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Pantomime season is getting very near, and last Saturday, at Nottingham, it was not 'The Babes' but the 'Hatters' that paid a visit to the Forest, and after running around for some time, found an open space between two Woods. Soo and Brennan thought this looked very bare, so on the good advice of the other planners, placed two (shoots) between them. All our boys knew it was lace that was made at Nottingham but they decided not to take knitting needles, as it would need spade work and digging in to improve their position in the League. One would have a hard task to say, who was more pleased with the result than the 5,000 supporters that were seeing a battle fought between the Stiffs and West Ham Reserves, in which neither side found the net. The first 20 minutes we saw fast and real good football after which the game began to slow up, and a draw was a fair result. Without a doubt West Ham will finish champions of Section A.

Today we have Coventry City known as the "Bantams," and no doubt our boys will do all they can to wipe off that 4-1 defeat at Coventry the first match of the season. Our Reserves pay a visit to Ipswich, so neither teams have an easy task. Both teams appear to be following the motto set up by the Bobbers Stand Club: "the harder the task, the harder we work".

The task we set ourselves to cover the only open space on the ground, you must all agree, is

a hard one, but as hundreds of supporters have told us, a much needed one. The only way this will be done is by team work and a large one at that, and we wish to draw your attention to the fact that we have a large number of vacancies for players, all first team players. All you have to do is to come to the matches and drop a coin in our collectors' boxes, and if you do this we are sure of reaching our goal. The Building Fund to date totals £2,382-1-9. The Treasurer wishes to thank Mr. Flint for the P.O. of 5/- received for the above fund, and would be pleased to receive from any other supporters donations, large or small. Our collectors are out today, and we shall be looking for a real good sum.

Also will members please note, that it is time for them to renew their membership of the club. Those who have not yet made themselves members, please note it is time you did, so that you can say you belong to the only Bobbers Club in the country.

Well fans we have not had a lucky draw in the F.A. Cup, but who knows what may happen, and we may see a replay at Luton or go into the hat for the next round. One thing we can be certain about is that the boys will have all the best wishes of their supporters and that goes for all the Bobbers too.

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CLUB NOTES

After last Saturday's splendid victory over Nottingham Forest at Nottingham our boys face their game with Coventry City here today with more confidence. We started the season very badly when we visited the "Bantams" in the opening match and were beaten to the tune of four goals to one, but we have quite a few changes in today's team compared with the one which did duty on that occasion which was Streten, Lake, Hughes, Soo, Gager, Gardiner, Waugh, Driver, Billington, Connelly and Duncan. Only Hughie therefore of the forward line retains his position, and Frank Soo would have been in the line-up today also had he not been prevented from doing so by a very bad cold which has kept him in bed best part of the week. It will be interesting to see how our new forward line shapes against such a well renowned defence as the City's, which includes George Mason again after quite a long lapse. Those of us who remember the stirring displays he has given against us in the past will say something to the effect that George just would be back in time to take his place in the side against us today. The display of Norman Lockhart will be watched with interest for there is no denying the fact that we were interested in this player earlier in the season but negotiations were never completed. We therefore give Coventry City a great welcome to Kenilworth Road this afternoon and it has every prospect of being one of the best games of the season to be seen here.

There has been a lot of conjecture this week about what the score might have been had Nottingham Forest's chosen goalkeeper been able to play. He certainly could not have played better than the youngster who took his place at the last moment and some of Ward's saves were just short of the miraculous. Hughie Billington must have thought the boy was

absolutely unbeatable, for some of Hughie's efforts would have beaten most goalkeepers. It certainly was a memorable debut for the boy and we wish him every success in the future. Our lads played very well and it would have taken a very good team to have beaten them on last Saturday's form. We hope it will be repeated today.

The luck of the Cup Draw which was in our favour last season was certainly not with us last Monday. We have to make the long trek to Plymouth which means we shall have very little vocal support during the match. It will be an all ticket match and tickets will be available in the office next week as follows:—Ground 1/6; Enclosure 3/6; Stand (uncovered) 6/-. Unfortunately no special train can be run and so those of you desirous of seeing the match will have to make your own arrangements. Plymouth have had some dreadful luck in their Cup Tie games, never having got beyond the Fourth Round and this is the first time since 1934 that they have been drawn at home. It is no small wonder therefore that they fully expect to sell the whole of the 40,000 tickets which they are having printed. The ground was very badly blitzed during the war (together with the rest of Plymouth) and covered accommodation is limited to one part of the terraces only, behind one goal.

If any of you know of any furnished rooms available, suitable for several of our married footballers, will you please write to the Secretary, at 70, Kenilworth Road, Luton. We have two married players temporarily parted from their wives owing to the housing situation, and two more who are shortly to be married, and with houses next to the impossible to buy or rent, we are looking for the next best thing for them. So if anyone can help our boys out of their difficulty we would be very grateful.

