

Liverpool F.C. WEMBLEY 1950

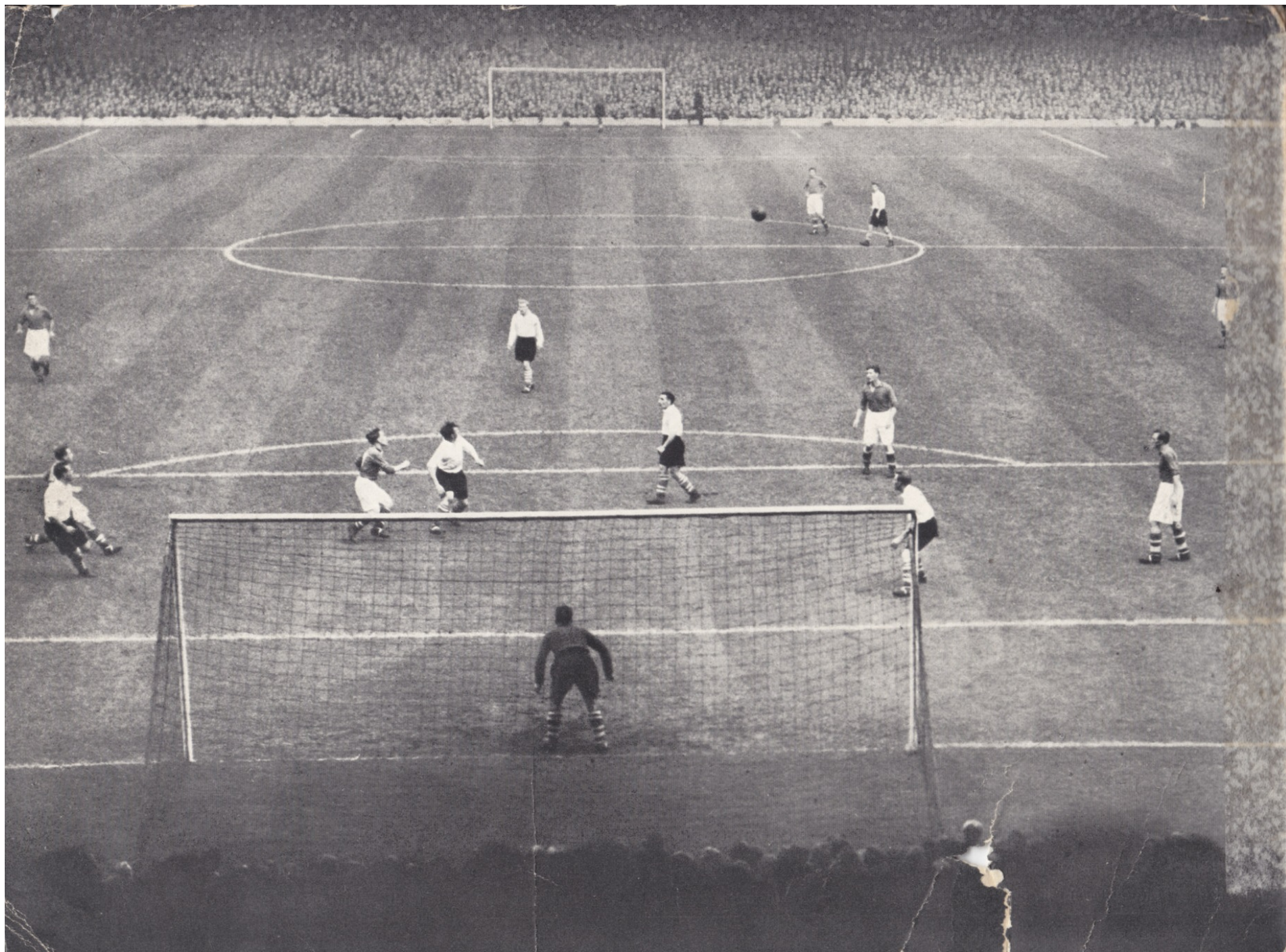
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Players' Souvenir Brochure



THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THIS
BROCHURE ARE BEING GIVEN BY THE
LIVERPOOL ECHO TO THE PLAYERS.





I am happy to commend this brochure to all our supporters.
We are proud of our players' achievement in reaching Wembley
and their splendid standard of clean sportsmanship.

Donald Williams
Chairman.

The entire profits from the sale of this brochure go to the Liverpool
players, who take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and
Directors, Manager, Trainer, and others behind the scenes who
have contributed to their success, including all loyal supporters,
who have given such splendid encouragement.

