

FOOTBALL STARS

of today and tomorrow



INTERNATIONAL GOALKEEPERS



Willie Miller (Glasgow Celtic)

Another local boy who made good. Born in Glasgow. Started his football career as an outside left with his local school team and then turned to goalkeeping with Scottish junior side, St. Rollox. Went to Maryhill Harp juniors where he was spotted by Celtic. Signed for them in 1942 at the age of 17 and rapidly came to the fore with consistently brilliant performances. Gained well deserved recognition when he was capped against Wales in 1946-47. Was later capped against England and gained League honours against the English and Irish Leagues. Has now been deposed by Cowan, of Morton, in the Scottish side but is still regarded as one of the three best goalkeepers by critics north of the border. Well built, agile and extremely safe. Has an extremely fine sense of anticipation which makes the most deceptive and difficult shot seem easy.



Bert Williams (Wolverhampton Wanderers).

A product of minor Birmingham football. First League Club was Walsall where he was coached and developed by one of England's greatest goalkeepers—Harry Hibbs. Transferred to Wolves three years ago he has never been dropped from the side, although he has been out on numerous occasions through injury. A very daring goalkeeper with a keen positional sense and almost uncanny anticipation acrobatic but safe. Gained his first full cap for England against France in May 1949 during the F.A. tour and is undoubtedly a worthy successor to the inimitable Frank Swift.



Pat Kelly (Barnsley)

Was born in South Africa of Irish parents. Played minor football until he came to this country to join the R.A.F. during the war. Was spotted playing for a R.A.F. side by Dumbarton for whom he 'guested' before going to Aberdeen. His impressive form gained him the attention of English League scouts and finally Barnsley secured his transfer in October 1946. Consistently good form brought him to the notice of the Irish selectors and he was 'capped' against Scotland last October. It was not a particularly happy international debut as Scotland scored eight times! It is a curious fact but he had never set foot in Ireland until he journeyed over for the match. Is particularly good at getting down to the low shots. Has one curious characteristic—always plays with his sleeves rolled up.



Cyril Sidlow (Liverpool).

A native of Colwyn Bay. Played for Llandudno before entering English League football with Wolves. Liverpool were attracted by his fine play and signed him in 1944-45 season. Has since been capped for Wales on numerous occasions but has failed to hold a regular place in the international side. Like so many players has one particular 'bogy' ground and his is Ninian Park. However brilliantly he has been playing has seldom enjoyed a good game there. Nevertheless has given Liverpool and Wales great service and will probably gain many more caps before the end of his career.

MEN AMONGST THE GOALS



Tommy Briggs (Grimsby Town).

Made his bow in professional football with Plymouth Argyle just after the war but they thought so little of his potentialities they gave him a free transfer. Went to Grimsby and under the careful coaching of manager, Charlie Spencer, gradually emerged as a centre-forward of considerable merit. Burst into the headlines this season by scoring Grimsby's first eight goals. The F.A. selectors recognised his ability by choosing him for England 'B' against Switzerland at Sheffield. Is a strong, bustling type of centre-forward who distributes the ball well. Packs a tremendous shot and usually prefers to take the direct route to goal.



Davie Walsh (West Bromwich Albion).

Born at Waterford, near Dublin, his first club was Limerick. Joined Linfield in 1943 and was leading Irish League goal-scorer in season 1945-46 with 73 goals. Gained his first representative honours in the same season representing Ireland in Victory Internationals against Wales and Scotland. Transferred to West Bromwich in May 1946 for a fee in the region of £5,000. Was, for some considerable time, victim of a situation peculiar only to Ireland inasmuch as he was first choice for two separate bodies—the Irish F.A. and the Football Association of Ireland. But under World Cup rules he cannot play for two countries, and is now claimed by Eire. One of the most dangerous centre-forwards in the game, and a trier from start to finish.



Charlie Wayman (Southampton).

A native of the North-East. Was signed by Newcastle from Chilton Colliery. Led the Newcastle attack with distinction but became an established star with Southampton who signed him from Newcastle for £10,000. Southampton fans still insist it was the club's cheapest and best ever buy. In season 1948-49 was leading League marksman with a total of 32 goals. An end of the season injury is one of the chief reasons why Southampton so tragically lost promotion after looking almost certain Second Division Champions. Is the smallest centre-forward in the League—5 ft. 5½ ins. Because of his lack of inches is frequently beaten in the air but with the ball on the ground is extremely dangerous.



