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CLUB NOTES

IT is with great pleasure that we welcome the Turkish Champions to be our guests this evening at the Official Opening of Floodlight Football at Kenilworth Road. The Fener Bahce Club is the Arsenal of Turkey, drawing the biggest crowds wherever they play, and it is an honour to receive them on this unique occasion. The Club was founded in 1907, when it was decided that it would cater for all kinds of sport for its members. Besides being Football Champions of Turkey the Club also holds the Athletic and Swimming Championships of that country and we who have actually seen the enthusiasm of its leaders and members in whatever they undertake can quite well understand why this Club is so successful. They take their sport very seriously and for some time now have supplied the majority of the players on all International occasions. When we visited Turkey last May, we were very kindly given the privilege of doing our training on their ground, a privilege we very much appreciated. Their headquarters were just along the road from our hotel at Moda, which is actually just inside Asia on the Anatolian side (south) of Istanbul and overlooking the Marmara Sea. There was of course the language difficulty but several times we met these lads, making ourselves understood and found them most decent to talk to. When we played them last May, we ran out winners by six goals to two, but that score gave no indication of the very hard fight we had at one stage of the match. We had built up a comfortable lead of three clear goals when suddenly this Turkish team, vociferously encouraged, hit back with two quick goals. As you can imagine the air was electric, and the Fener team threw everything into their efforts to equal the scores. We were being hard pressed and our lads were having a hard job to prevent these efforts being successful. If the pressure had been maintained it is doubtful if we could have succeeded for it was terrific. And then an amazing thing happened which completely upturned the whole game. We were attacking and were just outside Fener's penalty box. Actually the attack had broken down and their centre half could have kicked the ball anywhere. Suddenly a whistle blew and of course the players thought the Referee, Mr. Blythe from Tottenham whom we had taken out with us on the tour, had blown. He actually had not done so but someone in the crowd had. Fener's centre half picked up the ball to put on the spot for a free kick, but as the Referee said afterwards—there was nothing in the F.A. Rules to say what should happen if a player

picks up a ball under such circumstances. A player had handled the ball while it was in play, and he, the Referee, had no alternative but to apply the law and award a free kick to Luton. Bernard Moore shaped to take a shot at goal but instead passed to Jesse Pye who scored with a first time shot. The crowd at this just went mad and urged their team to even better efforts but somehow that goal had taken the wind right out of their sails and before they could recover, further goals from Bert Mitchell and Bernard Moore just left them almost becalmed. Not the crowd, however, for they were waiting for us (or was it the Ref.) outside the Stadium, but thanks to the Turkish Army who incidentally were present at every match, we embarked for our return journey to Moda across the Marmara Sea without any trouble. It was a game we who saw or took part in will never forget all our lives.

What surprised us most out there was the quality of the football played. A few years ago it was not a question of who was going to win but how many would the Touring side win by. In fact the crowd expected many goals to be scored against them and woe betide the side which disappointed them. A one goal victory to the tourists was no entertainment for them. They wanted to see goals and plenty of them. Coaches have recently gone from this country to teach them and they are a vastly different proposition now. Playing under their own climatic conditions they are a very tough nut for any side to take on. It will be most interesting to see how they adapt themselves to our conditions, although in a way at the moment they are not very different from their own for the playing pitches here in England just now are bone dry. However we can be sure of witnessing a very good game and trust that our visitors will prove worthy ambassadors of their famous country.

We are taking the opportunity of this match to grant from the proceeds to that great-hearted player of former years and now that his playing days are over our Trainer Tom Mackey with a nice little cheque as a well-earned benefit in appreciation of his connection with this club. It was on the 16th day of June, 1932, that we signed him from Sheffield Wednesday and what sterling service he has rendered this club, in those twenty one years. We are very pleased therefore to take this opportunity of showing our appreciation to "our Tom," and sincerely trust he will be with us for a good many years to come and that he will enjoy health and happiness all his days, wherever he may be.

TURKISH INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL NEWS

Recently Turkey defeated SWITZERLAND, in Switzerland, 2-0 and 2-1 and GERMANY, in Germany, 1-0 and drew with YUGOSLAVIA, in Istanbul 2-2 (with Turkey leading until last minute)

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Right Back

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Right Half

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Outside Right

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Inside Right

Referee—
Mr. A. G. JOYCE
(Luton)

Niyazi
Outside Left

Burhan
Inside Left

Mehmet Ali or Akgun
Left Half

Muzdat
Left Back

FENER BAHEE

Shirer Blue and White Stripes

Baynam
Goal

Morton
Centre Half

Pye
Centre

Faridun
Centre

Basri
Centre Half

Selahettin
Goal

Aherne
Left Back

Watkins
Left Half

Cummins
Inside Left

Mitchell
Outside Left

Linesmen—
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Outside Right

Naci
Right Half

Nedim
Right Back

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During season 1952/53, Fener Bahce defeated RAPID 1-0 and drew 4-4 (*Rapid defeated Arsenal, 6-1, 1953*) and drew with AMERICA (Brazil) F.C. 1-1, also defeated the following clubs:—
AUSTRIA CLUB, 3-1

DYNAMO YUGOSLAV, 1-0
HADJUK YUGOSLAV 3-1,
LANUS (*Argentine Champions*) 3-2
LILLE (*then French Champions*) 2-0

FENER BAHCE CLUB was founded in 1907—The English translation of FENER is "lighthouse" and BAHCE "a garden." On the Anatolian side (south) of Istanbul and near Moda—where all English visiting Clubs have stayed—is a lighthouse situated near the place where FENER BAHCE have their H.Q., hence the name.