Phil Taylor
Acting-Captain.



The ROAD to WEMBLEY



A shot by PAYNE (*not in the picture*) beats PATTERSON (Blackburn) in the Third Round Replay at ANFIELD.

AFTER many years of earnest striving Liverpool have at last reached Wembley. On April 29 they meet Arsenal in the Cup Final. Win or lose, this is a red-letter day in their history.

There is an old saying that no club wins the Cup without a little luck. Liverpool were favoured by the draw in the early stages, and did not meet senior opposition until paired with Blackpool, but even Third Division sides are often hard to beat. Football supplies many examples of these supposedly weaker teams overcoming star-studded senior sides. Liverpool had no easy task in any game.

In the third round they were away to Blackburn Rovers, a Second Division club with excellent Cup traditions. A stern struggle produced a goalless draw, with a replay at Anfield the following Wednesday. Here Blackburn were encouraged by an early goal. Against a less determined combination than Liverpool this might have decided the issue. Instead, the Anfielders fought back grimly. Payne equalised and Fagan gave them the lead. Thereafter Liverpool rarely lost the initiative, and in the end were worthy winners.

The fourth round saw them home to Exeter City, whom they defeated 3-1. While Exeter gave a display belying their lowly position, the issue was never in doubt. Only brilliant goalkeeping prevented the margin being greater. Liverpool's scorers were Baron, Fagan, and Payne. In the fifth round the Anfield club had to visit Stockport County. Again the lowlier team put up a gallant fight. After a goalless first half, Fagan and Stubbins gave Liverpool a comfortable lead. Stockport, undismayed, battled back with rare spirit and reduced the lead but in the end class and experience ensured victory. The Anfielders were now in the last



(Above)
AN INCIDENT IN THE FOURTH
ROUND GAME AGAINST EXETER
CITY.



(Above)
BARON'S GOAL
AGAINST
EXETER CITY.

eight. Wembley began to loom ahead as a distinct possibility. By this time, however, the clubs still standing were of sterner calibre.

Liverpool were drawn at home against Blackpool in the sixth round, a very stiff task. It was a thrilling game, full of excellent football, with Liverpool winning 2-1. Fagan and Liddell were their marksmen, with Mortensen getting Blackpool's goal from a penalty.

Then came the semi-final against Everton at Maine Road, Manchester. Again Liverpool won, this time 2-0. The scorers were Paisley and Liddell, and if there happened to be a tinge of fortune about both goals, none could deny that Liverpool were much the superior side and thoroughly deserved their success.

Now for Arsenal! If the Final is as cleanly fought as the semi-final, and produces as good football as the Blackpool game, then Wembley spectators have a real treat in store.



(Above)
A HEADING DUEL IN THE LIVERPOOL
GOALMOUTH AT STOCKPORT.

(Right)
LIDDELL'S DECIDING GOAL IN
THE SIXTH ROUND AGAINST
BLACKPOOL.





(Above) LIVERPOOL'S FIRST GOAL AT MANCHESTER, A LOB BY PAISLEY.

(Left) SIDLOW TIPS A SHOT OVER THE BAR IN THE SEMI-FINAL AGAINST EVERTON.



(Above) ANOTHER TENSE MOMENT IN THE EVERTON GOALMOUTH, AS LIDDELL'S CORNER KICK CURLS IN AND STRIKES THE POST.



(Bottom Left) STUBBINS CLOSING IN AS BURNETT COVERS THE BALL



The Players



For five years as a schoolboy I used to play Rugby every Saturday morning and Soccer each afternoon, and all I could think of was that one day I might be good enough to play for Glasgow Rangers. Instead, Liverpool brought me south, and I've never regretted the day. I reckon the greatest honour to come my way was to be chosen for Great Britain against the Rest of Europe in 1947, and my most thrilling memory was the first goal I scored for Scotland, in my first International against England at Hampden Park in 1942. Six years earlier I had played in a schoolboy international at Villa Park, when Len Shackleton was in the England side. When my football days are ended I hope to devote my spare time to organising sports activities for youths.

As a schoolboy footballer, my one ambition was to assist Bristol Rovers. The possibility of one day playing for such a club as Liverpool and getting a First Division championship medal never entered my head. Certainly a possible Wembley appearance was beyond my wildest dreams. Had my football career not turned out successful, my next ambition was to be a county cricketer.

