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August 23rd, 1947

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

The close season always appears to pass very quickly, but the one just finished has indeed been a short one. It is little more than two months since we took leave of our supporters, and the weather was similar to that which we are now experiencing. Although no one grumbles at such weather, it has rather retarded progress on our playing pitch, on which much time and money have been spent since our last match on June 7th. Much of the draining system was destroyed by bombs during the war raids. This damage has now been repaired, but owing to the short close season and the dry weather, the turf has not recovered to the extent we had hoped. However we think a great improvement will be noticed as the season advances. The damage to the Highfield Road cover has been repaired and a licence obtained for completing the roof, which still shows many war scars. A licence has also been obtained for improving lavatory accommodation, and this work will be carried out shortly.

One very important matter that was settled during the close season was the appointment of a manager to succeed the late Mr. L. R. Bayliss, and the choice of Mr. W. Frith will no doubt be a popular one. This whole-hearted player gave us many years loyal service before receiving the injury which practically put an end to his active football career, and no player gained the respect and admiration of the public more than did "Billy", as he was known to supporters. His ability as a player, his knowledge of the game, and his judgement are beyond question, and we are satisfied we have made a wise choice. The decision was not made hurriedly, and many applicants were interviewed before the appointment was made. Our new manager can therefore feel satisfied he was engaged solely on his merits. He was successful as a player, and we are confident he will be equally successful as a manager.

Our first visitors are Luton Town, who provide the opposition today in our opening fixture. These old friends and rivals need little introduction to supporters, who will well remember those four games when both teams were fighting hard to gain promotion, a feat eventually accomplished by both clubs. We still continue those hard fought battles, and we have no doubt today's game will prove no exception.

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A	Birmingham Barnsley	G	Newcastle Plymouth	M	Manch. City Wolves
B	Bradford West Ham	H	Notts For Bury	N	Ipswich T Notts C
C	Cardiff City Chesterfield	I	Sheff. Wed. Millwall A	O	Reading Newport
D	Doncaster Southamp'n	J	W. Brom. Tottenham	P	Swindon Northants
E	Fulham Brentford	K	Bolton W Stoke City	Q	Walsall Exeter City
F	Leeds Un Leicester	L	Grimsby T Aston Villa	R	Mansfield T York City

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Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Right		Wood		Left
	Tooze 2		Mason R. 3	
	Snape 4	Mason G. 5	Dearson 6	
Simpson 7	Barratt 8	Lowrie 9	Roberts 10	Ashall 11



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	Hughes 3		Lake 2	

Left

B. Streten

Right

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

1947		
Aug. 23	Luton Town	H
" 25	Birmingham City	H
" 30	Brentford	A
Sept. 3	Birmingham City	A
" 6	Leicester City	H
" 10	West Bromwich	A
" 13	Leeds United	A
" 15	West Bromwich	H
" 20	Fulham	H
" 27	West Ham United	A
Oct. 4	Newcastle United	A
" 11	Bury	H
" 18	Southampton	A
" 25	Doncaster Rovers	H
Nov. 1	Notts Forest	A
" 8	Bradford	H
" 15	Cardiff City	A
" 22	Sheffield Wed.	H
" 29	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Dec. 6	Millwall	H
" 13	Chesterfield	A
" 20	Luton Town	A
" 25	Barnsley	H
" 26	Barnsley	A
1948		
Jan. 3	Brentford	H
" 10	(3)	
" 17	Leicester City	A
" 24	(4)	
" 31	Leeds United	H
Feb. 7	(5) Fulham	A
" 14	West Ham United	H
" 21	Newcastle United	H
" 28	(6) Bury	A
Mar. 6	Southampton	H
" 13	Doncaster Rovers	A
" 20	(S.F.) Notts Forest	H
" 27	Bradford	A
" 29	Plymouth Argyle	A
" 30	Plymouth Argyle	H
Apr. 3	Cardiff City	H
" 10	Sheffield Wed.	A
" 17	Tottenham Hotspur	H
" 24	(F) Millwall	A
May 1	Chesterfield	H

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COMBINATION FIXTURES

1947		
Aug. 23	Aldershot	A
" 25	Charlton Athletic	A
" 30	Chelsea	H
Sept. 1	Arsenal	H
" 6	Bristol Rovers	A
" 8	Bristol City	H
" 13	Leicester City	H
" 17	Arsenal	A
" 20	Tottenham Hotspur	A
" 25	Swansea Town	A
" 27	Portsmouth	H
Oct. 1	Bristol City	A
" 4	Charlton Athletic	H
" 8	Brentford	A
" 11	Southamp.on	A
" 15	Bournemouth	A
" 18	Brighton & Hove	H
" 25	Brighton & Hove	A
Nov. 1	Watford	H
" 8	Chelsea	A
" 15	Aldershot	H
" 22		
" 29	Southampton	H
Dec. 6	Watford	A
" 13	Brentford	H
" 20	Tottenham Hotspur	H
" 25	Leicester City	A
" 26	Bournemouth	H
" 27	Swansea Town	H
1948 CUP COMPETITION		
Jan. 3	Luton	A
" 10	Ipswich	H
" 17	Northampton Town	H
" 24	Norwich City	H
" 31	Norwich City	A
Feb. 7	Leicester City	H
" 14	Leicester City	A
" 21	Birmingham City	A
" 28	Watford	H
Mar. 6	Northampton Town	A
" 13		
" 20		
" 26	Birmingham City	H
" 27	Ipswich Town	A
" 29	Luton Town	H
Apr. 3		
" 10	Portsmouth	A
" 17		
" 24	Bristol Rovers	H
Undated	Watford	A

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