0		
	10	York City Res.	...	A	1	4		
	17	Grantham Town	...	H	2	1		
	24	Wisbech Town	...	A	1	2		
Dec.	1	Scunthorpe United Res.	...	H	2	0		
	8	Scarborough	...	A	2	3		
	15	Lincoln City Res.	...	A	2	1		
	22	Worksop Town	...	H	4	1		
	25	Frickley Colliery	...	H	1	2		
	26	Frickley Colliery	...	A	1	3		
	29	Gainsborough Trinity	...	A	1	1		
1957								
Jan.	12	Corby Town	...	H	1	4		
	19	Notts County Res.	...	A	2	2		
	26	Nottingham Forest Res.	...	H	2	2		
Feb.	2	King's Lynn	...	A	0	2		
	16	Denaby United	...	A	2	4		
	23	Grimsby Town Res.	...	H	1	2		
Mar.	2	Doncaster Rovers Res.	...	A	1	6		
	9	Mansfield Town Res.	...	H	2	1		
	16	Grantham	...	A	2	3		
	23	York City Res.	...	H	1	5		
	27	King's Lynn	...	H	2	2		
	30	Worksop Town	...	A	1	0		
April	3	Nottingham Forest Res.	...	A	1	0		
	6	Wisbech Town	...	H	0	3		
	10	Denaby United	...	H	3	2		
	13		...					
	19	Goole Town	...	A				
	20	Scarborough	...	H				
	24	Goole Town	...	H				
	27	Rotherham United Res.	...	A				
May	4		...					

THE LEAGUE, DIV. III (NORTH)

(Up to and including 16th April)

	P	W	L	D	Goals		Pts
					F	A	
Derby Co.	41	24	8	9	97	46	57
Accrington	42	24	10	8	91	54	56
Workington	41	22	9	10	83	52	54
Hartlepoons	42	22	11	9	83	57	53
Bradford C.	41	21	13	7	68	58	49
Stockport C.	42	21	15	6	85	72	48
York City	41	20	13	8	70	56	48
Hull City	43	19	15	9	79	68	47
Barrow	42	19	14	9	69	56	47
Chesterfield	41	19	14	8	84	67	46
Wrexham	41	17	14	10	88	65	44
Rochdale	41	16	14	11	61	58	43
Scunthorpe	42	15	15	12	69	66	42
Mansfield T.	41	15	16	10	79	78	40
Halifax T.	40	17	17	6	53	65	40
Carlisle U.	42	14	17	11	71	82	39
Darlington	41	15	18	8	74	84	38
Gateshead	41	14	18	9	64	84	37
Oldham A.	41	12	17	12	62	66	36
Bradford	42	16	24	2	64	87	34
Southport	40	8	21	11	46	85	27
Chester	41	7	22	12	45	78	26
Tranmere R.	42	7	23	12	49	82	26
Crewe Alex.	41	3	29	9	32	99	15

MIDLAND LEAGUE

(Up to and including 13th April)

	P	W	L	D	Goals		Pts
					F	A	
Peterboro'	38	29	3	6	120	29	64
Rotherham	41	29	7	5	120	60	63
Boston Utd.	39	19	11	9	81	54	47
York City	40	18	11	11	73	67	47
Corby Town	40	20	14	6	102	86	46
Worksop T.	39	18	12	9	86	66	45
Nottm. F.	42	19	16	7	90	66	45
Lincoln City	41	17	15	9	68	61	43
Doncaster	42	18	17	7	92	78	43
Denaby Utd.	40	19	17	4	106	102	42
Scunthorpe	41	12	11	18	75	74	42
Grimsby T.	42	17	18	7	103	77	41
Grantham	40	12	12	16	79	78	40
King's Lynn	40	14	15	11	83	80	39
Frickley C.	39	15	17	7	60	69	37
Bradford	42	15	21	6	64	93	36
Bradford C.	38	15	18	5	76	89	35
Gainsboro'	39	13	17	9	60	81	35
Notts. Co.	40	11	17	12	68	79	34
Wisbech T.	40	12	19	9	54	87	33
Hull City R.	42	11	21	10	80	108	32
Goole Town	38	10	18	10	51	77	30
Scarboro'	38	10	21	7	71	110	27
Mansfield	39	4	29	6	49	140	14