FENER BAHCE has for some time supplied the majority of players for the Turkish International Team and it is considered their football club is the most popular in Turkey.

The players included in the party visiting England are:—

Selahettin, Unlu. Goal. 23 years old. Has been 3 years with Fener Bahce and played in 3 International matches, recently against Switzerland.

Ismail, Candil. Goal. 24 years of age. Reserve Goalkeeper.

Muzdat, Yetkiner. Left back or right back. 29 years of age. Has been with the club 15 years and on 15 occasions has appeared in International matches, including those against Switzerland, Germany and Yugo-Slavia.

Nedim, Gunar. Right back. 19 years of age. 3 years with Fener Bahce. A reserve International.

Naci, Erden. Right half. 22 years old. A reserve International. Recently transferred from Ankara.

Basri, Dirimlili. Centre half or right back. 23 years of age. Has played in 3 International matches, against Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia. Came to Fener Bahce from Ankara recently.

Kamil, Eken. Centre half or right back. 29 years of age. 8 years on Fener Bahce books.

Malih, Ilgraz. Centre half or right back. 27 years of age. Transferred from Ankara two years ago. Now an International.

Akgun, Kacmaz. Left half. 19 years old. An International, played against Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia. 3 years with Fener Bahce.

Mehmet Ali, H. Inside left or left half. 27 years of age. Has played in 12 International matches, among them those against Germany, Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia. 8 years with Fener Bahce.

Fikret, Kircan. Outside right. 32 years old. Has 15 International matches to his credit, recently playing against Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia. Has been with the club for 15 years.

Leffer, Kuckand. Inside right or inside left. 28 years of age. Has played in International matches on 15 occasions, the match against Germany being his most recent appearance. Has been 7 years with Fener Bahce.

Feridun, Bukeker. Centre forward. 20 years of age. Has played in 2 International matches. A new "Star."

Burhan, Sargin. Inside left. 22 years old. Played against Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia recently in International matches. 3 years with Fener Bahce.

Niyazi, Tamakan. Outside left. 20 years old. A future International. Very fast.

Husamettin, P. Outside right or inside right. 23 years old. A reserve player.

Nedim, Yunev. Right half or inside right. 23 years old. A reserve player.

Lazlo, Szekely. Trainer. A Hungarian. Joined Fener Bahce 2 years ago. Trained the Israel International side and F.C. Verona, also Hakoah of Vienna.

FIXTURES, 1953-54

FIRST XI Division II

			1952/53	F. A.
Wed., Aug. 19	Oldham Athletic	...	...	H 4 4
Sat., .. 22	Everton	...	4 2	H 1 1
Wed., .. 26	Nottingham Forest	...	3 0	H 0 1
Sat., .. 29	Plymouth Argyle	...	1 2	A 2 2
Wed., Sept. 2	Nottingham Forest	...	3 4	A 1 2
Sat., .. 5	Swansea Town	...	3 1	H 2 0
Wed., .. 9	Birmingham City	...	2 2	A 1 5
Sat., .. 12	Rotherham United	...	3 1	A 1 2
Wed., .. 16	Birmingham City	...	0 1	H 2 0
Sat., .. 19	Leicester City	...	2 0	H 2 2
Sat., .. 26	Stoke City	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., Oct. 3	Fulham	...	2 0	H 1 2
Sat., .. 10	Hull City	...	3 2	H
Sat., .. 17	Notts. County	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 24	Lincoln City	...	4 0	H
Sat., .. 31	Bristol Rovers	...	...	A
Sat., Nov. 7	Brentford	...	0 1	H
Sat., .. 14	Derby County	...	...	A
Sat., .. 21	Blackburn Rovers	...	6 0	H
Sat., .. 28	Doncaster Rovers	...	0 1	A
Sat., Dec. 5	Bury	...	4 1	H
Sat., .. 12	Oldham Athletic	...	...	A
Sat., .. 19	Everton	...	1 1	A
Fri., .. 25	West Ham United	...	1 3	A
Sat., .. 26	West Ham United	...	0 0	H
Sat., Jan. 2	Plymouth Argyle	...	1 0	H
Sat., .. 9	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...	...
Sat., .. 16	Swansea Town	...	2 4	A
Sat., .. 23	Rotherham United	...	2 1	H
Sat., .. 30	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	...
Sat., Feb. 6	Leicester City	...	1 1	A
Sat., .. 13	Stoke City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 20	Fulham (5)	...	0 2	A
Sat., .. 27	Hull City	...	2 0	A
Sat., March 6	Notts. County	...	5 1	H
Sat., .. 13	Lincoln City (6)	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 20	Bristol Rovers	...	...	H
Sat., .. 27	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1	A
Sat., April 3	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 2	H
Sat., .. 10	Brentford	...	1 1	A
Fri., .. 16	Leeds United	...	2 0	H
Sat., .. 17	Derby County	...	...	H
Mon., .. 19	Leeds United	...	2 2	A
Sat., .. 24	Bury	...	0 1	A

