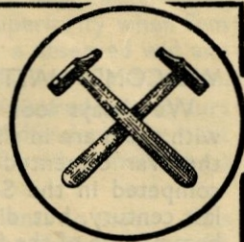


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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division II

SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 1947 Kick-off at 2.45 p.m

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Div. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Bromwich Alb.	16	11	3	2	25	14	25
Birmingham City	16	9	4	3	21	10	22
Newcastle United	16	9	3	4	32	18	21
West Ham United	16	7	6	3	22	16	20
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	5	4	29	14	19
Cardiff City	16	7	5	4	23	17	19
Sheffield Wednesday	16	8	3	5	26	25	19
Bradford	16	8	1	7	27	23	17
Southampton	16	7	3	6	22	25	17
Barnsley	16	7	2	7	27	28	16
Leicester City	16	6	4	6	19	22	16
Coventry City	16	6	3	7	24	20	15
Leeds United	16	6	3	7	26	22	15
Fulham	16	7	1	8	24	22	15
Luton Town	16	5	4	7	20	23	14
Millwall	15	3	7	5	20	22	13
Notts Forest	16	6	1	9	20	23	13
Bury	16	4	4	8	21	25	12
Chesterfield	15	4	3	8	14	22	11
Brentford	16	4	3	9	15	33	11
Plymouth Argyle	16	2	7	7	8	27	11
Doncaster Rovers	16	3	4	9	14	27	10

Tables up to, and including, November 14

COMBINATION — Section A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham United	17	13	2	2	58	18	28
Birmingham City	19	9	5	5	34	20	23
Luton Town	17	10	3	4	33	25	23
Swindon Town	18	9	4	5	35	29	22
Ipswich Town	18	9	3	6	36	32	21
Fulham	19	8	4	7	30	29	20
Reading	19	9	1	9	40	38	19
Queens Park Rangers	17	5	7	5	27	30	17
Millwall	18	8	1	9	30	34	17
Cardiff City	17	7	2	8	19	22	16
Northampton Town	17	6	3	8	40	43	15
Plymouth Argyle	19	6	3	10	31	34	15
Norwich City	19	4	7	8	30	38	15
Southend United	17	5	4	8	22	29	14
Leyton Orient	18	4	4	10	20	45	12
Crystal Palace	17	2	5	10	9	28	9

SECTION B — LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	18	12	6	0	37	13	30
Southampton	19	8	7	4	34	22	23
Tottenham Hotspur	18	8	5	5	46	23	21
Chelsea	18	8	5	5	36	22	21

NOTES

WELCOME, HATTERS !

We always look forward to the visit of Luton Town, for the games with them are in the nature of 'local derbies,' and our meetings during the War cemented the friendship formed in earlier days. The Hatters competed in the Second Division for three seasons at the end of the last century, but did not return to League football till 1920 when they became one of the founders of the Third Division (South). We first met in Division II in 1937-8 season after their promotion, when both games were drawn; in the following season the away team won on each occasion; and finally, in the 1946-7 matches, the home sides prevailed by 2-1. So on that form we can expect a close encounter today.

With the Luton club are several well-known personalities, among them being : Bernard Streten, amateur International goalkeeper ; Billy Hughes (Wales and Great Britain), formerly of Birmingham City; Bobby Brennan, recently signed from Distillery, the Irish League club; Frank Soo (English International half-back) and Tom Gager (the captain), both of whom are selected for the F.A XI against Cambridge University this month; Billington, who leads the visitors' goalscorers this season with seven to his credit; 'Dally' Duncan, the manager, former Derby County and England left-winger; and many others, all of whom we welcome to Upton Park.

By defeating Chesterfield 2-1 last Saturday the Hatters maintained an unbeaten home record, having won four and drawn three, scoring ten goals to their opponents' four. In away games they have won one, drawn one and lost seven, scoring ten and conceding nineteen.

A FAIR RESULT

Our long week-end trip to Plymouth was rewarded with the sharing of the points in the best game seen at Home Park this season.

The Argyle had been reinforced by some recent 'captures,' and their newly-constructed team showed a great spirit. If they continue in that fashion the Devonshire club is not likely to remain at the foot of the table, and we expect to see them climb steadily in the next few weeks.

The first twenty minutes were a tussle between our defence and the enthusiastic rushes of the home forwards, but having broken the back of those efforts we came more into our own and returned the compliment, gaining the lead a minute before the interval.

