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F. A. ENDERS Secretary: F. H. CEARNS

Manager: C. W. PAYNTER

Number 26

Wednesday, 25th December, 1946

Price: One Penny

WEST HAM UNITED V LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE Division II

Kick-off 11.30 a.m

WEST HAM UNITED

Colours: Claret and Light Blue

RIGHT

Taylor

Valker

Woodgate

Hall

Banner

Payne

Wright or Wood

Bainbridge

LEFT

Referee: Mr. G. READER (Southampton)

Linesmen: Mr. F. E. SEARLE (Red Stripe Flag) and Mr. F. S. FIANDER (Blue Stripe Flag)

Duncan

Driver

Billington

Daniel

Waugh

RIGHT

Gardiner

Gager

LEFT

Beach

Bywater

LUTON TOWN

Next Home Match

Football Combination — Section B

BRENTFORD RESERVES

Boxing Day

Kick-off 2.15 p.m

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Div. II COMBINATION - Section B FOOTBALL LEAGUE-Div. II Date Opponents Plymouth Argyle Fulham ... G'nd Opponents Chelsea Pas 28 27 26 25 21 21 20 19 18 18 16 14 14 14 14 14 13 9 23 19 17 17 15 28 39 36 38 48 32 37 37 37 37 42 42 66 home Newcastle United Birmingham City away Chelsea Leicester City Queens Park Rangers ... Bristol City ... Brighton & Hove ... away Leicester City Burnley ... Manchester City Chesterfield ... Fulham ... Chesterfield Millwall home away 40 44 40 44 36 36 41 35 29 24 32 29 28 35 26 29 24 29 away home ... Brighton & Hove ... Colchester United (F) Bournemouth & Bos. ... Aldershot ... Brighton & Hove Watford Aldershot ... Southampton ... Southampton ... Tottenham H ... West Bromwich A home Manchester City The B.A.O.R away ... Oct. home away home Leicester City ... Plymouth Argyle (in Germany) 19 Burnley Tottenham Hotspur Oct. home Southampton Luton Town 19 2W2Y Swansea Town Newcastle United ... West Bromwich A. ... Birmingham City ... 20 away home away ... Nov. Bradford 20 18 18 Swansea Town Bournemouth & Bos. Coventry City ... away home home Fulham ... Notts Forest Coventry City ... Nottingham Forest... Coventry City ... Bristol Rovers away Nov. 2 away Bury Sheffield Wednes 20 Nottingham Forest Southampton ... Barnsley ... Luton Town ... Luton Town ... Plymouth Argyle Sheffield Wadnesday Leicester City Chesterfield ... Southampton ... Dec. away away (F) Margate ... West Ham Utd. Swansea Town away away 18 10 Portsmouth Fulham home ... away ... Dec. away Fulham Coventry City Bristol Rovers ... Millwall home Newport County home ... Jan. away away away **Bristol City** 2W2Y COMBINATION - Section Queens Park Rangers B ••• home Millwall Bradford away Brentford away home Brentford ... Chelsea ... Leicester City Watford ... Feb. A 30 33 40 27 46 35 52 38 49 54 53 76 41 50 Pts 29 29 28 27 26 25 23 20 18 17 Queens Park Rgrs. 56 47 48 48 63 63 49 47 49 29 39 47 49 37 28 24 22 23 21 24 22 21 21 22 21 22 21 23 18 Manchester City away home home ... Burnley ... Tottenham Hotspur Swansea Town Newcastle United West Bromwich A Southampton ... West Ham Utd. home April ... Portsmouth Mar. home Fulham ... Swansea Town 11 13 11 10 7 Coventry City ... home away home Fulham ... Swansea Town ... Birmingham City Coventry City COMBINATION CUP Leicester City home ... Bury ... Nottingham Forest (Group 2) Bournemouth April ... away Watford Brighton & Hove 10 away Fulham ... Brighton & Hove Brighton & Hove Millwall ... Jan. away Bury ... Southampton Newport County ... home ... Bristol Rovers ... home 16 16 14 Chelsea ... Brentford ... away 21 21 21 ... away Barnsley ... Sheffield Wednesday ... Millwall home Aldershot Bristol City May home Fulham Charlton Athletic Leyton Orient Leyton Orient Crystal Palace Crystal Palace Chelsea Chelsea Chelsea Chelsea Fulham **Newport County** home Mar. away home ... F.A. CUP GOALSCORERS home (Third Round) Fourth Round ... 11 home Jan. Football League (Div. II) Macaulay 3 Bainbridge Wright I Woodgate Proudlock I Own Goal Bainbridge 3 Woodgate I home ... Small 5 Wood 5 Parker I April Dunn I Fifth Round Sixth Round Semi-Final Charlton Athletic Payne 2 away Football Combination (Sec. B) L.F.A. CUP April 26 Parsons, R 8 Proudlock 9 Dunn 5 Chapman 5 Tucker 4 J. Jordan 2 Hall 2 Sadler I Woodgate I Parker I Wood 2 Wright I Macaulay I Attwell I Devlin I McCormack I Oct. 14 Walthamstow Avenue away Walthamstow Avenue (First Round) Walthamstow Ave (First Round Re-play) Charlton Athletic ... (Second Round) Charlton Athletic ... (Second Rd. Re-play) Tottenham Hotspur (Semi-Final) 21 Saturday, 28th December L.F.A Cup: Hall 4 McCormack 4 Proudlock 2 Kick-off 2.25 p.m. Dunn 2 Woodgate 2 Bainbridge 3-0 Nov. Other Matches WEST HAM UNITED Bainbridge | Bicknell | Proudlock | Tucker | 2-0 (Semi-Final) Crystal Palace (Final) VERSUS Dec. 2 (at Highbury) 3-2 Tables and Goalscorers up to, and including December 21 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

