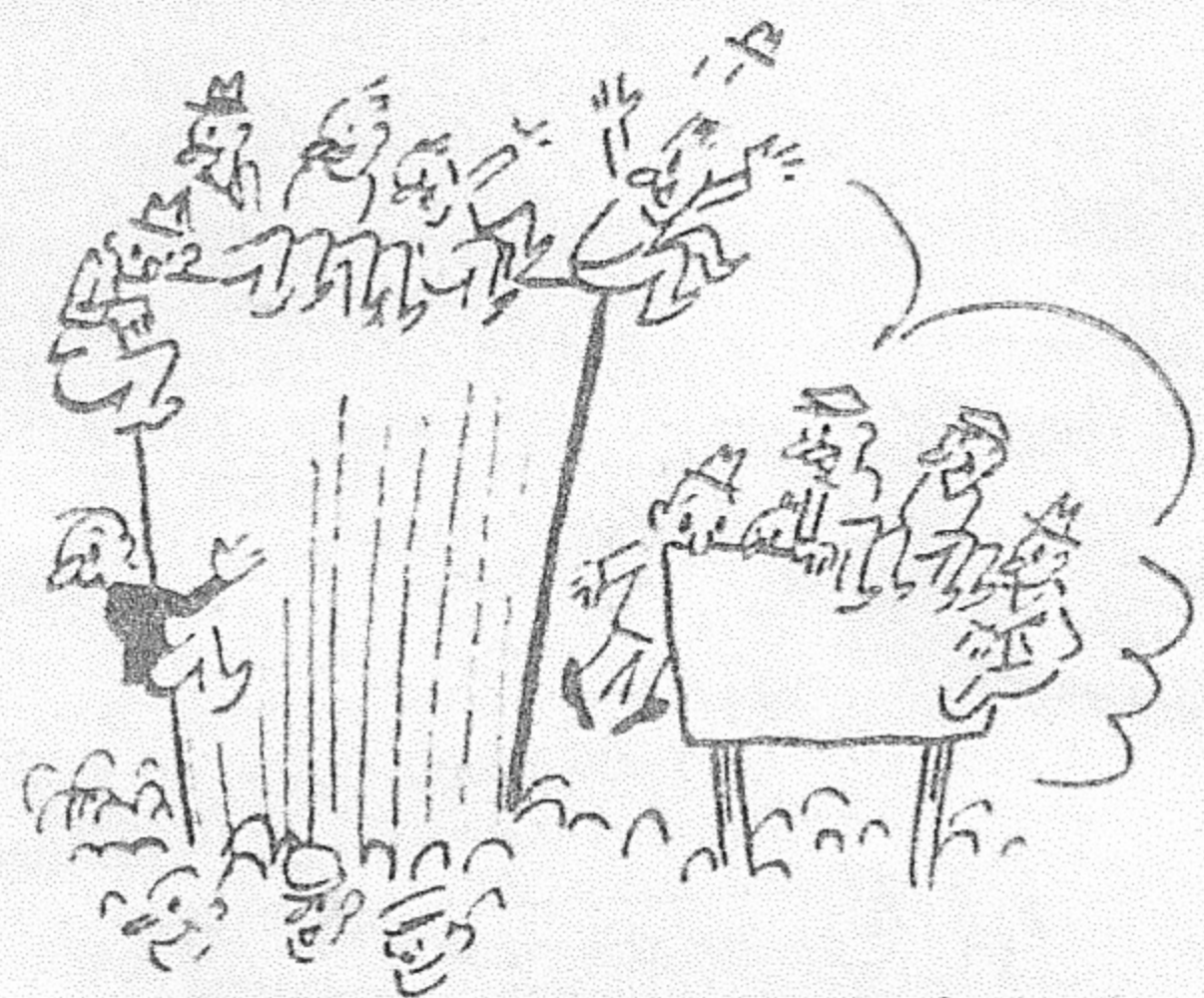


A PAYNE-FUL STORY — By Mercer

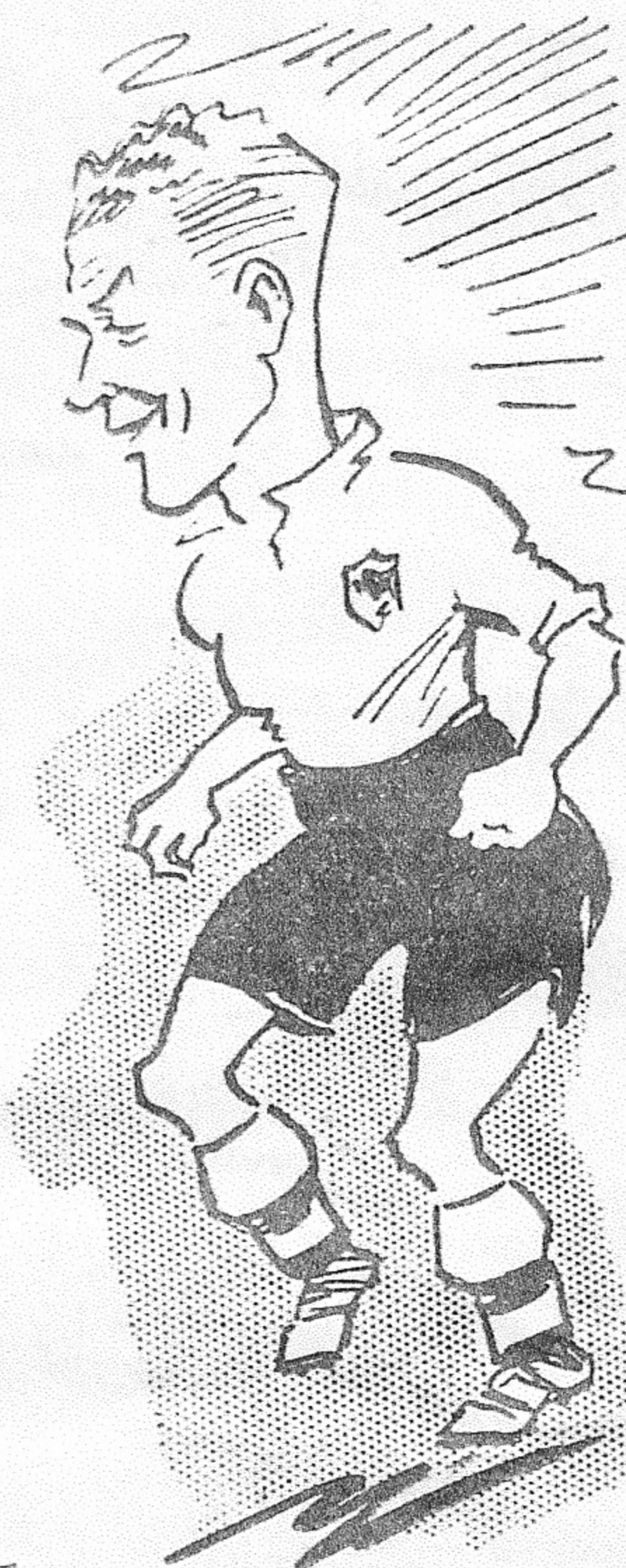


THEY BREED A HARDY RACE IN BEDFORDSHIRE. SOME 20,000 PEOPLE WATCHED THE LUTON AND WATFORD MATCH AND MOST OF 'EM WERE STUCK TO ANY OLD THING THAT CAME HANDY