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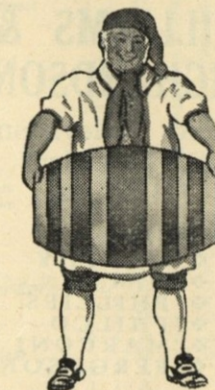
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11 **Lockhart** Outside Left
10 **Murphy** Inside Left
6 **Smith, S.** Left Half
3 **Mason, R.** Left Back

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B. Streten
Goal

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6 **Gardiner** Left Half
10 **Ottewell** Inside Left
11 **O'Brien** Outside Left

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8 **Dearson** Inside Right
7 **Simpson** Outside Right
4 **Snape** Right Half
2 **Barratt** Right Back



9 **Lowrie** Centre
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FIRST LIST

A	ASTON VILLA	v.	GRIMSBY T.
B	BURNLEY	v.	PORTSMOUTH
C	CHELSEA	v.	BLACKPOOL
D	EVERTON	v.	BLACKBURN	.....
E	HUDDERSFIELD	v.	DERBY CO'NTY	.....
F	MANCH. UN.	v.	MIDDLESBRO'	.....
G	PRESTON N. E.	v.	LIVERPOOL	.....
H	SHEFFIELD UN.	v.	CHARLTON A.	.....
K	STOKE CITY	v.	BOLTON WAN	.....
L	SUNDERLAND	v.	ARSENAL	.....
M	WOLVES	v.	MANCH. CITY	.....
N	BARNSELY	v.	BIRMINGHAM	.....

SECOND LIST

A	BRENTFORD	v.	FULHAM	.....
B	BURY	v.	NOTTS. FOR.	.....
C	CHESTERFIELD	v.	CARDIFF C.	.....
D	LEICESTER C.	v.	LEEDS UNITED	.....
E	MILLWALL A.	v.	WEDNESDAY	.....
F	PLYMOUTH A.	v.	NEWCASTLE	.....
G	SOUTHAMPTON	v.	DONCASTER	.....
H	TOTTENHAM	v.	WEST BROM.	.....
K	WEST HAM U.	v.	BRADFORD	.....
L	BRISTOL ROV.	v.	PORT VALE	.....
M	CRYSTAL PAL.	v.	LEYTON O.	.....
N	NEWPORT CO'	v.	READING	.....

THIRD LIST

A	SOUTHEND U.	v.	BRISTOL CITY	.....
B	SWANSEA T.	v.	BOURNEM'UTH	.....
C	DARLINGTON	v.	CARLISLE UN.	.....
D	GATESHEAD	v.	ROTHERHAM	.....
E	HULL CITY	v.	LINCOLN C.	.....
				F.A. CUP—SECOND ROUND REPLAYS
F	SWINDON T.	v.	ALDERSHOT	.....
G	BRIGHTON & H.	v.	HARTLEPOOLS	.....
H	TORQUAY U.	v.	NORTHAMPT'N	.....
K	WALSALL	v.	NORWICH C.	.....
L	STOCKTON	v.	NOTTS. CO'TY
M	GILLINGHAM	v.	ROCHDALE
N	STOCKPORT C.	v.	SHREWSBURY

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		1946/47		F. A.	
Sat., Aug. 23	Coventry City	0 0	A	1 4	
Wed., .. 27	Brentford	..	A	3 0	
Sat., .. 30	Newcastle United	4 3	H	2 1	
Wed., Sept. 3	Brentford	..	H	3 0	
Sat., .. 6	Birmingham City	0 1	A	1 2	
Mon., .. 8	Leicester City	1 2	A	2 3	
Sat., .. 13	West Bromwich Albion	2 0	H	1 1	
Wed., .. 17	Leicester City	1 2	H	2 1	
Sat., .. 20	Barnsley	0 4	A	0 3	
Sat., .. 27	Plymouth Argyle	3 4	H	0 0	
Sat., Oct. 4	Bradford	1 2	A	2 2	
Sat., .. 11	Cardiff City	..	A	0 1	
Sat., .. 18	Sheffield Wednesday	1 1	A	0 1	
Sat., .. 25	Tottenham Hotspur	3 2	H	0 0	
Sat., Nov. 1	Millwall	0 2	A	1 3	
Sat., .. 8	Chesterfield	1 1	H	2 1	
Sat., .. 15	West Ham United	1 2	A	0 0	
Sat., .. 22	Bury	2 0	H	1 1	
Sat., .. 29	Southampton	3 1	A	1 3	
Sat., Dec. 6	Doncaster Rovers	..	H	2 1	
Sat., .. 13	Nottingham Forest	2 4	A	2 1	
Sat., .. 20	Coventry City	1 1	H	..	
Fri., .. 26	Leeds United	..	A	..	
Sat., .. 27	Leeds United	..	H	..	
Sat., Jan. 3	Newcastle United	2 7	A	..	
Sat., .. 10	F.A. Cup (Round 3)	..	..	..
Sat., .. 17	Birmingham City	1 3	H	..	
Sat., .. 24	F.A. Cup (Round 4)	..	..	..
Sat., .. 31	West Bromwich Albion	2 1	A	..	
Sat., Feb. 7	Barnsley	3 1	H	..	
Sat., .. 14	Plymouth Argyle	1 2	A	..	
Sat., .. 21	Bradford	3 0	H	..	
Sat., .. 28	Cardiff City	..	H	..	
Sat., Mar. 6	Sheffield Wednesday	4 1	H	..	
Sat., .. 13	Tottenham Hotspur	1 2	A	..	
Sat., .. 20	Millwall	..	..	..
Fri., .. 26	Fulham	2 0	H	..	
Sat., .. 27	Chesterfield	1 2	A	..	
Mon., .. 29	Fulham	1 2	A	..	
Sat., April 3	West Ham United	2 1	H	..	
Sat., .. 10	Bury	0 3	A	..	
Sat., .. 17	Southampton	2 2	H	..	
Sat., .. 24	Doncaster Rovers	..	A	..	
Sat., May 1	Nottingham Forest	3 2	H	..	