RESERVE FIXTURES

Combination Cup

			1952/53	F. A.
Tues., Aug. 25	Watford	...	0 3	A 1 2
Sat., .. 29	Northampton Town	...	1 1	A 3 1
Wed., Sept. 2	Birmingham City	...	3 0	H 4 0
Sat., .. 5	Norwich City	...	1 4	A 0 0
Wed., .. 9	Ipswich Town	...	5 1	H 1 2
Sat., .. 12	Watford	...	1 2	H 2 1
Sat., .. 16	Ipswich Town	...	1 4	A 4 1
Sat., .. 23	Northampton Town	...	3 3	H 1 2
Sat., .. 30	Coventry City	...	4 1	H 3 4
Wed., .. 3	Coventry City	...	3 3	H 2 0
Sat., Oct. 3	Leicester City	...	3 2	A 1 4
Mon., .. 5	Coventry City	...	1 1	A
Sat., .. 10	Norwich City	...	3 1	H
Wed., .. 21	Birmingham City	...	2 3	A

Football Combination

Sat., Oct. 17	Ipswich Town	...	3 2	H
Sat., .. 24	Bournemouth & Boscombe	...	3 3	A
Sat., .. 31	Portsmouth	...	...	H
Sat., Nov. 7	Cardiff City	...	...	A
Sat., .. 14	Millwall Athletic	...	...	H
Sat., .. 21	Arsenal	...	...	A
Sat., .. 28	Chelsea	...	...	H
Sat., Dec. 5	Reading	...	...	A
Sat., .. 12	West Ham United	...	...	A
Sat., .. 19	Leicester City	...	0 0	H
Fri., .. 25	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	A
Sat., .. 26	...	...	...	...
Sat., Jan. 2	Leicester City	...	2 1	A
Sat., .. 9	Norwich City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 16	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	H
Sat., .. 23	Fulham	...	...	A
Sat., .. 30	Fulham	...	...	H
Sat., Feb. 6	Charlton Athletic	...	...	H
Sat., .. 13	Charlton Athletic	...	...	A
Sat., .. 20	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	H
Sat., .. 27	Norwich City	...	...	A
Sat., March 6	Ipswich Town	...	2 0	A
Sat., .. 13	Bournemouth & Boscombe	...	1 2	H
Sat., .. 20	Portsmouth	...	...	A
Sat., .. 27	Cardiff City	...	...	H
Sat., April 3	Millwall Athletic	...	...	A
Sat., .. 10	Arsenal	...	...	H
Fri., .. 16	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	A
Sat., .. 17	Chelsea	...	...	A
Sat., .. 24	Reading	...	...	H
Wed., .. 28	West Ham United	...	...	H

LEAGUE TABLES, 1953-54

Up to and including 5th October, 1953

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Everton	12	7	4	1	26	14	18
Doncaster Rovers	12	8	1	3	24	12	17
Rotherham Utd.	12	8	1	4	27	24	17
Leicester City	12	5	6	1	26	16	16
Lincoln City	12	6	3	3	21	12	15
Notts. Forest	12	7	1	4	26	18	15
West Ham United	12	6	3	3	26	19	15
Derby County	11	5	4	2	21	15	14
Blackburn Rovers	11	5	4	2	21	18	14
Birmingham City	12	5	3	4	28	17	13
Bristol Rovers	12	5	3	4	25	16	13
Stoke City	13	2	9	2	20	23	13
Leeds United	12	4	4	4	26	24	12
Bury	12	2	6	4	15	20	10
LUTON TOWN	12	2	5	5	18	22	9
Plymouth Argyle	12	1	7	4	12	21	9
Fulham	12	2	4	6	21	27	8
Oldham Athletic	12	2	4	6	11	20	8
Swansea Town	12	3	2	7	13	25	8
Hull City	12	3	1	8	12	21	7
Brentford	12	2	3	7	10	25	7
Notts. County	12	2	2	8	12	31	6

COMBINATION CUP—Section III

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	11	9	1	1	33	13	19
Norwich City	11	6	2	3	19	14	14
Coventry City	13	5	3	5	26	23	13
Watford	12	5	2	5	18	20	12
LUTON TOWN	12	5	1	6	23	19	11
Northampton Town	11	5	1	5	14	15	11
Birmingham City	12	3	1	8	16	30	7
Ipswich Town	12	3	1	8	15	30	7

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, 10th October, 1953

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

LUTON TOWN

v.

HULL CITY

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