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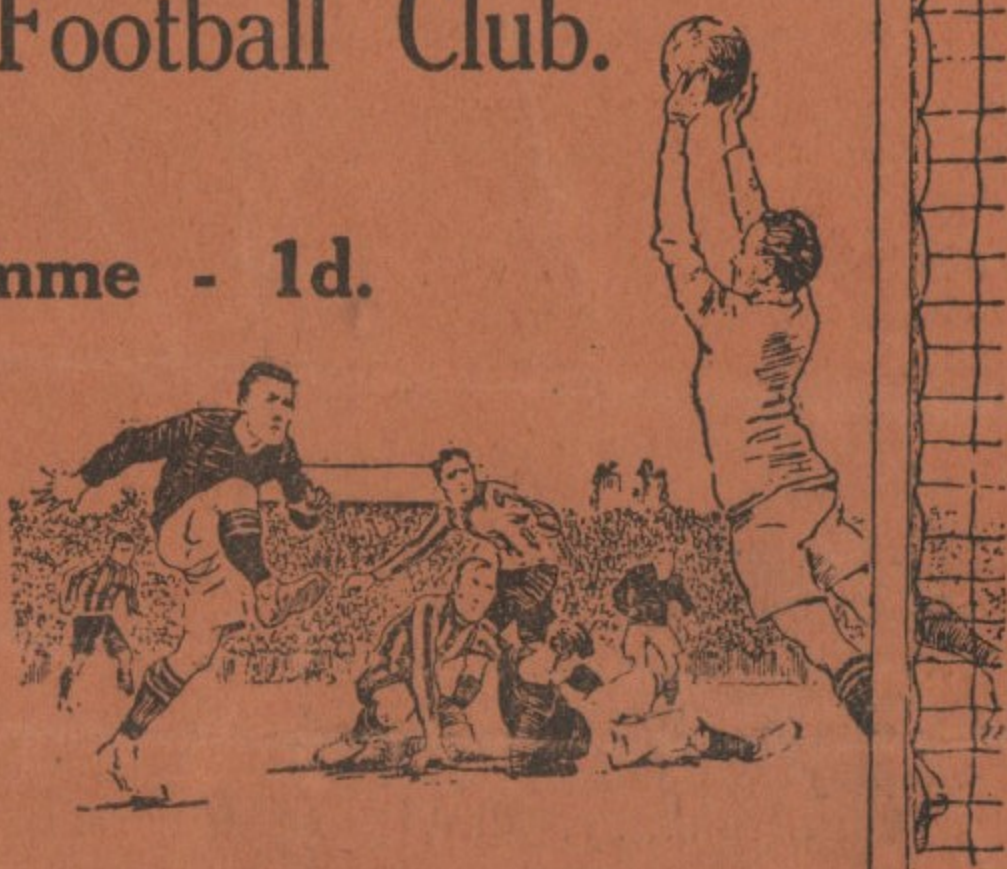
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CLUB NOTES.

THE time is fast approaching when the powers that be will have to don their thinking caps and make important decisions as to the Swindon Town teams for next season. We doubt not that some ideas are already formed. At least, we hope so. For there are many among the players on the present staff whom we should like to see re-engaged.

Unfortunately, alas, there may have to be a few partings. It is in this regard that a Manager finds himself up against one of his most disagreeable tasks. Having engaged a player, it must be almost heart-rending to have to tell him, in effect, "You have not realised my expectations, and must look around for another job." We hope such partings will not have to be too numerous.

There have been disappointments with the play of some few; but we imagine that any Manager who witnessed the Town team's grand play against Millwall might have been inclined to sign on the whole side with very little hesitation. If they had played all through the season in this style, they would have been making a good claim to championship honours. The pity of the case is that these brilliant displays—and there have been a few of them!—have been interspersed with games which have been so completely disappointing that it is not now a case of reckoning "How far we shall be off the top" but "How many places we shall be away from the foot."

The final position depends largely upon how the team will shape in the remaining matches away from home; for after to-day's game with Luton, the lads will only be playing once more at the County Ground, when Crystal Palace are visitors. Against this there are five "away" matches—Cardiff, Luton, Exeter, Bristol City and Aldershot. As four of these five games are with teams who are at the present too much that at least some victories on foreign soil may be achieved? We are certain that a repetition of the capabilities shown in the Millwall match would produce such desirable victories.

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moment below Swindon on the League ladder, it is surely not asking table are far behind Swindon in the matter of goal-average, and that four of the teams more highly placed than Swindon also have poorer goal records than the Town? Those three goals to nil on Easter Monday served to place Swindon's "for" just one goal in front of the "against" figures.

Luton, our visitors today, have been Swindon's opponents for more years than most of us can remember. Why, they used to have some rare sets-to in the old Southern League days when the Town played on the Croft. They have met regularly in League matches except for the brief period, now many seasons ago, when Luton were in the Second Division. They look very much like getting back there, too. What a struggle they are having with Notts County, who also badly want to get back to their old Second Division chums.

