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Newcastle United have always been one of the clubs to depend on the finished player. That is to say, they have been prepared to pay high transfer fees rather than train their own men. Two years ago they formed a third team under the name of Newcastle Swifts, which was to be a sort of nursery, and it was placed in charge of the old player Colin Veitch, who is now the manager of Bradford City. The experiment, however, was not a success, or perhaps the results were not obtained quickly enough, and it has been abandoned. The club have not always chosen their players wisely. This has been particularly noticeable in regard to backs. Recently they had as many as five, who altogether must have cost them nearly £15,000, but they are still searching for a back, and it is significant that they are still pleased to rely on Hudspeth, whose football life has been a good deal longer than the average.