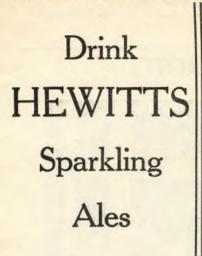
ROVERS v DJURGARDEN F.C. Tuesday, March 17th, 1953

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Nilsson, the Djurgarden goalkeeper makes a flying dive in a recent game for his team





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CARL ERIK ANDERSSON (Right-back)—Skipper of the side (25), but playing six years. This "red-head" is good with both feet and excellent header of the ball. Very fast and Selected positional player. eight times for Sweden since 1948. Also ice hockey international.







INGVAR PETTERSSON (Left-back) —One of the "fighters" of the team (30). Started out as winger and centre-forward, but settled down at full-back. Hard tackler and sound with both feet. Selected to play against Iceland but had to decline because of injury.





OVE Oldest player in side (34). Been play-ing seven years with club. Hails from Gothenburg and works with Scandi-navian Airlines. Intended retiring this Spring, but decided to carry on. Beaten only seven times in nine matches. Keen and spectacular 'keeper who has played for Sweden on three occasions.

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This evening we shall see a game which we all have been eagerly anticipating for some time, for it will enable the majority of our supporters to obtain their first glance of a crack Continental soccer side, and there is little doubt that our visitors Djurgarden F.C. are one of the best clubs in Europe, as their record since the war will prove.

I know that our supporters will give the Swedish party a real Yorkshire welcome to Belle Vue so that their game with us here will never be forgotten. Give them all the encouragement you can, and our own lads too.

In a letter I received last week from Mr. Wolf Lyberg, he told me that we can expect a good game. Mr. Lyberg wrote "Even though our team has played not more than two games this Spring, I am sure that it will show you very good football. Djurgardens has a very good international record."

How true this is, for here is their record:----

In the 1947 season they played Wolverhampton Wanderers and beat them 3—1 when the Wolves were making their Scandinavian tour, and the same season they accounted for Vienna 6—3, also at Stockholm. They drew 2—2 with Slavia, in Prague.

In the 1948 season Djurgarden went on tour and played 14 matches in the U.S.A. The only match lost on that tour was against Liverpool in New York, while they won 10—2 against Ajax (Holland), and also beat Amsterdam 4—0 at Stockholm. In the following season, they forced a 1—1 draw with Amsterdam in Holland and beat a Danish XI 3—2 at Stockholm.

The 1950 season saw Djurgarden making a tour of the Far East with four victories from four matches. Their trip included visits to Hong Kong, Burma, Saigon and Manilla. In the 1951 season they went on tour to Israel and Turkey, playing seven matches, winning five, drawing one and losing one, while in 1952 they had matches with France and Belgium in the Spring. They lost to Nantes 1-0 and 4-2 but beat Baring, Brisselles 2-0 and 2-1. Again they went on tour last December and played several games in Spain, while in Stockholm they accounted for the famous Brazilian team San Paulo and also beat the Indian Olympics team. In their own league, Djurgarden had a highly successful season and amongst their victims were the famous Norkopping, and League Champions Malmo.

Their coach and trainer is Mr. Dai Astley, the famous Welsh international inside-forward and former Aston Villa player. We give Mr. Astley a warm welcome to Doncaster, along with the officials of his club.

The Swedish party actually arrived in Doncaster last night, and they lost no time in visiting Belle Vue to inspect the ground. They also did a bit of training here under the floodlights so as to get used to the lighting.

They will leave Doncaster tomorrow and travel to Hull where they meet the "Tigers" on Thursday evening, also under floodlights. They may possibly extend their tour so as to visit as many places of interest as they can in England.

Our 4—3 defeat by Notts County at Meadow Lane last Saturday was just one of those things which occasionally happen in football. It seemed impossible for us to lose this match after leading 3—I at half-time, but the "Magpies" made an amazing rally in the second half to draw level and then win the game in the closing minutes. It has to be admitted, however that we missed several good chances of increasing our lead, chances which should have been taken. This victory did a great deal to ease the relegation worries of County, and the points would have been useful to us to steer clear of the relegation zone.