Douglas McGibbon (Bournemouth).

Joined Southampton in 1938 and soon made his mark as a free-scoring centre-forward. War temporarily interfered with his soccer career, but Fulham became interested in him after watching him in several war-time games. Was transferred to the London club for a very modest fee and served them well. Scored a hat-trick on his debut for Fulham, but stayed with them little more than a full season. Was transferred to Bournemouth in September 1948 for whom he has become leading goal-scorer. Married, and has two children, but still finds time to coach local schoolboys in the basic art of soccer. Is not merely a goal-scorer. Holds the line together by his clever distribution of the ball. Is credited with having scored a goal in 4.6 secs. from the kick-off.



Jack Lee (Leicester City).

Born at Sibley, Leicestershire. Was signed by City from local league club, Quorn Methodists in 1941. Served in R.A.F. during the war and was a member of Denis Compton's Far East touring side. Quickly gained a regular place as leader of the City attack after his demobilisation in 1946. Shot to the forefront during Leicester's phenomenal Cup run last season and has been tipped by some as future England centre-forward. Is a virile leader of an attack and a fine ball player. Gets a lot of his goals with his deadly left foot shot and is more than useful with his head. Has also played cricket for Leicester C.C.C.



Dennis Westcott (Blackburn Rovers.)

Born at Wallasey, Cheshire. Was once a golf caddy but decided his future lay in football. Joined Wolves in 1935, rapidly made headway as leader of the attack, and developed into a prolific goal-scorer. Once scored four goals in Cup Semi-final against Grimsby and was regarded as a potential international when war came. In 1946 a serious knee injury threatened to end his career, but the following season he scored 37 goals for Wolves—a club record. Was later transferred to Blackburn and is still regularly getting goals. A centre-forward of the old school . . . bustling and energetic. Can shoot with either foot and is equally good in the air.

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John Morris (Derby County).

A brilliant inside forward who carries with him the uncomfortable tag of football's highest priced player. Doesn't let it worry him, however, and has risen to even greater heights since his transfer from Manchester United to Derby County for the then record fee of £24,000. Came from United's junior side and cost nothing more than his £10 signing on fee. Established himself as an international during the F.A. tour of Scandinavia and the Continent last May. Judging by some of his displays then is worth every penny of that enormous fee. Can both make and score goals. Is a brilliant ball player with a delightfully deceptive body swerve. Recently out of the game through appendicitis but has made a good recovery.



George Hardwick (Middlesbrough).

A Tees-sider who joined 'Borough from South Bank East End in 1937. Gave away a goal in the opening minute of his first League game but has since prevented hundreds in consistently good service for his club and country. Would probably have been equally famous as a centre-half but always preferred the left back position. In that position has won practically every honour in the game including the captaincy of England, and Great Britain against the Rest of Europe. One of the finest captains this country has had. A wonderful influence both on and off the field. A polished full back with a great all round ability, played his last game for England against Scotland in 1948. Has one ambition that remains unfulfilled—to win a Cup medal.



Ted Ditchburn (Tottenham Hotspur).

In his youth was an amateur boxer his father being well-known Kent middleweight. Hails from Dartford and joined Spurs nursery at Northfleet when 15. Signed for Spurs in 1939 and played in several war-time representative games. Gained full international caps against Switzerland and Sweden last year, but a poor game in Stockholm cost him his place. Is a remarkably fine goal-keeper who despite his height—6 ft.—and weight—13 stones—gets down to shots with amazing agility. Has played consistently well for Spurs this season and may yet regain his place in the 'full' England side.



Bobby Langton (Bolton Wanderers).

Discovered by Blackburn Rovers, in whose colours he is here, playing for a local team at Burscough, a Lancashire village in the potato-growing area. They paid Burscough Victoria £50 for him in 1937 and transferred him to Preston in season 1948-49 for £16,500. Has several England caps to his credit and only the selectors insistence on playing his former Preston colleague Tommy Finney at outside left has prevented him from gaining many more. He is a fast and dangerous sharp shooting winger in the orthodox style. His chief specialities are oblique shots and low raking centres. Transferred to Bolton for a big fee this season.



Frank Broome (Notts County).