WATFORD SCORED FIRST AND THIS GOAL IS GIVEN A FAIR SPACE HERE FOR THE

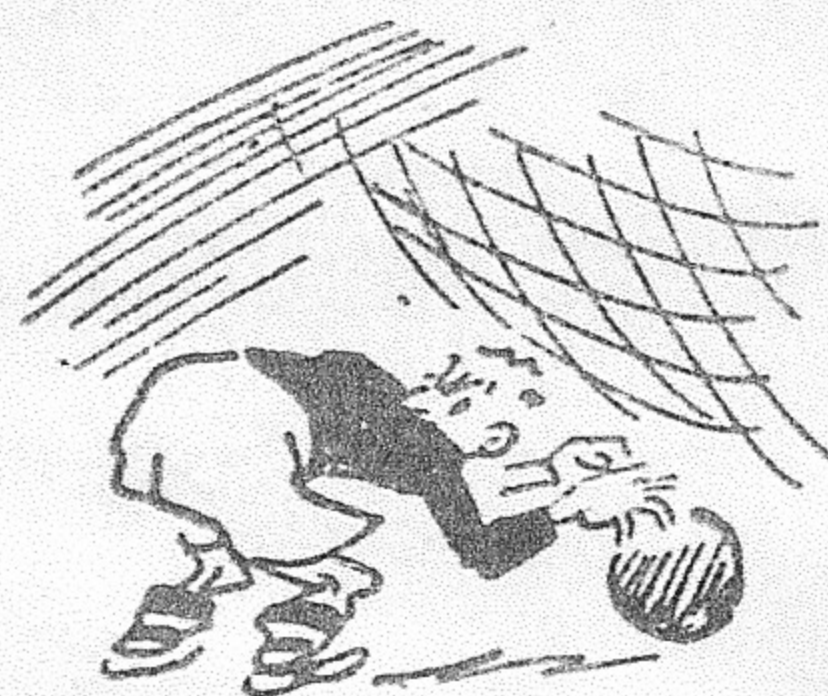


BENEFIT OF OUR WATFORD READERS — AS THE TALE OF WATFORD SUCCESS IS NOW DRAWING TO A CLOSE

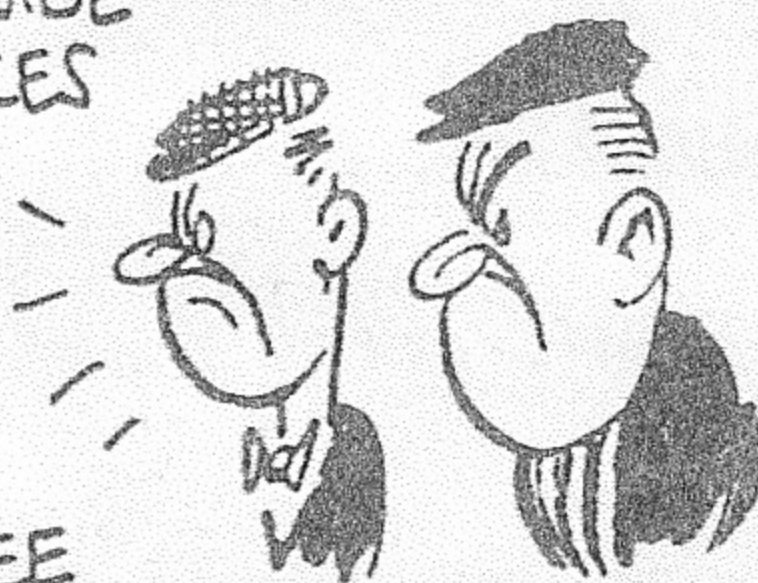


THE CHIEF REASON FOR THIS CLOSURE WAS THE PRESENCE AND FOOTBALL BOOTS OF ONE JOSEPH PAYNE

THREE TIMES DID PAYNE CAUSE A PAIN IN THE NET



THEREBY CLOSING ALL THE WIDE OPEN SPACES FROM WATFORD



YOU CAN SEE WHAT THEY THINK OF PAYNE DOWN LUTON WAY
JOE!!
MAN, WOMAN AND BOY — THEY ALL ADDRESS HIM BY HIS CHRISTIAN NAME —

BUT BELIEVE ME, THERE WAS MORE OF THE "GOOD OLD JOE" SPIRIT IN LUTON THAN IN WATFORD ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

Mercer 1936

Luton Fast and Clever

Luton Town.....4 Watford1
(Attendance 20,000)

WATFORD found their feet first and Devan gave them the lead with a remarkable goal. Many times Watford had the Luton defence in trouble, but the inspiration of a fine goal by Ball restored confidence to Luton, and the second half found the divisional leaders superior in every phase.

Although the Watford defenders dogged Payne ceaselessly they could not hold him. Three times he snapped up passes, raced clear of the backs, and drove the ball home.

Excitement rose to a high pitch, and although Luton were handicapped by an injury to Nelson for some time, their adherence to scientific methods won through.

Their football in the second half was amazingly fast and clever, and Watford's rugged defence was sore beset.

McLaren made great saves and O'Brien was a good back.

Luton.—Dolman; Mackey, Smith; Finlayson, Nelson Fellowes; Hodge, Payne, Ball, Roberts, Stephenson.

Watford. — McLaren; O'Brien, Woodward; Morgan, Armstrong, Reed; Davies, Barnett, Walters, Devan, Tinklin.

Hat-Tricker Payne!

JOE PAYNE again! Opponents they cannot keep him out. For the third time this season he scored a hat-trick. No wonder the crowd rolled over the rails

after the game and escorted him in triumph to the dressing-room.

Watford had scored the first goal and were battling so well

all through that for half an hour they looked potential winners.

Devan's goal was countered by a magnificent effort by Ball, and the teams were level at half-time.

Payne darted through the Watford defence four minutes after the restart and crashed the ball hard into the net, and then there were desperate struggles in the Watford goalmouth. Time and again the goal escaped, till Payne took in his stride a deft tap by Ball and again outpaced the opposition to wind up with a "blinder." Then Hodge gave his partner a similar pass, and once more he evaded pursuit, and this time placed the ball wide of the goalkeeper.

Watford were good at the start; better than Luton, but were a beaten lot in the second period.

McLaren kept goal well, and O'Brien was a good back, with Armstrong useful at half and Barnett a brilliant forward.

On the Luton side Payne and Fellowes played wonderful football. Payne was outstanding only because he got the goals. The other forwards were equally clever.

Referee: I. H. Wright (Derby).

On this form Luton should hold Brighton on Saturday. Watford may lose a point to Cardiff.

Luton Town 4

Watford 1