After fifteen years in the game it is difficult to say what has thrilled one most, but next to seeing Liverpool get to Wembley I think my two most pleasurable memories are when I played for Bristol Rovers against Arsenal in the third round of the Cup in 1935-36, and my first game for England.

I have a confession to make. My ambition as a schoolboy was that one day I might be good enough to play for Everton! Please don't hold it against me. I was very young at the time. Seriously, it would have been nearly as big an honour to play for Everton as for Liverpool, but I'm glad now that the fates decreed that I should land at Anfield. Liverpool is a grand club, and our players are the finest lot of chaps you could meet anywhere.

Nothing so far has given me a greater thrill than when I first appeared in the senior side early last season, and to have been a member of the team which went nineteen games without defeat this campaign is an honour I shall remember all my days.

When I signed for Liverpool four seasons ago I had momentary qualms about leaving Newcastle, where I had been very happy. I need not have worried. My association with the Anfield Club has brought me some of the finest memories of my career. Probably the most enduring, next to playing in the semi-final against Everton, was the game against Wolverhampton at Molineux in 1946-47. It was the last match of the season, and our victory ensured that the championship came to Anfield.

The summer tour of America was another outstanding memory, as also was my first goal at Anfield, against Brentford, in October, 1946. After our own ground, my favourite pitch is St. James's Park, Newcastle, and Hughie Gallacher my favourite player.

Bill Liddell

Phil Taylor

Jimmy Payne

Robert Stubbins



I have been with Liverpool since joining the ground staff at the age of fourteen. They have been very happy years. I would not change them for anything. Being a bachelor, I haven't much to worry about—except when I come up against Stanley Matthews. Then, if you are a full-back, you get plenty to worry about. I know from experience!

Cricket and golf are my close-season games, and I prefer biographies to any other form of reading matter. Had I not been a professional footballer, I think I should have chosen to make a living as an electrician.

Had Liverpool not "rescued" me from the obscurity of a minor Derbyshire club, I should probably have tried to earn a living at cricket or golf. My leaning was towards the latter, and golf is still my main hobby.

I plead guilty to being one of the few superstitious fellows in our side. I always avoid being third behind the skipper on leaving the dressing room. Why? I haven't the faintest idea.

People often ask who is the best player I have ever opposed. That needs little thought. Tommy Lawton heads the list.

My greatest thrill? When I found myself picked for the F.A. tour abroad last summer.

Believe it or not, the most thrilling experience of my life has nothing to do with football. It was the unforgettable sight of Vesuvius in eruption while stationed near Naples during the war. The most pleasurable experience is a football one, and came when I won an Amateur Cup Final medal with Bishop Auckland in 1939.

Though I hope to have a few more seasons still in senior football, I am studying to be a physiotherapist and masseur when my playing days are over. We married men have to look to the future, you know.

Cricket and golf are my summer games, and "thrillers" my favourite reading matter.

I have had a good innings since joining Liverpool. No player could wish for a finer club or a better lot of colleagues. It has been a great pleasure to me to see the team doing so well in successive cup-ties, and I sincerely hope they will lift the trophy at Wembley.

It is a little curious that Arsenal should be their opponents, for I rate Joe Mercer as the finest footballer I have ever played against.

Towards the end of a long career memories crowd thick and fast on one. That which remains most fresh in my mind was when I had the good fortune, thanks to the unselfishness of my team-mates, to score three successive hat-tricks in 1946-47. Another memorable experience was my first trip to America with Liverpool. The Anfield club will always command a warm spot in my heart.

It's a remarkable thing how so many Anfield players had youthful ambitions to become professional cricketers. Yes, you've guessed it! So had I, though I'm afraid I should never have made the grade. But I wouldn't change my present status for a county cricket cap. It has been a grand experience to be a member of Liverpool's senior side, and nothing has given me greater pleasure than having been one of the team which went the first nineteen games this season without defeat. Next to that was to play in the semi-final against Everton at Manchester. Never has the final whistle been more welcome than on that day, when it signalled Liverpool's entry into the lists at Wembley.

Ry Lambert

Bill Jones

Bob Paisley

Jack Balmer

Kevin Baron



When I played in the first Cup Final ever staged at Wembley, as captain of West Ham United, we did not win the trophy, but I am hoping that my second visit there, as manager of Liverpool, will see us successful.

We have a splendid lot of players, grand sportsmen every one of them. No manager ever had charge of a happier team.

George Kay



I can do no more than endorse what Mr. Kay has written above. Our players are a wonderful lot, the best I have ever had under my care. They train conscientiously, keep themselves at the peak of fitness, and never give me a moment's anxiety.