After the opening period Ernie Gregory was not troubled a great deal, but Plymouth's counter was an elusive effort that curled into the net with no chance of it being stopped. At the other end, Shortt, the home team's custodian, revealed the form that gained him a Welsh International cap last season, and brought off several brilliant saves to prevent us getting the decider. But, taking everything into consideration, we agreed with most of those present that a draw was the fairest result.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Nineteen points from the last ten games is a fitting record of the sterling play of our Combination XI, who have also maintained a clean defensive sheet on the last four occasions. Last Saturday's defeats of our nearest rivals — Birmingham City and Luton Town — together with our defeat of Plymouth Argyle's second-string, has left us with a clear lead of five points, and we are hoping that we shall achieve the honour we so narrowly missed last season.

Twenty minutes of the second-half had passed before Ken Tucker found the Plymouth Reserves' net; but we asserted our superiority when Sam Small scored the second from a free-kick to give us a deserved win and revenge for the 3-0 defeat in the previous meeting earlier in the season.

Birmingham City are the only other club to have lowered our colours in the Combination this season, and as we meet the Midlanders here next Saturday at 2.30 p.m. we expect a good attendance for what should be a game worth seeing.

However, before then we have two away commitments to meet. This afternoon's game is at Southend, a familiar place to our players who make a regular trip there on Wednesdays for special training. However, this routine will have to be changed next Wednesday, as we meet Cardiff City at Ninian Park in the match postponed from October 18th.

THE SCHOOLBOYS

We were pleased to see that East Ham Boys won their replayed English Shield tie at Harwich last Saturday, the score being 2-1. We wish them further success.

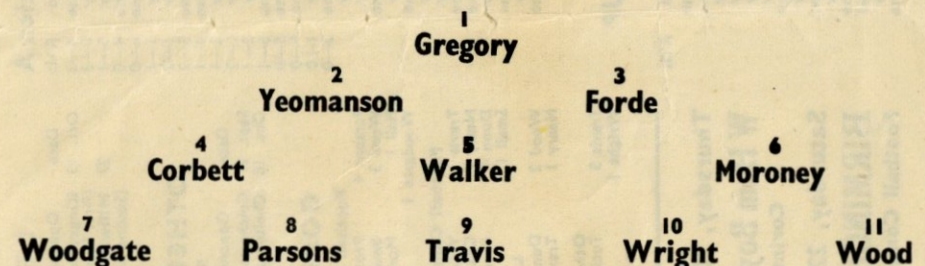
On Thursday next, our other 'locals' — West Ham Boys — have a match on this ground against Heston Boys in the Second Round of the Corinthian Shield. The teams drew 1-1 in the first meeting, so the return game should be interesting. The kick-off will be at 2.30 p.m.

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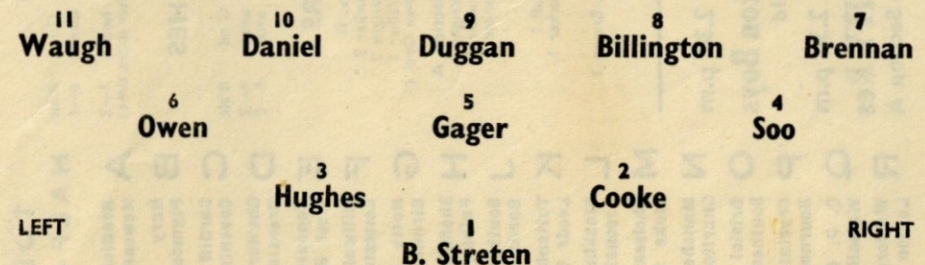
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Referee : Mr. L. E. GIBBS (Reading)

Linesmen: Mr. T. C. HOCKNEY (Red Flag) Mr. M. W. HILLIER (Blue Flag)