WE open today's notes with the heartiest of greetings for Christmas and the New Year to our opponents, patrons, players and other friends, trusting that the New Year will bring better fortune to all.

This is the second successive season in which the Hatters and Hammers have met in Christmas matches, and supporters of both clubs will be hoping that their team meets with a better fate on their home ground this year. On the previous occasion Luton Town beat us here by the odd goal in seven, but we had ample revenge on the following day when we took League South points by a convincing 4—1 victory. However, holiday times are notorious for their upsetting of soccer 'form,' and it is such occurences that help the game to maintain its keen interest. So we shall 'wait and see'!

Last Saturday's matches brought us a victory and a defeat. The 2—1 victory at Barnsley was well-earned, and the brace of points was a welcome start to the holiday games. Queens Park Rangers ended our Reserves' run of nine Combination games without defeat, this victory putting them at the head of the table. It is hoped that grounds will be in better condition for to-day's games, as the iron-hard surfaces on Saturday did not assist towards first-class football.

We would like to remind you of tomorrow's game here versus Brentford Reserves. This local Derby should provide interesting fare; the kick-off is at 2.15 p.m. On Saturday we meet Plymouth Argyle here in the League, and hope to avenge our 3—1 defeat at Home Park on the opening day of the season. Kick-off at 2.25 p.m.

The draw for the F.A Cup Third Round ties has paired us with Leicester City. This will be our first meeting in the competition. It has been decided not to reserve any part of the ground for the match, and consequently we ask patrons to refrain from applying. Prices of admission will be the same as for League games.

As Christmas time 'around the fire' conversations about soccer usually provoke a friendly argument, we are offering our patrons a short 'quiz' about the Hammers. No prizes are offered, so please don't send in your answers! However, we shall give the answers in Saturday's programme. So put on your 'thinking cans' and see what you know:

your 'thinking caps,' and see what you know:

1. When did West Ham United join the Football League?

2. When did they first play at The Boleyn Ground?

3. (a) When did the Hammers gain promotion to Div. I and (b) at the end of which season were they relegated?

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4. West Ham United have appeared in two Cup Finals at Wembley. Can you give the year, opponents, score and the names of the Hammers' players on these occasions?

5. Who has scored most goals for West Ham United, and how many?

6. On which occasion was the largest attendance recorded at the Boleyn Ground?