For this reason it may be confidently anticipated that our Luton visitors today will play their very best and hardest to secure the points so essential if they are to keep the pace with the Nottingham club. Will they succeed? We make bold to say that if the Town play as they did on Monday against Millwall, then the "Hatters" will have to play superlative football to carry off even one point.

Harking back to that Millwall game, we must say that although the 3-0 score indicates a handsome win, the Town's superiority should really have been marked by an even wider margin. There were quite a number of reasonable scoring chances missed by indifferent shooting. All the forwards shared in the "misses."

The same team as on Monday has been selected, and we look forward to seeing another brilliant display. The crowd should exceed that of Monday.

The Reserves again drew with Salisbury City on Monday, and we regret to say that the match produced an injury to Chandler, who sustained such damage to his ankle that he may not be fit again this season.

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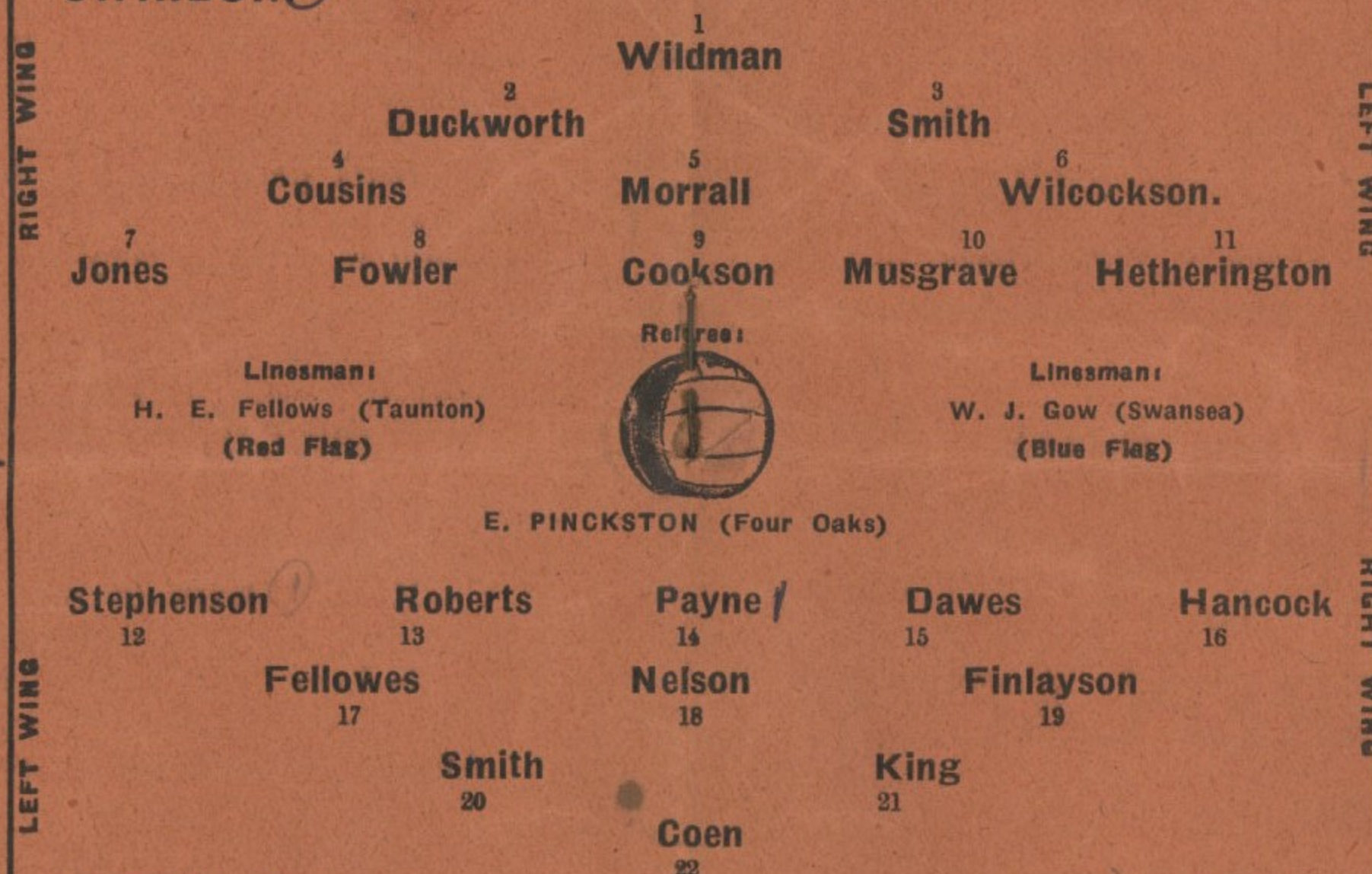
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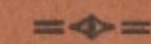
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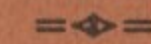
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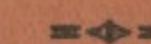
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