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RIGHT

LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Div. II

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R site
Aug. 23	Bradford	away	1-4
30	Millwall	home	1-1
20	Nottingham Forest	home	2-1
Sept. 1	Millwall	away	0-1
6	Doncaster Rovers	away	0-1
8	Tottenham Hotspur	home	2-1
13	Southampton	home	2-0
15	Tottenham Hotspur	away	2-2
20	Bury ... City	away	2-0
27	Coventry City	home	4-0
Oct. 4	Nottingham Forest	away	0-0
18	Birmingham City	home	0-0
25	West Bromwich A.	away	0-0
Nov. 8	Plymouth Argyle	home	2-1
15	Luton Town	away	2-1
22	Barnford	home	...
29	Leicester City	home	...
Dec. 6	Leeds United	home	...
13	Fulham	home	...
20	Bradford	home	...
26	Sheffield Wednesday	home	...
Jan. 3	Nottingham Forest	away	...
17	Doncaster Rovers	home	...
Feb. 31	Southampton	away	...
14	Bury	home	...
21	Coventry City	away	...
28	Newcastle United	home	...
Mar. 6	Birmingham City	away	...
13	West Bromwich A.	home	...
20	Barnsley	away	...
26	Cardiff City	away	...
27	Plymouth Argyle	home	...
Apr. 3	Luton Town	home	...
10	Brentford	away	...
17	Leicester City	home	...
24	Leeds United	home	...
May 1	Fulham	away	...

FA. CUP

Jan. 10	(Third Round)
14	(Fourth Round)
Feb. 7	(Fifth Round)
28	(Sixth Round)
Mar. 20	(Semi-Final)
April 24	(Final)

COMBINATION — Section A

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R site
Aug. 23	Swinton Town	home	4-3
30	Plymouth Argyle	away	0-3
Sept. 1	Millwall	home	5-1
6	Reading	home	4-0
8	Queens Park Rangers	home	6-0
13	Birmingham City	away	1-1
15	Cardiff City	home	5-2
20	Queens Park Rangers	home	2-1
22	Millwall	away	1-1
Oct. 4	Crystal Palace	away	2-2
11	Northwich	home	2-2
18	Fulham	home	5-1
25	Portsmouth	home	5-0
Nov. 1	Pyton Orient	home	9-0
8	Reading	away	1-0
15	Plymouth Argyle	home	2-0
19	Cardiff City	away	...
22	Birmingham City	home	...
29	Southend United	home	...
Dec. 6	Luton Town	away	...
13	Leyton Orient	home	...
20	Luton Town	away	...
25	Norwich City	home	...
26	Ipwich Town	home	...
27	Fulham	away	...
Apr. 3	Luton Town	home	...
8	Northampton Town	home	...
17	Crystal Palace	home	...

COMBINATION CUP

Group 2

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R site
Jan. 3	Charlton Athletic	home	...
10	Southampton	home	...
24	Tottenham Hotspur	away	...
31	Southend United	away	...
Feb. 7	Charlton Athletic	away	...
14	Fortmanth	home	...
21	Barnford	home	...
26	Brentford	away	...
Mar. 13	Southend United	home	...
20	Reading	home	...
26	Portsmouth	home	...
29	Southampton	away	...
	Tottenham Hotspur	home	...

L.F.A. CUP

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R site
Oct. 13	Kingstonian	home	6-1
27	Millwall (First Round)	home	1-2
	Millwall (Second Round)	home	1-2 (after extra time)

OTHER MATCHES

Date	Opponents	G'nd	R site
Sept. 27	Colchester United	away	4-2
Oct. 18	Cheltenham Town	away	5-0

GOALSCORERS

Football League — Div. II	Section A
Parsons 4	Proudlock 3
Wood 3	Tucker 3
Wood 3	Wright 2
Hall 1	Walker 1
Woodgate 1	Moroney 1
	Owen Goal 1

Football Combination — Section A	Other Matches
Travis 16	Wood 8
Neary 7	Chapman 6
Dunn 4	Proudlock 2
Small 1	Parker 1
	L.F.A. Cup
Wood 2	Dunn 1
Neary 1	Travis 1
	Tucker 1
Travis 5	Other
Wright 1	Tucker 2
	R. Brown 1

TODAY'S

HALF-TIMES

A	Bradford	Newcastle United
B	Bury	Plymouth Argyle
C	Cardiff City	Coventry City
D	Cherwellfield	Brentford
E	Doncaster Rovers	West Brom. Albion
F	Millwall	Leicester City
G	Notts Forest	Birmingham City
H	Sheffield Wednesday	Fulham
I	Southampton	Barnsley
J	Tottenham Hotspur	Leeds United
K	Tottenham Rovers	Blackburn Rovers
L	Arsenal	Chelsea
M	Stoke City	Manchester City
N	Charlton Athletic	Bristol Rovers
O	Southend United	Crystal Palace
P	Bournemouth	Q. P. Rangers
Q	Walsall	Watford
R	Walford	Leyton Orient

Thursday, 20 Nov. 2.30 p.m.

W Ham Boys v Heston Boys

Corinthian Shield

Saturday, 22 Nov. 2.30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM CITY Res

Football Combination — Section A