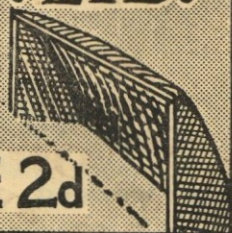


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Last Saturday our visitors came from the city made famous by Lady Godiva, and we all know owing to that Lady riding a white horse through the streets what happened to "Peeping Tom," but the "Bantams" showed us that they could travel a good deal faster than Lady Godiva's horse, and were not afraid of our boys having a peep at them now and again but they did not stay long enough in one place for them to put glasses on. Still our boys fell to the temptation and suffered the same as "Peeping Tom." It is a fact to remember that if a rabbit gets up in front of a dog that the dog does not stay there to see if the rabbit will come back to it but takes up the running. If only our boys had taken up the chase earlier in the game, like they did in the last five minutes, we should not have lost our unbeaten home record, and these two lost points do not give us a happy position in the League Table, as we have now reached the completion of the first half of the season. So let us hope we shall now start to climb up the Table to a safe position.

Now supporters, one and all, we ask you not to be contented with a peep at what the Bobbers Stand Club is doing, but put your glasses on and have a good look around the ground. We don't come for 90 minutes during a season but are always with you, and who knows your requirements better than the Bobbers? Since we started we have erected two stands, tea bars at all parts of the ground and now have a Building Fund of £2,507-14-4 for the erection of a cover over the main terraces

and last, but not least, a Club Room the whole length of the ground under the first stand we erected. Here for 1/2 yearly you can become a member and instead of putting your glasses on to have a peep, you can pick a glass up and have a drink to the health of friends and the sporting world, and if you are fond of games we can offer them to you including skittles, darts, dominoes etc. Yes, we have a ladies' dart team, so you can enrol your wife or lady friend. Our Skittle Team is still top of the League, Div. I, winning all eleven games. Our Reserve Team is third in Div. II. The Dart Team top of Div. III, and our collectors who went out to reach double figures on Saturday nearly succeeded, the result being £9-11-1. They have to rely on the help from you and we are sure that as this will be the last collection of the year, you will reach double figures.

Today we have as visitors Leeds United. They are quite new to Kenilworth Road, and we are hoping for a good game, and when the final whistle has sounded our boys will have gained two points. Our Reserves are at Millwall today. Good luck to you Stiffs, try and do at the "Den" what you did at Ipswich.

*The Bobbers Stand Club Committee wish the
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CLUB NOTES

By the time today's matches are concluded footballers all over the country will be very grateful, for whatever football supporters say to the contrary, to travel distances as is the case of most footballers and play a minimum of two matches at the pace at which present day soccer is played necessitates a player being 100% fit.

We wind up our Christmas programme here with a visit from Leeds United and extend to them a most cordial welcome on their very first visit to Luton. We trust, whatever the result of the game may be, that they will carry away with them very pleasant memories of their first journey to the town where the Vauxhalls and Commers are made but also where the hats are made which are known all over the world.

No comment can be made as to how our boys fared yesterday at Elland Road, where our visitors of today were our hosts, as this programme had to be printed before that game was played. We, of course, hope our lads came away with the spoils which, even after Saturday's display against Coventry, could confidently be expected. With any luck at all, even after being two goals down last Saturday, we would have run out winners in the end. But form is a very poor guide, especially at Christmastide.

Christmas to the professional footballer means long journeys, hard games and little or no time at home. Our first team experience was no exception, for on Christmas Day they left Luton on the 5.36 p.m. train which arrived at Leeds at 10.14 p.m., (in a non-restaurant car too). After the game on Boxing Day a dash to Leeds station to catch the 5.15 p.m. train which was due at Hitchin at 8.45 p.m., where a bus was awaiting them in which to complete the journey. It was at first thought that the party would not arrive in Luton until the early hours of this morning but a fine piece of co-operation by the Railway authorities who agreed specially to halt the train at Hitchin, enabled our lads (we hope) to enjoy a little of the Festive Season in their own homes as well as a good nights rest before today's match. We are very grateful to the Railway Companies concerned for this very nice gesture.

