

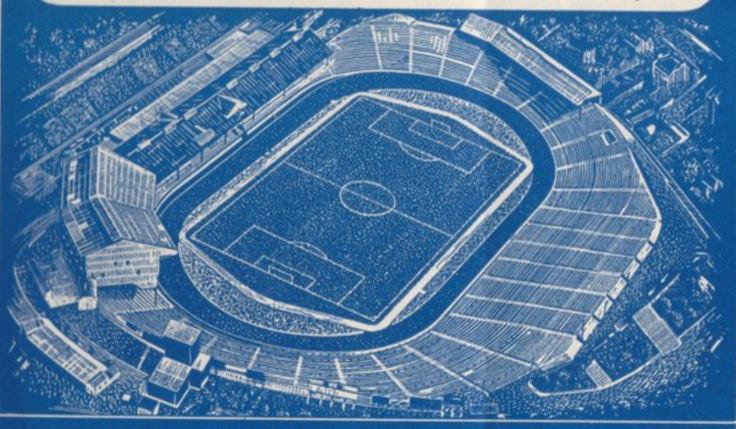
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Stamford Bridge Grounds, London SW6

INTERNATIONAL CLUB MATCH

CHELSEA **RED BANNER (HUNGARY)**

Wednesday, 15th December, 1954 Kick-off 2 p.m.



Official Programme 6d



The right of admission to grounds is reserved.

FIXTURES 1954-55

Football League I	Div. I		Combination C		
1954 Opponents	Venue F.A.		Opponents Crystal Palace	Venue F.	A. -0
Aug. 21 Leicester City	Away 1—1	14	Queen's Park Rangers		_ĭ
" 23 BURNLEY	HOME 1-0	,, 30	QUEEN'S PARK R.	HOME 2-	-1
" 28 BOLTON WAND	HOME 3-2	Sept. 4	Brighton & Hove Alb.		-2
" 31 Burnley	Away 1—1	" 11	Brentford BRIGHTON & H.A.		_0 _1
Sept. 4 CARDIFF CITY	HOME 1—1 HOME 0—1	12	BRENTFORD		-2
" 6 PRESTON N.E " 11 Manchester City	Away 1—1	,, 18	Arsenal		-1
15 Preston North End	Away 2—1	,, 20	SOUTHEND UTD		_0 _2
10 EVEDTON	HOME 0-2	39 29	ARSENAL Southend United	The second second second	_2
" 20 Sheffield United	Away 2-1		Tottenham Hotspur	Away 0-	-0
" 25 Newcastle United	Away 3-1	,, 9	TOTTENHAM H		-0
Oct. 2 WEST BROM. A	HOME 3—3		CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME 3-	-1
" 9 Huddersfield Town	Away 0—1	Lond	lon F.A. Challe	nge Cur	n
" 16 MANCHESTER U	HOME 5-6		Crystal Palace	Away 2-	1
" 23 Blackpool " 30 CHARLTON ATH	HOME 1—2	10	TOTTENHAM H	HOME 2-	_0
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" 11 ASTON VILLA	HOME 4-0		Portsmouth		-1
" 18 LEICESTER CITY	HOME	. Nov. 6	Cardiff City		-2
,, 25 Arsenal	Away		Millwall (abandoned)	The second secon	-1
,, 27 ARSENAL	HOME		CHARLTON ATH		-1
1955		,, 27	Tottenham Hotspur		-2
Jan. 1 Bolton Wanderers	Away	Dec. 4	BOURNEMOUTH		-1
,, 8 (3) F.A. Cup	Away	,, 10	Coventry City ARSENAL	Away HOME	
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,, 26 HUDDERSFIELD T. Mar. 5 Aston Villa	HOME	22	Bristol City		
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NEXT MATCHES AT THIS GROUND

Saturday, 18th December (Kick-off 2.15 p.m.)

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TED DRAKE CALLING . . .

ON behalf of the Chelsea Club and all our Supporters, I extend a warm welcome to the players and officials of Red Banner, or Vörös Lobogó as they are known in Hungary, and to His Excellency Msr. J. Katona, Minister of the Hungarian People's Republic, who is among our guests.

Personal playing experience of Hungarian football takes me back to 1936. England were victorious that day at Highbury, but even then Hungary were one of the best of the Continental countries we had met, and they have since

come a long way as a footballing nation, as was shown on the International field against England in London and Budapest last season.

Indeed, but for one of the most unexpected results in last summer's World Cup tournament we would be welcoming players of World Championship title among our opponents this afternoon.

Hungary's record speaks for itself—only one defeat in 14 games during the past year—and several of the men who beat Scotland a week ago will line up in the Red Banner team today along with other Internationals who joined the party at the week-end.