Albert Shelley

As a youngster I had four ambitions. They were to get an amateur international cap, a senior cap, a championship medal, and a Cup winners' medal. I have been fortunate enough to achieve the first three. What about the fourth? I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

At one time I had inclinations towards being a professional cricketer, but Wolverhampton turned my thoughts to football. Cricket, however, is still my chief hobby, with gardening running it a close second. Next to Anfield, my favourite ground is Molineux, where I spent many happy days with the Wolves. Of all the brilliant forwards I have played against, I put Tommy Lawton as the outstanding star. His shots are dynamite.

Most footballers have several ambitions, and I'm no exception. Should I be fortunate enough to be in the Liverpool team at Wembley, one will have been realised. Another I'm still hoping to achieve is to represent England in an international game against one of the home countries.

Next to the joy of seeing Liverpool through to the final, my most pleasant experience so far was when I was chosen to play against Switzerland at Hillsborough last January, while the trip with Liverpool to America will always remain a lasting memory.

As one of the few single men in the team, maybe I have more spare time than my married colleagues. My hobbies are tennis, golf, and swimming, with stamp collecting an additional side-line.

Those Liverpool followers who saw the brilliant exhibition of wing play by Gray, of Chelsea, in the Boxing Day game at Anfield will not be surprised at my saying that I reckon him the toughest proposition I have ever had to face.

As the captain of the Liverpool schoolboy side which won the English Shield in 1936-37, I had youthful longings to make football my living, though I hardly dared hope ever to appear in Liverpool's first team. Still less did I visualise the day would come when I would tour America with the Anfield club. One of the outstanding memories of my football life was the sight from the Queen Mary as we sailed into New York harbour for the first American tour in 1946. That was something never to be forgotten.

It's funny how one's early ambitions seldom pan out. As a boy I craved to be a famous opera singer. Just between you and me, I would still like to be one. Realising that's impossible, however, I've substituted a more prosaic aim, and when I finally hang up my football boots I hope to qualify as a masseur. I have already passed examinations as a football coach, and find the work among schoolboys most interesting.

My favourite ground is Ibrox Park, Glasgow—that is, of course, after Anfield—and my outstanding memory is my first appearance in a Cup Final at Wembley, in the Preston North End side against Sunderland in 1937. My hobbies are golf, swimming, photography, and gardening, and lending my wife a hand in the upbringing of our 18-months-old son, Gary.

C. Siodow

Laurie Hughes

Bobbie Spencer

Willie Lagan



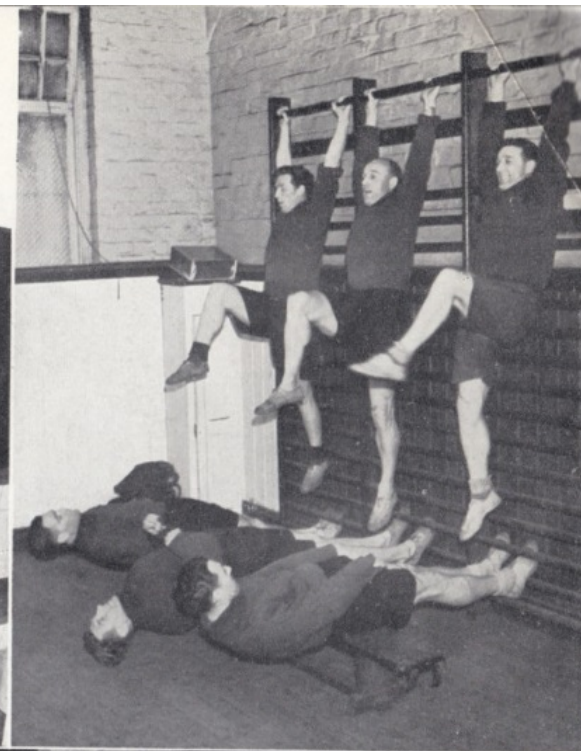
THE SEMI-FINAL SIDE OF 1946-47 SEASON :—Back row (left to right) :—MR. G. KAY (Manager), J. HARLEY, P. TAYLOR, R. LAMBERT, C. SIDLOW, R. PAISLEY, W. JONES, W. LIDDELL, A. SHELLEY (Trainer). Front row (left to right) :—W. FAGAN, J. BALMER, THE LATE Mr. W. H. McCONNELL (Chairman), A. STUBBINS, C. DONE.