Joined Aston Villa from Berkhamstead, Spartan League side in 1934, and was soon making his presence felt in the Villa forward line. His brilliant displays gained him England recognition in 1938 and 39 and he became famous for his amazing versatility. Played in four different forward positions in seven internationals against foreign countries including Italy, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Germany and France but was never "capped" in a "home" international. Was transferred to Derby County at a time when his best playing days were considered over, but rendered them fine service until transferred to Notts County last October for an undisclosed fee. On going to County he renewed an old acquaintance with Villa colleague—Eric Houghton who now manages the club.



Ted Sagar (Everton).

Football's perfect team man. Is now in his twenty-first season with the same club—a record which should make him every youngster's ideal sportsman. Joined Everton from Shorne Colliery in 1929 and is as modest and unassuming today as he was then. Won a League Championship medal in 1931 and played four times for England in 1936. One of the few men who have made a comeback. Thought he was finished when he returned from soldiering in Italy, Iraq and Dunkirk. Went into reserves but recovered his international form and is still playing brilliantly for Everton. Is longest serving player in the game and has made more than 400 appearances for Everton—a record for the club.

"THEY SHALL NOT PASS" DEFENDERS



Eric Westwood (Manchester City).

A case of the local boy who made good. Is Manchester-born, and was on United's books as an amateur outside left before the war. Somehow he drifted 'across the road' to Manchester City and under the careful coaching of City's great full back, Sam Barkas, developed into a left back of international class. Regarded by many as the best uncapped full back in the country and fully deserves the rating. Only the brilliant form of Aston keeps him out of the England side. Toured Scandinavia and France with the F.A. last May and played in both 'B' team internationals against Finland and Holland. Surprisingly quick in recovery, is a good positional player and always clears the ball to advantage.



Leslie Compton (Arsenal).

Signed from Hampstead 18 years ago at the age of 18. Was originally a full back, and played for England during the war years at centre-forward, right and left back and was equally successful in all three positions. As far as his Arsenal career is concerned spent half a footballer's lifetime in the shadow cast by the two best club full backs in history of the game—Eddie Hapgood and George Male. Finally succeeded a long line of distinguished centre-halves such as Seddon, Herbert Roberts and Bernard Joy and is now recognised as one of the finest 'stoppers' in football. In common with his highly successful brother, Denis, plays cricket for Middlesex for whom he keeps wicket. A solid dependable player and the pillar of Arsenal's much vaunted defence.



Bernard Streten (Luton Town).

By playing against Ireland at Manchester in November, he joined the select band of those who have represented England in both amateur and 'full' internationals. Gained four amateur international caps in season 1946-7 and sacrificed an almost certain place in Great Britain's Olympic soccer team by turning professional for Luton. Came into prominence with the R.A.F., for whom he used to be a regular airman. On the small side but what he lacks in inches he makes up in agility. Daring and spectacular, but very safe. Has developed the drop-kick clearance, which he claims makes for accuracy in finding his forwards.



Ernie Gregory (West Ham United).

West Ham have always had a strong element of local products on their staff and Gregory is an example of one. He was born at Stratford and went to the same school as Jimmy Gooch, the Preston goalkeeper and Bill Lewis, the Norwich and former Blackpool and West Ham full back. He was loaned to Leytonstone and he helped them to win the Isthmian League. Became a professional just before the war and on resuming established himself as one of the best keepers in the South. Is built on heavyweight lines, has a powerful kick and is rarely beaten to a high ball into the goalmouth. Swimming has helped to develop his shoulder muscles and he can punch or throw the ball a long distance. Despite his size, gets down well to the low shots.



Roy Paul (Swansea Town).

A graduate of one of the toughest football 'schools' of them all—the Rhondda Valley. Was discovered by a Swansea scout playing for a local club while working in the pits at Tonpentre, and signed for Swansea on amateur forms at the age of 17. Turned professional in 1939. Served during the war with the Royal Marines. After his release quickly made his mark with Swansea and became a regular choice for Wales in season 1948-49. Is a hard working and constructive wing half whose brilliant form has kept Aston Villa's £17,000 Ivor Powell out of Welsh team. Also capped at inside right for Wales.



Billy Bly (Hull City).

As a boy in Newcastle showed more than average ability. Failed to develop physically and at the age of 16 still weighed under nine stones. Some said he was too frail ever to make a good goalkeeper, but he persisted and gradually put on weight. Joined Hull after the war and quickly established himself in the senior side. During Hull's magnificent Cup run and successful promotion bid last season insisted on wearing a tattered blue and white shirt—relic of his schooldays—under his jersey. Despite his 'lucky charm' is one of football's most injured players. Has fractured a thumb, finger, and bone in his foot; broken his wrist and nose and once contracted mumps on the eve of an important F.A. Cup replay.