Scotland earned high praise for the enthusiasm and determination they applied to the task. I can guarantee the same from our own lads this afternoon, but even more than that will be required if we are to do ourselves full justice against the champions of Hungarian league football. Red Banner's first visit to Britain has aroused great interest; may all our expectations of a truly memorable match be realised.



THE FIRST CONTINENTAL TEAM TO WIN AN INTERNATIONAL IN ENGLAND

This was the Hungarian team that beat England 6-3 at Wembley a year ago with a display of utterly devastating football. Back row: Lorant, Buzansky, Hidegkuti, Kocsis, Zakarias, Czibor, Bozsik, Budai.

Front: Lantos, Puskas (Captain), Grosics.

HUNGARY'S CLIMB UP THE FOOTBALL LADDER

THEY began kicking footballs around in Hungary 62 years ago. It was five years after the first ball had been imported in 1892 that the first soccer "international" was watched by a "crowd" of 2,000 Hungarian fans—a match against the Cricketers of Vienna. The Hungarian Football Association was formed four years later, in 1901.

In 1952, at Helsinki, Hungary captured the coveted Olympic Games championship. In the past five years they have been defeated only once—when they sensationally lost to West Germany in the World Cup final after beating Brazil and Uruguay.

It is only since Liberation, won during the second World War, that Hungarian football has gained full stature. Before the war 59 per cent of Hungary's International games ended in victory. Since the war almost 80 per cent of International matches have been won. Since 1945 they have never been defeated at home.

Football the National Sport

Today football is Hungary's national sport. Though she has a World standing in many other sports, notably swimming, water polo, table tennis, fencing and gymnastics, football is undoubtedly the great national favourite.

Nearly 100,000 players are registered with the Hungarian Football Association—a high figure for a population of only ten million—compared with 15,000 in 1939.

In addition to the registered players, hundreds of thousands play regularly in school and other games. Interest in sport and physical fitness is fostered by the mass sports organisation, the "Ready for Work and Defence Movement."

Hungary was badly damaged by the war, and many sports establishments lay in ruins at its end. Generous Government assistance for the manufacture of new equipment and the construction of new sports grounds played an important part in the country's rebirth in the sporting sense. In Budapest alone there are 1,368 sports grounds (population 1,600,000).

The backbone of the National team comes from two of the most famous Budapest

clubs-Honvéd (Army) and today's visitors, Vörös Lobogó (Red Banner).

In recent Internationals Honvéd have supplied such men as Ferenc Puskás, regarded as one of the best footballers in the world; goalkeeper Gyula Grosics; centre-half Gyula Lóránt; right-half József Bozsik and inside-right Sándor Kocsis. From Vörös Lobogó come full-back Mihaly Lantos; József Zakariás, half-back; centreforward Nándor Hidegkuti; and forwards Péter Palotás and Károly Sándor.

Coaching Coaching and training have been brought to a high state of organisation in Hungary. There are today 900 qualified coaches and trainers in the country. They are licensed and classified, according to the results they achieve and their professional

qualifications, into four categories.

In the top category of "master coach" there are only 12 names.

Coaches are paid salaries according to qualification. Trainer of the National team is Gyula Mándi, who was capped 31 times in his playing days.

Training Methods

There is no special "secret" in the training of the Hungarian footballer. basic principles are rigorous training, all-round physical and intellectual activity,

and constant medical control.

Mándi has said this about his training methods: "The first two basic principles of building a good football team are complete mastery of technical and tactical knowledge. In short, to know every trick in the book-and then some-and to practise them ceaselessly.

"The greatest technical and tactical knowledge, however, is useless if the player is not fast enough to put it into use. My aim in training," Mándi says, "is to develop

strength, suppleness and adroitness.

'Our players benefit by the fact that besides running and sprinting they practise the long and high jump, weight-throwing, javelin throwing and steeplechasing. They also swim and practise movements of other branches of sport. All this fast movement, however, can only be borne by players in superb condition and with great powers of endurance.'

There is no respite in training, even at the end of the season. When the league

games end in December, training begins afresh to the following schedule:

Transitional training period: A period of two or three weeks of light occupations

and games without football.

Foundation training period: Four or five weeks of gradually increased crosscountry running, walking and gymnastics and games in the gymnasium with a football (the cross-country training is only for adults).

Period of training to develop form: Three or four weeks on the football ground

to develop ball technique, tactics, speed, elasticity and team work.

Training to keep in form: This consists of training work during the championships and coaching with the aim of maintaining and developing form. In the summer period between the two halves of the season the teams keep in good form with individual training, for six or eight weeks, to prepare themselves for the second half of the season which begins in August.