THESE ARE THE PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN LIVERPOOL TO WEMBLEY. Back row (left to right) :— P. TAYLOR, R. LAMBERT, L. HUGHES, C. SIDLOW, W. JONES, R. PAISLEY, E. SPICER, A. SHELLEY (Trainer). Front row (left to right) :—ALDERMAN S. RONALD WILLIAMS (Chairman), J. PAYNE, K. BARON, A. STUBBINS, W. FAGAN, W. LIDDELL, Mr. G. KAY (Manager).

Behind the Scenes at Anfield



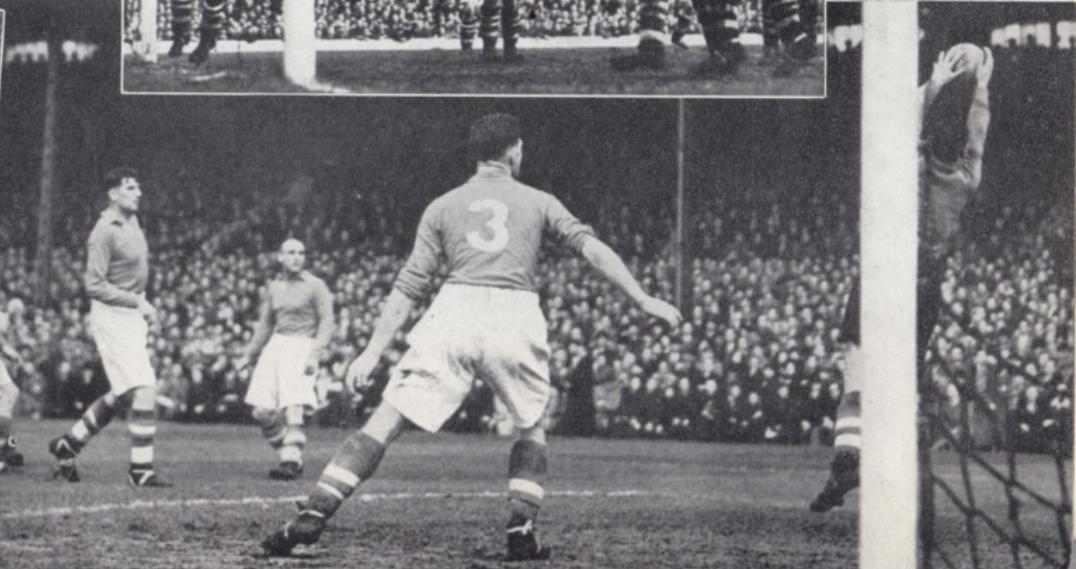


(Left)
JIMMY SEDDON SHOWS HIS THREE CUP
WINNERS' MEDALS TO PHIL TAYLOR





**ACTION
PICTURES**
of the
1949-50 Season





THE LIVERPOOL TEAM OF 1913-14 SEASON, WHEN THE CLUB LOST BY A SINGLE GOAL TO BURNLEY IN THE CUP FINAL AT CRYSTAL PALACE. *Back row (left to right) :—S. SPEAKMAN, D. McKINLAY, E. LONGWORTH, K. CAMPBELL, T. FAIRFOUL, R. PURCELL, and T. MILLER. (Front row, left to right) :—J. SHELDON, A. METCALFE, R. FERGUSON, H. C. LOWE, W. LACEY, AND J. NICHOLL. OF THE ABOVE, SPEAKMAN AND LOWE DID NOT PLAY IN THE FINAL.*



PHIL TAYLOR

PREVIOUS CUP WINNERS



JOE MERCER

1871-1892 : The Oval

- 1872 Wanderers 1, Royal Engineers 0
- 1873 Wanderers 2, Oxford University 0 (at Lillie Bridge)
- 1874 Oxford University 2, Royal Engineers 0
- 1875 Royal Engineers 2, Old Etonians 0 (after drawn game 1-1)
- 1876 Wanderers 3, Old Etonians 0 (after drawn game 0-0)
- 1877 Wanderers 2, Oxford University 0 (after extra half hour)
- 1878 Wanderers 3, Royal Engineers 1
- 1879 Old Etonians 1, Clapham Rovers 0
- 1880 Clapham Rovers 1, Oxford University 0
- 1881 Old Carthusians 3, Old Etonians 0
- 1882 Old Etonians 1, Blackburn Rovers 0
- 1883 Blackburn Olympic 2, Old Etonians 1 (after extra half hour)
- 1884 Blackburn Rovers 2, Queen's Park, Glasgow 1
- 1885 Blackburn Rovers 2, Queen's Park, Glasgow 0
- 1886* Blackburn Rovers 2, West Bromwich A. 0 (after drawn game 0-0)
- 1887 Aston Villa 2, West Bromwich Albion 0
- 1888 West Bromwich Albion 2, Preston North End 1
- 1889 Preston North End 3, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
- 1890 Blackburn Rovers 6, Sheffield Wednesday 1
- 1891 Blackburn Rovers 3, Notts County 1
- 1892 West Bromwich Albion 3, Aston Villa 0

*Replay at Derby.