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination

		1946/47		F. A.	
Sat., Aug. 23	Cardiff City	1 3	H	1 0	
Wed., .. 27	Northampton Town	1 1	H	6 2	
Sat., .. 30	Birmingham City	0 1	A	0 6	
Mon., Sept. 1	Reading	1 4	A	2 3	
Sat., .. 6	Fulham	..	H	4 2	
Wed., .. 10	Leyton Orient	5 1	A	1 1	
Sat., .. 13	Leyton Orient	0 2	A	1 1	
Sat., .. 20	Millwall	0 3	H	3 1	
Wed., .. 24	Fulham	..	A	1 3	
Sat., .. 27	..	..	..	..
Wed., Oct. 1	Ipswich Town	1 3	H	2 0	
Sat., .. 4	Northampton Town	2 6	A	4 1	
Wed., .. 8	Southend United	1 0	H	2 0	
Sat., .. 11	Plymouth Argyle	3 1	H	1 0	
Sat., .. 18	Norwich City	9 2	H	3 0	
Sat., .. 25	Crystal Palace	3 3	A	2 1	
Sat., Nov. 1	Crystal Palace	2 0	H	0 0	
Sat., .. 8	Swindon Park	1 1	A	0 4	
Sat., .. 15	Queens Park Rangers	..	H	1 2	
Sat., .. 22	Cardiff City	0 2	A	4 1	
Sat., .. 29	Reading	1 1	H	6 0	
Sat., Dec. 6	Norwich City	2 3	A	3 4	
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	..	H	0 0	
Sat., .. 20	Ipswich Town	2 2	A	..	
Thurs., .. 25	Southend United	1 2	A	..	
Fri., .. 26	Birmingham City	2 1	H	..	
Sat., .. 27	Millwall	0 5	A	..	
Sat., April 3	West Ham United	..	A	..	
Wed., .. 7	Plymouth Argyle	0 4	A	..	
Sat., .. 10	Swindon Town	7 2	H	..	
Sat., .. 17	Queens Park Rangers	..	A	..	
Sat., .. 24	..	..	..	..
Sat., May 1	..	..	..	..

LEAGUE TABLES

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Birmingham City	21	13	4	4	30	16	30
West Brom. Albion	21	13	3	5	34	25	29
Newcastle United	21	12	3	6	41	22	27
Cardiff City	21	10	6	5	31	24	26
Tottenham Hotspur	21	10	5	6	37	19	25
West Ham United	21	8	9	4	28	20	25
Southampton	21	10	4	7	35	33	24
Sheffield Wednesday	21	10	3	8	31	31	23
Bradford	21	10	2	9	38	33	22
Leicester City	21	8	5	8	28	29	21
Chesterfield	21	8	4	9	27	26	20
Leeds United	21	8	4	9	32	31	20
Barnsley	21	8	4	9	33	36	20
LUTON TOWN	21	7	6	8	26	29	20
COVENTRY CITY	21	7	4	10	32	29	18
Fulham	21	8	2	11	26	30	18
Bury	21	4	8	9	26	31	16
Millwall	20	5	6	9	25	32	16
Notts Forest	21	6	3	12	25	32	15
Doncaster Rovers	21	5	5	11	19	32	15
Brentford	21	4	7	10	20	42	15
Plymouth Argyle	21	3	9	9	12	34	15

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
West Ham United	23	17	3	3	69	20	37
Birmingham City	24	11	6	7	45	25	28
LUTON TOWN	22	12	4	6	47	32	28
Fulham	23	11	5	7	37	32	27
Ipswich Town	22	11	4	7	45	35	26
Swindon Town	23	11	4	8	42	38	26
Queens Park Rangers	21	7	9	5	34	35	23
Millwall	22	10	1	11	41	44	21
Reading	23	10	1	12	44	51	21
Northampton Town	21	8	4	9	47	47	20
Plymouth Argyle	23	8	4	11	45	45	20
Norwich City	23	6	7	10	40	46	19
Cardiff City	22	8	3	11	25	36	19
Southend United	22	6	5	11	28	43	17
Leyton Orient	23	5	5	13	29	59	15
Crystal Palace	21	3	5	13	14	44	11

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