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No. 1.

Wednesday, August 27th, 1947

NOTES FROM THE HIVE

The new season has come round much quicker than usual, solely due to the fact that last season was extended until June 14th, while a new campaign commenced a week earlier than usual. It has meant the shortest close season on record and is never likely to happen again.

The Bees started a new season in a different division with some of their old players missing and new ones introduced. The newcomers are confined to the attack—Dougall (Guildford City), Gibbons (Bradford) and Dawson (Charlton Athletic). The return of Jacky Gibbons, who formerly played for Brentford as an amateur, will be welcomed, and if he can reproduce the form he showed with Tottenham and Bradford, he should prove a fine capture. Tommy Dawson played inside right for Charlton in the F.A. Cup Final last season, and is a strong type of player who did very well at times at wing half back for the Valley club. Dougall comes from a good footballing family, and although rather frail in build, has a good reputation as far as ability goes.

By the way, George Paterson, the Scottish international, will captain the Brentford team this season, succeeding Archie Macaulay, now with the Arsenal.

We are all sorry that the Bees lost their First Division status last season, for no club likes to leave the top class, but supporters can be assured that the Second Division will provide a most attractive list of matches. The majority of visiting clubs to Griffin Park were former

members of the First Division, and many possess household names in the football world. There should be many interesting games and every effort will be made to get back in the highest circle.

That may appear a somewhat ambiguous statement in view of the five clear goals defeat at Fulham in the opening game of the season on Saturday last, but too much notice should not be taken of that reverse. Without in any way detracting from the merit of Fulham's big win, it must be conceded that the Bees were pegged back most unfortunately by injuries during the course of the game. Early play was well contested, but before half-time Oliver injured knee ligaments, and early in the second half was compelled to retire and was absent for the last half hour of the game. Added to this, Latimer ricked his back and was moved to outside right, where he was little more than a passenger. It will be appreciated, therefore, that these unfortunate happenings had an adverse effect on the team, which one might say "never had a chance" to show what it could really do. It is not expected that Oliver will be fit for a month.

The Reserves lost by the odd goal in three to the Arsenal, at Griffin Park.

Don't get panicky, supporters! Give the team a chance to settle down. Remember present conditions are not conducive to best class football. Heat, hard grounds and light ball are not things that help the players to give of their best.

We extend a very cordial welcome to Luton Town this evening, and hope the Bees will prove good enough to start hitting the winning trail. Team changes are imperative owing to injuries.

On Saturday next we are at home to Coventry City.

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JOTTINGS FROM THE BOARD ROOM

Yes, our opening game of the season v. Fulham was a very big disappointment in many respects. As the game went, we were outplayed, especially during the final thirty minutes, during which period we were without Harry Oliver, who was compelled to leave the field owing to a twisted knee, while Frank Latimer, in falling heavily on the hard ground, badly ricked himself. He resumed at outside right, but might just as well have left the field of play. Therefore, to battle with practically nine men in such terrible heat and conditions was a great handicap. These comments do not mean to suggest that the injuries were the cause of our defeat—we were beaten by a much superior side. It should be noted that Fulham only had one new player in its side, while of our side only Crozier, Munro and Stewart were playing in our League Team last season. It is obvious that several positions need strengthening, equally it is obvious that it will take a few games to get a settled team, so please refrain from being too critical at this stage. Give that cheer of encouragement to the players which will be so helpful.

George Paterson, our captain, was unable to play at Fulham owing to a pulled muscle while training. He fully expects to have recovered for this evening's game.

The Reserves were defeated at home by the Arsenal Reserves by two goals to one (Blakeman). To-day they are away to Portsmouth Reserves.

Harry Oliver's injury will no doubt prevent him from playing for a few weeks.

On Saturday next, August 30th, we have as visitors, Coventry City. The kick-off is at 3.15 p.m.

There are still a few Season Tickets available at £5 5s. 0d. each.

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JOTTINGS FROM THE BOARD ROOM—Continued.

The Management had a great disappointment on Thursday last when it was learned that Dr. K. O'Flanagan, the Arsenal and Irish International Amateur outside forward had again signed for the Arsenal. The Doctor had, for a number of weeks, been considering this Club's invitation for him to assist us. This invitation had been sent with the Arsenal Club's knowledge and blessing, and his decision not to join us was unexpected as we had depended on having his services. We can only express our regret at not having the opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to such a talented player, and to wish him the best of good luck.

To those enquiring if we had changed our colours, the answer is—No. Owing to it being so difficult to purchase Red and White Striped Shirts, due to them not being allowed to be made (until recently), we were therefore compelled to purchase the next best, viz.: Red and White Quartered Shirts. These will be worn when compelled to.

Leslie Smith, a young local (Hayes) inside forward, has signed professional forms for us. Leslie is a Colour Sergeant in the Army and hopes to be demobbed within the next few weeks. He is 21 years of age and a player of much promise. It will be remembered that before joining the Army he assisted our Reserves as an amateur.

We feel a number of patrons are interested in the fortunes of ex-Bees and the clubs they have joined. Herewith the information: F. Clack, L. Townsend, Dai Hopkins, L. Roberts all with Bristol City; W. Naylor and Bill Brown with Leyton Orient; W. Scott with Aldershot; G. Smith with Queen's Park Rangers; A. Macaulay with Arsenal; J. Kay, J. Fyffe and F. Collier with Guildford City F.C.; R. Coulson with Dover F.C. George Poyser is Player-Manager to the newly-formed professional team Dover F.C.

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

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1947	Result	
Aug. 23	Arsenal	H
" 27	Portsmouth	A
" 30	Bournemouth	A
Sept. 3	Tottenham H.	H
" 6	Bristol City	H
" 10	Charlton Athletic	A
" 13	Brighton & Hove A.	A
" 17	Bournemouth	H
" 20	Southampton	H
" 24	Watford	H
" 27	Watford	A
Oct. 1	Bristol Rovers	H
" 4	Chelsea	H
" 8	Coventry City	H
" 11	Bristol Rovers	A
" 18	Swansea Town	A
" 25	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Nov. 1	Aldershot	H
" 8		
" 15	Brighton & Hove A.	H
" 22	Aldershot	A
" 29	Charlton Athletic	H
Dec. 6	Chelsea	A
" 13	Coventry City	A
" 20	Arsenal	A
" 25	Southampton	A
" 26	Leicester City	H
" 27	Portsmouth	H

1948 Fixtures will be announced later

JOTTINGS FROM THE BOARD ROOM—Continued.

We will not be having the Hanwell Band to entertain us this season, but in place a weekly record programme. We take this opportunity of expressing thanks to the Hanwell Band for its excellent past services, and to wish it continued success.

Here is a list of our players:—

PROFESSIONALS.—J. Crozier, Ted Gaskell, W. Gorman, R. Munro, H. Oliver, E. Ventom, G. Paterson, T. Manley, F. Latimer, J. Moore, W. Bragg, P. Gleeson, T. Dougall, G. Stewart, A. Blakeman, A. H. Gibbons, A. Shaw, M. McDonald, R. Goddard, J. Gallego, —. Girling, P. Sheldon, T. Dawson, A. Smith, C. Toulouse and L. Smith.

AMATEURS.—W. Gray (full back), L. Williams (centre half), R. Lamb (inside forward).

NEXT HOME GAMES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th.

BRENTFORD v. COVENTRY CITY
(Football League)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd.

BRENTFORD RES. v. TOTTENHAM H. RES.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.

BRENTFORD RES. v. BRISTOL CITY RES.
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