Throughout the year training is under medical supervision. All leading clubs have medical offices and sports physicians. The physicians give not only first-aid and treatment, but co-operate with the coaches in getting players into first-class

physical condition.

Influence of Scotland

Mr. Sándor Barcs, President of the Hungarian F.A., has stated that although Hungary's first teachers were English they based their style on the Scottish form.

The flat, combinative Scottish game suited our people and our conditions much

better," he said.
"The reason for this was very simple. Our youngsters in those days did not at the reason for this was very simple. Our youngsters in those days did not at the reason for this was very simple. Our youngsters in those days did not at the reason for this was very simple. best a tennis ball, sometimes twenty a side.

"This meant that the game was always rather 'flat' and the players had to learn

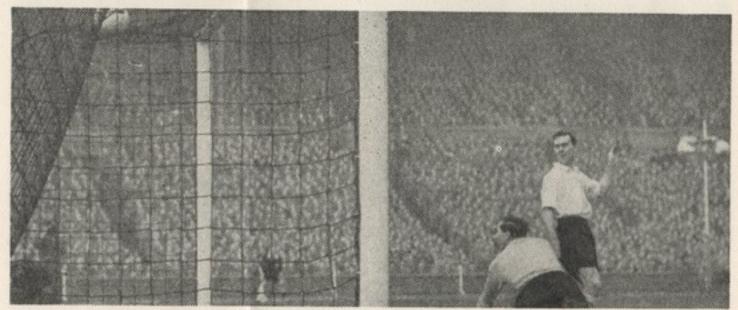
many tricks and devices."

Mr. Barcs explains that while the basic Scottish style was retained, the system of play and methods of attack and defence went through very considerable modifications before Hungary reached their present high standard.

Nov. 1953: HIDEGKUTI HAT-TRICKS ENGLAND



Hungary one up within ninety seconds of the start. Merrick is beaten from the edge of the penalty area.



Hidegkuti does it again after Sewell's equaliser. His shot went in off Eckersley, who looks back ruefully with Merrick.



And thus it became 6-3. England's eclipse is complete. So is Hidegkuti's hat-trick.

Nov. 1954: BENTLEY HAT-TRICKS WALES



Billy Wright introduces our captain to H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester at the pre-match presentation.



Wales led 1-0 at half-time, then Bentley headed an equaliser (above) from Stanley Matthews' centre.



Roy outjumped King to head England's second goal, and this was the winner after Wales had equalised.

Bentley accomplished this treble in less than 15 minutes.



Standing: John Harris, Peter Sillett, Bill Robertson, Derek Saunders, Ron Greenwood, Stan Willemse. Seated: Eric Parsons, John McNichol, Roy Bentley, Les Stubbs, Frank Blunstone.

Colours-Shirts: Royal Blue (White Collars). Knickers: White. Stockings: Black, Blue and White Tops.

1. (Goal)

Robertson

2. (Right-back)

Harris

3. (Left-back)

Willemse

4. (Right-half)

Armstrong

5. (Centre-half)

Greenwood

6. (Left-half)

Saunders

7. (Outside-right)

8. (Inside-right)

9. (Centre-forward)

10. (Inside-left)

11. (Outside-left)

Parsons

McNichol

Bentley (Captain)

Stubbs

Blunstone

Referee: Mr. A. BOND (London)



Linesmen:

Mr. C. B. BROOME (London) [Red Flag]

Mr. W. E. DELLOW (Croydon) [Yellow Flag]

Toth

Szolnok

Palotas

Hidegkuti

Sandor

11. (Outside-left)

10. (Inside-left)

9. (Centre-forward)

(Captain)

8. (Inside-right)

7. (Outside-right)

Zakarias

6. (Left-half)

Kovacs (I.)

5. (Right-half)

Lantos

4. (Left-back)

Borzsey

3. (Centre-half)

Kovacs (J.)

2. (Right-back)

Olah

1. (Goāl)

RED BANNER (HUNGARY)

Colours-Shirts: Blue. Knickers: White.

Because of similarity of colours, Red Banner have elected to play in all White.

Red Banner Reserves—FECSKE (Goal), KARASZ and MOLNAR (Forwards)

INJURIES: The goalkeeper may be changed at any time during the match, and substitutes will be allowed for any other players up to the 44th minute.

TACTICAL PROBLEMS FOR THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

FROM several angles the visit to Stamford Bridge of the players of the Red Banner club of Hungary arouses special interest. By comparison with regular League opponents they represent the unknown quantity.

An advance item for speculation is whether they will show us, individually or collectively, anything new in the shape of tactics, which, in their particular case, could likewise be called positional play.