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Bobby Brennan (Birmingham City).

A native of Northern Ireland. Played for Distillery, the Irish League club, and quickly gained League honours. Signed by Luton in 1947 after the club's chief scout had returned from Belfast singing his praises. Luton paid Distillery the very modest sum of £3,000 for him and during the last close season transferred him to Birmingham City for £18,000. Has become an automatic choice for Ireland and has several caps to his credit. Has been hailed as the successor to Peter Doherty, Ireland's flame-haired genius, but recently has played centre-forward for both Birmingham and Ireland, not without some success. His clever ball control and constructive play, however, fit him more for the role of inside forward at which he excels.



Len Goulden (Chelsea).

Another of the evergreen school. By all football standards is a veteran of the game but his skill is such that he can still give a lesson and a beating to most of his younger contemporaries. Spent most of his career at West Ham and was capped for England at inside left. Was transferred to Chelsea in August 1945 for an undisclosed fee after helping the club to win the war-time South Cup in season 1944-45 as a guest player. Is still a master of ball craft and positional play and the brains of the Chelsea forward line. Is to be chief coach at Stamford Bridge whenever he decides to hang up his boots. Is now coaching the junior side and studying administration in addition to his first team duties.



Stanley Pearson (Manchester United).

A Salford schoolboy star. Was only 17 when he made his League debut for United before the war. Became a member of Denis Compton's touring side while serving in the Army in India during the war. Made the international grade for the first time against Scotland at Hampden Park in April 1947, and since then has been in and out of the England team. Few League players have shown such consistent form as this dark-haired schemer. Became known as the 'back-room boy' of Manchester United's Cup winning team because of his quiet constructiveness and readiness to provide goal chances for others.



Alous Eisentrager (Bristol City).

A former prisoner-of-war. Was captured at Breda, in Holland, during the advance of the Allied armies in 1944. He was then barely eighteen and had completed exactly one week in the line. Was shipped back to England and sent first to Ashford, Kent, then Herne Bay, and finally to a farm near Chippenham, Wiltshire. They had a football at the farm and Eisentrager spent every spare minute kicking it around. Trowbridge invited him to play and his fine performances attracted the attention of Bristol City who obtained permission for him to play for them. Was an instantaneous success and has now become an established member of the side. Is small but possesses one of the best shots in the Third Division (South).



Frank Bowyer (Stoke City).

Another of Stoke's innumerable and highly successful local products. Was born in the Potteries and joined Stoke at the age of fifteen. Signed professional forms for the club in 1939. Remained in the comparative obscurity of the Central League side until season 1947-48 when Manager Bob McGrory, desperately looking round for an inside right, and unable to sign one, decided to give him a chance in the League side. Was an immediate success and has rarely been out of the side since. A fast and clever ball player. Schemes well in the attack and possesses a good shot. Can also play on the wing.



Ronnie Rooke (Crystal Palace).

Hails from Guildford. First professional club was Crystal Palace. After a quiet spell with them was transferred to Fulham where he burst into prominence as a free scoring centre-forward. Transferred to Arsenal in 1946 for the extremely low figure of £1,000. Rooke's best playing days were then considered to be over but in the light of subsequent events it proved to be the best buy in recent years. He not only helped Arsenal out of the relegation zone but assisted them to the League Championship the following season by scoring 33 goals—the highest total of the season. Now nearing 40 has completed the full cycle and returned to his first love, Crystal Palace as player-manager in an attempt to revive the club's fortunes.

STARS FROM NORTH OF THE BORDER



Ronald Simpson (Queen's Park).

Although barely 21 has been in top class football for more than four years. Has appeared for Scotland in Boys and Youth Internationals and also kept goal for Great Britain in 1948 Olympic Games Soccer Tournament. Started the hard bitten soccer world by playing his first game for Queen's Park against Clyde in June 1945... he was then 14 years old. Is the son of Jimmy Simpson, former Rangers favourite and Scottish international. Tall, and dark haired, has a flair for the spectacular but is extremely safe. May yet play for his country in a full international. Is employed on a Scottish newspaper but at present is in the Army.



George Aitken (East Fife).