One bright feature of this match was the brilliant display of our player-manager Peter Doherty. He was in splendid form, paving the way for two of the goals and scoring, in his usual inimitable style, from the penalty spot.

Do not forget that Leicester City are visitors to Belle Vue on Saturday. They are a very attractive side, although they were surprisingly beaten at home last Saturday. At one stage of the season they were regarded as strong candidates for promotion but they have now lost their chance of honours.

Another reminder for the spectators is that we shall have a floodlit football game here next Tuesday under a different code—Rugby League football.

Our Board of Directors have generously loaned the ground to the Doncaster Rugby League F.C. for the playing of a Rugby League game between a Past and Present Doncaster side and a Rugby League international team. We hope this **exhibition match** will be well supported. K.O. 7.30



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BERNDT ANDERSSON (Outsideright)—A youngster of only 19 who has still to play his first League match for his club. Made impressive debut in the Spanish games. Exceptionally fast and can shoot with both feet.



LENNART FORSBERG (Inside-left) —An engineer (25), and one of the Swedish "hopes." A talented insideforward with good intentions who combines cleverly and dribbles smartly. Has a good shot especially from a dead ball. Hails from the North of Sweden.

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LENNART PETTERSSON (Insideright)—All-round player (30). Has already played in this country in 1949. Sound schemer, good dribbler and first-time shooter. Had a highly successful season and regarded as one of the stalwarts of the team.



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GOSTA SANDBERG (Outside-left) ---Uncertain for trip as still engaged in last few weeks of military service. Made sensational debut two years ago (when 17) and already played 15 times for Sweden. Dangerous winger with a terrific shot. Scored "dream goal" against Scotland last year. Never gives up.







Dai Astley the former Welsh international and Aston Villa inside forward shows the right way to do it.

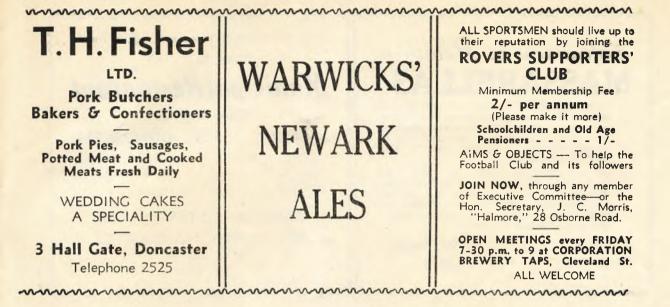
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BIRGIR STENMAN Right-half)— Regarded as the "problem child" of the side, and although bald is only 26. Brilliant tactician and exhibitionist. Can do amazing tricks with the ball and shoots hard and well. Possesses five international caps. BERNDT IVEGREN (Centre-half)— Former skipper (29), and electrical engineer. Blond and nick-named "Snowball." Best season last year. Very fast and capable defender. Gave polished displays in Spain last December and impressed the Spaniards with his ball play.



SIGVARD PARLING (Left-half)— Studying to be engineer (23), Strongly built and regarded as budding international. Formerly played on wing and at inside-forward. Was a 'hit'' last season when tried at wing-half. Flays calmly in defence and constructively in attack.

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OLA EDLUND—An all-round player who will probably deputise for Sand-berg. Regarded as bright prospect for international honours. Not so strong as Sandberg, but possesses nice technique and uses both feet.



FOLKE HOLMBERG (Centre-forward)—Played for Sweden against Italy in 1952. Burly leader who excels with his head and feet. Gave stirring displays last Autumn and scored many goals. Got the winner against Berlin in the inter-city meeting shortly before Christmas.

ARNE LARSSON — A 20-year-old half-back who is making a "come-back." Last year captained Swedish national junior side. Can p'ay equally well as centre-half.





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