1893-1915 : The Crystal Palace

- 1893 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Everton 0 (at Fallowfield)
- 1894 Notts County 4, Bolton Wanderers 1 (at Everton)
- 1895 Aston Villa 1, West Bromwich Albion 0
- 1896 Sheffield Wednesday 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1
- 1897 Aston Villa 3, Everton 2
- 1898 Nottingham Forest 3, Derby County 1
- 1899 Sheffield United 4, Derby County 1
- 1900 Bury 4, Southampton 0
- 1901 Tottenham H. 3, Sheffield U. 1 (after drawn game 2-2)*
- 1902 Sheffield United 2, Southampton 1 (after drawn game 1-1)†
- 1903 Bury 6, Derby County 0
- 1904 Manchester City 1, Bolton Wanderers 0

*Replay at Bolton. †Replay at Crystal Palace.

- 1905 Aston Villa 2, Newcastle United 0
- 1906 Everton 1, Newcastle United 0
- 1907 Sheffield Wednesday 2, Everton 1
- 1908 Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Newcastle United 1
- 1909 Manchester United 1, Bristol City 0
- 1910 Newcastle United 2, Barnsley 0 (after drawn game 1-1)*
- 1911 Bradford City 1, Newcastle United 0 (after drawn game 0-0)†
- 1912 Barnsley 1, West Bromwich Albion 0 (after drawn game 0-0)‡
- 1913 Aston Villa 1, Sunderland 0
- 1914 Burnley 1, Liverpool 0
- 1915 Sheffield United 3, Chelsea 0 (at Old Trafford, Manchester)

*Replay at Everton. †Replay at Old Trafford, Manchester.
‡Replay at Bramall Lane, Sheffield.



1920-1922 : Stamford Bridge

- 1920 Aston Villa 1, Huddersfield Town 0 (after extra time)
- 1921 Tottenham H. 1, Wolverhampton W. 0
- 1922 Huddersfield Town 1, Preston N.E. 0

1923-1949 : Wembley

- 1923 Bolton Wanderers 2, West Ham United 0
- 1924 Newcastle United 2, Aston Villa 0
- 1925 Sheffield United 1, Cardiff City 0
- 1926 Bolton Wanderers 1, Manchester City 0
- 1927 Cardiff City 1, Arsenal 0
- 1928 Blackburn Rovers 3, Huddersfield Town 1
- 1929 Bolton Wanderers 2, Portsmouth 0
- 1930 Arsenal 2, Huddersfield Town 0
- 1931 West Bromwich Albion 2, Birmingham 1
- 1932 Newcastle United 2, Arsenal 1
- 1933 Everton 3, Manchester City 0
- 1934 Manchester City 2, Portsmouth 1
- 1935 Sheffield Wednesday 4, West Bromwich Albion 2
- 1936 Arsenal 1, Sheffield United 0
- 1937 Sunderland 3, Preston North End 1
- 1938 Preston North End 1, Huddersfield Town 0 (after extra time)
- 1939 Portsmouth 4, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1
- 1946 Derby County 4, Charlton Athletic 1 (after extra time)
- 1947 Charlton Athletic 1, Burnley 0 (after extra time)
- 1948 Manchester United 4, Blackpool 2
- 1949 Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Leicester City 1

SUMMARY OF WINNERS

Six times : Aston Villa and Blackburn Rovers.

Five times : The Wanderers.

Four times : Sheffield United.

Three times : Bolton Wanderers, Newcastle United, Sheffield Wednesday, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Twice : Arsenal, Bury, Everton, Manchester City, Manchester United, Old Etonians, Preston North End, Tottenham Hotspur.

Once : Barnsley, Blackburn Olympic, Bradford City, Burnley, Cardiff City, Charlton Athletic, Clapham Rovers, Derby County, Huddersfield Town, Nottingham Forest, Notts County, Old Carthusians, Oxford University, Portsmouth, Royal Engineers, Sunderland

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THESE?





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