Played for Lochgelly Albert, Scottish junior side, as a youth and attracted the attention of a number of English League scouts. Word got back to Major Frank Buckley, of Buckley's Babes' fame, who travelled to Scotland and was impressed with what he saw. Brought Aitken down to Wolves nursery, but the Scot couldn't settle down, grew homesick, and returned to Scotland. Joined East Fife in 1943 and was made into a great wing half by Manager David McLean. When he isn't playing football is a miner. A powerful tackler and a master of the throw-in. Is Scotland's first choice at left half.



Willie Thornton (Glasgow Rangers).

Joined Rangers from his local team, Winchburgh Albion, in 1937 and quickly became majority of players the war interfered with his football career but he emerged from the Army with a distinguished record and the Military Medal. Soon regained his place and was capped for Scotland on numerous occasions between 1946-48. Toured the United States with Scottish side during summer 1949, but has since been deposed as regular leader of the Scottish attack. Is a cultured type of player who depends more on craft than head, and can shoot with either foot. Recognised as one of the greatest sportsmen in the game. Now combines football with the job of sports journalist.



Frank Brennan (Newcastle United).

Comes from a mining family in Annathill, birthplace of many famous Scottish players. A broken leg in his early teens nearly made him forsake football but he kept playing and his ability was recognised finally by Airdrieonians. His brilliant form gained him a cap against England in 1946 and he gained prominence by blotting out Tommy Lawton. Newcastle United were so impressed they signed him in May of the same year for £7,000. That was the first time he had been outside Scotland. Is a big, husky type of centre-half, a great positional player and an almost impassable barrier. Continues to reproduce international form for Newcastle but Scotland's recent policy of 'home' talent only bars his road to further honours.



William Moir (Bolton Wanderers).

A native of Stoneywood, Scotland. Was spotted when assisting an R.A.F. team which played a friendly against Bolton in 1943, and promptly signed. Once played a 'guest' game for Aberdeen while on leave and so impressed the club officials they wanted to sign him. Willie had to tell them he had already signed for Bolton. Newcastle too, were keenly interested in him at one time. Has filled every forward position for Wanderers. A ball player with a clever touch and a fierce shot. Good at placing corner kicks. Scored three hat-tricks for Bolton last season.



Ephraim 'Jock' Dodds (Lincoln City).

Classed by many as one of the best centre-forwards the game has known, and a record of more than 400 goals in League football seems to bear out this contention. A Scottish international and something of a football wanderer. Has been with many clubs including Sheffield United, Huddersfield, Blackpool, Everton and now Lincoln. Once caused a first class sensation by quitting English League football and signing for the Irish club, Shamrock Rovers. Soon returned to League football, however. Weighing 14 stones, which makes him probably the heaviest centre-forward in the game, has a twinkling pair of feet and a football brain. Is granite tough. At 33 years of age must be considered something of a veteran but is nevertheless still one of the most prolific goalscorers.

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Arthur Wright (Sunderland).

A product of that fertile football area—the North-East. Gained honours as a schoolboy international. Joined Sunderland and rapidly made his mark as a wing half. Once scored a hat trick from the inside left position. Has been hovering on the verge of international honours for some time but has been unfortunate in the matter of injuries and domestic troubles. Played for the Football League last season. Was invited to tour the Continent with the F.A. last May but illness of his two daughters prevented him from going. Picked for the F.A. against the Army this season was again forced to drop out through injury. One of the finest attacking wing halves in the country, and an equally good defensive player. Was formerly a miner.



Jim Taylor (Fulham).

Born at Uxbridge, Middlesex. Joined Fulham just before the war and subsequently served in Royal Navy. Originally an inside forward was converted to wing half but never looked anything more than just a good club player until the late Jack Peart, then manager of the club, decided to switch him to centre-half. Under his steadying influence Fulham's defence became the best in the Second Division and materially helped the club to promotion for the first time in its history. Is now recognised as one of the best centre-halves in the game and is being talked of as a future England player. Has played for the Football League and various F.A. representative sides and has taken the change from Second to First Division status in his stride.



Jimmy Dickinson (Portsmouth).

Born at Alton, in Hampshire, refutes the oft repeated allegation that no good players are born in the south. Learned most of his football in the services and signed for Portsmouth in 1944. Became an automatic choice at left half in the Portsmouth side and was soon being hailed as a potential international. Finally got his chance during the F.A. tour of Scandinavia and France last May, and made his international debut against Norway in Oslo. Was ranked as one of the outstanding discoveries of the tour and has won several 'caps.' Was a member of Portsmouth's 1948-49 League Championship side. Young, strong and determined, is a great team man. A straightforward ball player, he is a tremendous worker both in defence and attack.



