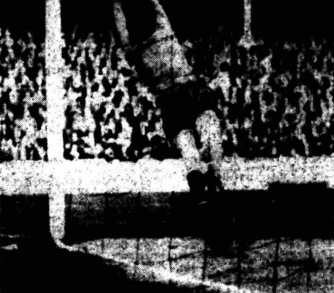


Results and tables

DIVISION I		DIVISION II	
Blackburn R 2	Leeds Utd 3	Birmingham 0	Barnum W ... 1
Blackpool 2	West Ham 1	Bury ... 1	Crystal Palace ... 1
Everton ... 1	Liverpool ... 1	Derby Co ... 2	Millwall ... 1
Leicester 1	Sheff Wed 0	Huddersfield ... 1	Ipswich ... 0
Manchester U 2	Arsenal ... 1	Leyton ... 1	Reading ... 1
Newcastle ... 1	Sheff Utd ... 1	Middlesbrough ... 1	Southampton ... 1
N Forest 4	Stoke City 3	Sheff W ... 1	Walsley ... 1
Sheff W 3	Northampton 1	Sheff Utd ... 1	Walsley ... 1
Tottenham 5	Aston Villa 5	Sheff W ... 1	Walsley ... 1
West Brom 1	Bury ... 2	Sheff W ... 1	Walsley ... 1



John Farmer, the Stoke City goalkeeper, is beaten by a shot from Peter Hindley, Nottingham Forest right back, at the City Ground this afternoon.

Forest triumph in 7 goal thriller

by TONY PRITCHETT

SIX goals in the first hour kept the City Ground crowd on their toes at this afternoon's match between Nottingham Forest and Stoke City. Stoke scored first after only thirty seconds in fact—but quick replies by Crowe and Hindley gave Forest the edge.

ATTENDANCE: 21,175

Newton and Sebbington right on the half way line, the referee awarding Stoke a freekick after speaking to the Forest back.

HALF-TIME:
 NOTTM. FOREST 2
 STOKE CITY 3

Stoke resumed full of confidence and only the fast stopping Ritchie. Then Windfall was pulled over by the Stoke defence and the freekick was taken by the Stoke forward, who was well served for Forest. McInlay was there to head off the line.

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WASTED CHANCE

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CROWD'S GOAL

But after seven minutes Forest, supported by an excellent goalkeeping by Crowe and Hindley, were able to score a goal.

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Verdict on Forest

Apart from a lively burst which brought them two goals in an hour, the Stoke defence was disappointing their supporters again today.

Forest covered well enough from a first minute blow from Stoke, but they were surprised by the lack of urgency from Stoke, by no means an outstanding side, but both defences were superb.

Both McInlay and John Ritchie a tricky handful and it was in the Stoke defence that the visitors' defence and increased their lead with a powerful shot by Smith made it six by scoring from a penalty in the 2nd minute.

Mansfield hit back to take point

From our own correspondent

MANSFIELD TOWN faced an uphill second half battle against Exeter City at St. James' Park this afternoon, after crossing over 2-0 down. The goals came from Keely (20 minutes) and Evans (40 minutes).

The Stage hit back through Hall (30 minutes) and Burns (33 minutes), who came on as substitute, to get right back into the game.

There were no late changes at Exeter, where the home team included two new signings made last week—deserving of a mention—Thurgood—Evans from Carlisle and Keely from Charlton.

WHYTO GIVES SCOTLAND LEAD AT MURRAYFIELD

SCOTLAND regained the lead after 40 minutes in their Calcutta Cup clash with England at Murrayfield this afternoon. Whyto put them ahead from a free try.

Scotland, holders of the Calcutta Cup, were favoured, for not since Scotland's victory over their oldest rugby enemy at this Murrayfield has they enjoyed a better record this season. There were no late changes.

SCOTLAND II

Alloa 2
 Ayr United 1
 Brechin R 0
 Brechin C 1
 Brechin F 3
 Brechin S 1
 Brechin T 1
 Brechin U 1
 Brechin V 1
 Brechin W 1
 Brechin X 1
 Brechin Y 1
 Brechin Z 1

FOOTBALL COMB.—II

12-2
 13-1
 14-1
 15-1
 16-1
 17-1
 18-1
 19-1
 20-1
 21-1
 22-1
 23-1
 24-1
 25-1
 26-1
 27-1
 28-1
 29-1
 30-1

MANCHESTER COMMENT

Mansfield made an astonishing recovery from three goals down in the first half of this game they played like a side determined to retaliate and produced nothing of note.

But then with only ten minutes to go, they came back into the picture with surprise goals by Hall and Burns.

But without wishing to detract from the fact that Exeter had sacked off a match, they were clearly a team who had been badly beaten. Obviously Exeter underestimated Mansfield, who had caused them no anxiety for nearly 90 minutes.

DIVISION III		DIVISION IV	
Barnet 2	Walsley 1	Barnet 2	Walsley 1
Barnet 3	Walsley 2	Barnet 3	Walsley 2
Barnet 4	Walsley 3	Barnet 4	Walsley 3
Barnet 5	Walsley 4	Barnet 5	Walsley 4
Barnet 6	Walsley 5	Barnet 6	Walsley 5
Barnet 7	Walsley 6	Barnet 7	Walsley 6
Barnet 8	Walsley 7	Barnet 8	Walsley 7
Barnet 9	Walsley 8	Barnet 9	Walsley 8
Barnet 10	Walsley 9	Barnet 10	Walsley 9

CENTRAL ALLIANCE		SCOTLAND I	
Alloa 1	Ayr United 2	Clyde 1	Dumfries 2
Brechin 1	Brechin 2	Dumfries 1	Dumfries 2
Brechin 3	Brechin 4	Dumfries 3	Dumfries 4
Brechin 5	Brechin 6	Dumfries 5	Dumfries 6
Brechin 7	Brechin 8	Dumfries 7	Dumfries 8
Brechin 9	Brechin 10	Dumfries 9	Dumfries 10

OTHER MATCHES		SCOTLAND II	
Alloa 1	Ayr United 2	Alloa 1	Ayr United 2
Brechin 1	Brechin 2	Brechin 1	Brechin 2
Brechin 3	Brechin 4	Brechin 3	Brechin 4
Brechin 5	Brechin 6	Brechin 5	Brechin 6
Brechin 7	Brechin 8	Brechin 7	Brechin 8
Brechin 9	Brechin 10	Brechin 9	Brechin 10

HOMES		AWAYS	
Alloa 1	Ayr United 2	Alloa 1	Ayr United 2
Brechin 1	Brechin 2	Brechin 1	Brechin 2
Brechin 3	Brechin 4	Brechin 3	Brechin 4
Brechin 5	Brechin 6	Brechin 5	Brechin 6
Brechin 7	Brechin 8	Brechin 7	Brechin 8
Brechin 9	Brechin 10	Brechin 9	Brechin 10

DRAWN		RESULTS	
Alloa 1	Ayr United 2	Alloa 1	Ayr United 2
Brechin 1	Brechin 2	Brechin 1	Brechin 2
Brechin 3	Brechin 4	Brechin 3	Brechin 4
Brechin 5	Brechin 6	Brechin 5	Brechin 6
Brechin 7	Brechin 8	Brechin 7	Brechin 8
Brechin 9	Brechin 10	Brechin 9	Brechin 10

RESULTS		RESULTS	
Alloa 1	Ayr United 2	Alloa 1	Ayr United 2
Brechin 1	Brechin 2	Brechin 1	Brechin 2
Brechin 3	Brechin 4	Brechin 3	Brechin 4
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