It is likely that the centre-half will carry number three on his back. That is the habit with some of the Continental teams. When Spartak recently played in this country, for instance, the centre-half carried the number three, not five.

In such a numbering, as it strikes me, is a clear indication that the centre-half is regarded as a middle full-back. Save for identification purposes, the number doesn't matter, of course, and I need not stress the point that some of our nearer home centre half-backs who bear the number five play to a very large extent what is no more or no less than a third full-back game.

Not How-But Where?

From one of the key men in defence let us turn to the "pivot" of the attack. Shall we get new tactical ideas from the Red Banner club centre-forward? Many of us know how he plays, but there is a real question arising today—where will he play?

While the Hungarian side was preparing for the game against England at Wembley a little over a year ago, we were advised that centre-forward Nandor Hidegkuti would adopt what might be called backward-forward tactics. From time to time during that match the Hungary centre-forward did operate behind his attacking colleagues, but in quick time the England defenders discovered that he was a centre-forward in fact as well as in description. His goal within a minute of the kick-off was the red light, and before the end of the match Hidegkuti had banged three past Gilbert Merrick as his contribution to the first

defeat of an England team on our own soil by a foreign side.

Having landed three of the six at Wembley, Hidegkuti got only one of the seven registered by the Hungarians against England at Budapest, mainly because he played further back. In both these games problems of how to deal with him—tactical counter-measures—were set up for the England centre-half, backs and for the other defenders.

There will be a problem for the Chelsea centre-half in today's contest should Hidegkuti play, mainly, a backward centre-forward game. Summed up, roughly, he has been known to spend a lot of time behind the other forwards, picking up the loose balls—almost, as one might describe it, an advance centre-half game.

It may be that this is the tactical method he will try out against Chelsea. Hidegkuti is one player on whom I shall keep a special watch—a player whose International caps numbered thirty-one when he recently celebrated his thirty-first birthday—one for each year of his life as he jokingly remarked.

life as he jokingly remarked.

It is no part of my job, thank goodness, to tell the Chelsea centre-half what counter-measures he should take

if the Red Banner centre-forward
plays mostly the
role of provider
rather than that of
finisher. I wouldn't
know, anyway.
In recent times, to

In recent times, to an ever-increasing extent, our own c e n t r e- forwards have put into practice ideas with the main purpose of giving opposing centre half-backs a



DON REVIE

Led Manchester City's tactical surprise.

headache worrying about the right answer. Roy Bentley, as you all know, was one of the first of our centre-forwards to do the wandering act away from the middle of the field, in the effort to confuse what has been described as the policeman opponent.

In the early part of the present season Manchester City sprang a tactical surprise on their opponents with their centre-forward Don Revie playing behind the other attackers. Where the centre-forward should play, what he should do, or what we expect of him are not exclusively current topics, however. It may be that the discussions date back to the early days of organised football when it was the general custom to play six forwards. Later five forwards were considered to be quite enough.

While on this topic of where this or that man shall play, it is just as well to remember that there is no dictation in the laws of the game. The rules merely say that the game shall be played by two teams of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.

Especially since the change in the offside rules, experiments respecting attacking formations have been numerous. We have made use of the alphabet in describing some of these—the M formation, the W and the V. And as current football shows, we are still somewhat uncertain as to the best method.

Depends on Staff

To a considerable extent the question of where the centre-forward should play—ahead of, in line with, or behind the other forwards—must turn on the sort of players on the staff of this or that club.

What is certain is that in his day Dixie Dean would not have scored sixty League goals in a season if he had played, for the most part, the backward centreforward game. Succeeding him we have had others who have been, in truth, not only the leaders of the front line, but the spear-heads in attack—Tommy Lawton and our present manager Ted Drake come to mind as examples.

So, with the centre-forward problem bothering the heads of many people who frame tactics, we leave Red Banner's No. 9 with the—possible—job of providing the answer, at least in part.

TRUE BLUE

WHEN THE DYNAMOS CAME TO STAMFORD BRIDGE



Chelsea pioneered post-war matches against crack Continental clubs such as have become so popular this season. It began with the visit of Moscow Dynamos to Britain in November, 1945. We held them to a 3-3 draw, and this was part of the estimated 100,000 crowd which broke all barriers and overflowed almost on to the pitch.

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All reserved seats for our match with Arsenal here on Boxing Day have been sold.

Goalscorers: Smith 7, O'Connell 4, Lewis 3, Merrifield 2, Johnson 1, Kitchener 1, Sillett 1, Spector 1. Total 20. Published for Chelsea Football and Athletic Co., Ltd., by Programme Publications Limited. 19 Clarges Street, W.1. Printed by Welbecson Press Limited. London, S.W.11.

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