The Hull City Story

THEIR PLAYERS

GOALKEEPER Maurice Swan spent three years with Cardiff City before joining Hull in 1963. An Eire international, he has been in splendid form since regaining his place from local-born Mike Williams last October.

Right-back and skipper Andy Davidson, a Scot from Douglas Water, has been on the Boothferry Park professional staff since 1950 and made his 450th League appearance last Christmas — a total which would have been considerably higher had he not had the misfortune to break a leg three times.

Dennis Butler will be meeting some former colleagues this afternoon, for he was three years a Chelsea professional before moving to Hull in the summer of 1963. He has become a regular choice with the "Tigers", playing particularly well this season.

A former Welsh amateur international, Wrexham-born Alan Jarvis began his career with Everton. He joined Hull on a free transfer in the 1964 close-season and has played regularly since October last year.

Another player who took time to establish himself is centre-half **Mike Milner**. Born locally, he joined the professional staff in 1958, but did not play regularly until season 1963-64.

Chris Simpkin, also a native of Hull, is a former apprentice who signed full-time in 1962 and played his first senior game, at inside-right, in August that year. He was successfully switched to wing-half two years ago.

Ray Henderson, a North-easterner from Wallsend, began his career as an inside-forward with Middlesbrough, with whom he spent three years as a professional. He was transferred to Hull in the 1961 close-season.

The first of Hull's three major signings last season, **Ken Wagstaff** arrived from Mansfield Town in November 1964. He was a prolific marksman in his four years with Mansfield, and has continued in the same vein on Humberside.

Centre-forward Chris Chilton signed professional for Hull, his home-town club, in 1960. He has been leading scorer in three of the last five seasons, occasionally playing at inside-forward.

In 14 months at Boothferry Park, inside-left **Ken Houghton** has fully justified the £40,000 Hull paid Rotherham for his transfer. He is City's leading scorer this season with 24 goals in all games.

Ian Butler's partnership with Houghton began at Rotherham. He was transferred on New Year's Day, 1965, and has contributed a great deal to Hull's success this winter, scoring 13 goals in League and Cup games. He is not related to Dennis Butler.

Reserve **Terry Heath** was previously with Leicester City. Injuries led to his inclusion for the fourth round tie with Nottingham Forest and he scored both goals from inside-left.

THEIR MANAGER

LIFF BRITTON began a great playing career with Everton in 1930 and soon rose to international rank, playing wing-half for England 12 times before the war, as well as in many war-time games. He became manager of Burnley, but returned to Goodison Park as manager in October 1948. He resigned in February 1956, but six months later Preston persuaded him back into football. He stayed at Deepdale until April 1961, and the following July was appointed by Hull City. Their regard for him is clear from the fact that after two years he was given a ten-year contract.