Reg Attwell (Burnley).

Son of a footballer—his father kept goal for Merthyr, Shrewsbury and Wellington in the Birmingham League—began his career with Denaby United in the Midland League in 1937. Was transferred to West Ham in 1938 and remained on their books until shortly after the war when he was transferred to Burnley for one of the largest fees in the history of the club. During six years service with the Army played in many Services games with A.A. Command, Western Command and Northern Command. Later, with Burnley, gained representative honours and was a member of the Football League side which defeated the Scottish League at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, last season. A sound constructive wing half.



Roy White (Bradford).

When Bradford secured this fine right half from Tottenham Hotspur in March 1946 he did not cost a penny in transfer fees. That was because he was an amateur and he had to move north to take up a post in accountancy, his other profession. A few weeks later, he signed professional forms, thus following the example of Jack Gibbons another former Spurs man. Was torpedoed off St. Nazaire during the Dunkirk evacuation and he was totally blind for some time, after spending several hours in the water before being picked up. Yet within two months of being discharged from hospital he went to Spurs to ask for a trial and was in the first team almost immediately. Has the flair for the attack and never knows when he is beaten.



Ivor Powell (Aston Villa).

Cost the Midlanders £17,000 when he signed from Queen's Park Rangers in December 1948 but he was worth every penny of the fee. Villa were near the bottom of the First Division at the time and with his fine play at right half and his inspiration, the club quickly climbed the table and finished over the half way mark. Is captain this season. Was spotted by a Q.P.R. director in South Wales and came to Loftus Road for a trial in 1937. Was a failure and so he took a job in London and played as an amateur for Barnet. A year later, he played for Barnet against O.P.R. and did so well that they made him a professional. Is a fine attacking half back and is almost equally at home in the inside forward position. Has 6 Welsh caps, five at right half and one at inside left.

TOUCHLINE ARTISTS



Laurie Reilly (Hibernian)

A native of Edinburgh. Was signed by Hibernian from Edinburgh Thistle and rapidly developed into a fine player. Holds the unique distinction of having played for his country both as a winger and centre-forward and strangely enough was for a long time in the peculiar position of being a reserve for his club but first choice for Scotland. (Is here in Scotland's colours). Plays anywhere in the forward line but prefers the right wing. Seldom fills the position for his club except when Gordon Smith is out of the team through injury or illness. A direct forceful type of player who takes the shortest route to goal.



Stanley Matthews (Blackpool)

The finest ball-player of the age and the biggest box office draw. Has an uncanny way of beating the man yet maintains a poker face and nonchalant manner. A native of the Potteries, he was a schoolboy international. Once scored 11 goals from the centre half position. Joined the Stoke ground staff and thence into the professional ranks. Became so popular that news of a projected transfer led to Stoke supporters organising a petition against it. Finally, however, was transferred to Blackpool—in 1947—where he has a hotel. Has played no less than 57 times for England, including war time appearances. In 1946 was given an illuminated address by the F. A. for his international services and the people of Stoke collected £1,160. Is deceptively slow, but in fact is one of the fastest footballers off the mark.



George Edwards (Cardiff City)

Born at Treherbert. First came into prominence as an amateur with Swansea Town and gained amateur international honours while with the West Wales club. Later moved to Coventry City and from there went to Birmingham. Played a big part in City's promotion to the First Division in 1947-48. Joined Cardiff City last season. Is regular choice at outside left for Wales. Has earned the title of the most educated professional footballer in the game today. He is already a B.A. and is now studying for his M.A. degree. A speedy and thrustful winger who has mastered the art of dropping his centres accurately into the goal mouth.



Gordon Hurst (Charlton Athletic)

A native of Oldham. Began his football career as an amateur with Oldham Athletic just prior to 1939. Served with the Royal Marines during the war and during his absence Oldham allowed his registration to lapse. Was spotted by a Charlton scout while playing 'guest' football and joined Charlton on professional forms in May 1946. Became automatic choice at outside right and in following year won a Cup winner's medal. Has played in several representative games, and has been spoken of as a potential England player. Is what some would term 'rather thin on top' but his looks belie his age. Is comparatively young as footballers go these days being no more than 27. One of the fastest wingers in the game today . . . direct and forceful. A potential match winner on his day.

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