The "Stiffs" rose early on Christmas Day to be at Southend for an 11.15 a.m. kick-off. After their splendid win at Ipswich last Saturday, two more points from the "Shrimpers" would help our position in the Combination League Table considerably. Birmingham City Reserves were our visitors here yesterday, and our boys would be all out to take revenge for the 6 to 1 defeat inflicted on us by Birmingham earlier in the season. The "Stiffs" are playing very well just now and their win at Ipswich was all the more creditable when it is realised that seven members of Ipswich first team were playing that day. The Reserves open up the New Year with their first game in the Football Combination Cup by a visit from Coventry City. Kick-off 2.30 p.m., and there is no reason why we should not do just as well in the Cup as we have done in the League.

On Monday next the boys leave for Redcar for a weeks rest and in preparation for the second half of the League Competition and Cup Tie(s). They have a stiff task in front of them and next month, apart from the Cup Tie with Plymouth, the first team visit Newcastle and West Bromwich Albion, our only home game being against Birmingham City providing no replay is necessary with Plymouth. All three teams are at the top of the Second Division and each thinks they will get promotion. It is a very stiff series of matches but the better the opposition the better our lads play so it is going to be a very interesting struggle.

1948 is nearly here and with its advent many will be wondering what the New Year has in store for each one of us. Much may happen and much can and must be achieved in many fields of our daily lives if we are to continue a Great Britain in every sense of the word. It is confidently stated that we are through the worst of our difficulties and it is now a matter of pressing on and consolidating our hard-won position. We sincerely trust that is what the New Year means, for we do not mind hard work if a just reward can be enjoyed for our labours. But we will all face the New Year with confidence and trust it will be a Very Happy and a Prosperous one for each and everyone of us.

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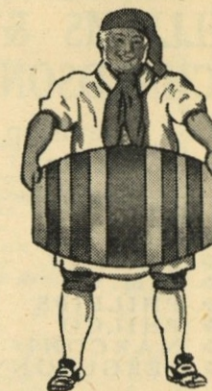
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9 **Billington**
Centre



9 **Wakefield**
Centre

5 **Holley**
Centre Half

Twomey
Goal

Football League—Division II

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6 **Gardiner**
Left Half

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Inside Left

11 **O'Brien**
Outside Left

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FIRST LIST

A ARSENAL	v.	LIVERPOOL
B BOLTON WAN.	v.	SHEFFIELD UN.
C CHELSEA	v.	GRIMSBY T.
D DERBY CO'NTY	v.	BLACKBURN	.....
E HUDDERSFIELD	v.	MANCHESTER C.	.....
F MIDDLESBRO'	v.	CHARLTON A.	.....
G PORTSMOUTH	v.	MANCH. UN.	.....
H STOKE CITY	v.	BLACKPOOL	.....
K WOLVES	v.	ASTON VILLA	.....
L BIRMINGHAM	v.	MILLWALL A.	.....
M CHESTERFIELD	v.	TOTTENHAM	.....
N LEICESTER C.	v.	BRENTFORD	.....

SECOND LIST

A NOTTS. FOR.	v.	DONCASTER	.....
B PLYMOUTH A.	v.	FULHAM	.....
C SOUTHAMPTON	v.	BRADFORD	.....
D WEST HAM U.	v.	WEDNESDAY	.....
E ALDERSHOT	v.	WALSALL	.....
F BOURNEM'UTH	v.	SOUTHEND U.	.....
G BRIGHTON & H.	v.	PORT VALE	.....
H BRISTOL CITY	v.	EXETER CITY	.....
K IPSWICH T.	v.	NEWPORT CO'	.....
L LEYTON O.	v.	READING	.....
M NORTHAMPT'N	v.	CRYSTAL PAL.	.....
N NORWICH C.	v.	SWINDON T.	.....

THIRD LIST

A QUEEN'S P. R.	v.	WATFORD	.....
B SWANSEA T.	v.	NOTTS. CO'TY	.....
C TORQUAY U.	v.	BRISTOL ROV.	.....
D ACCRINGTON	v.	LINCOLN C.	.....
E CARLISLE UN.	v.	TRANMERE R.	.....
F HARTLEPOOLS	v.	GATESHEAD	.....
G MANSFIELD T.	v.	WREXHAM	.....
H N. BRIGHTON	v.	STOCKPORT C.	.....
K ROCHDALE	v.	BRADF'D CITY
L ROTHERHAM	v.	DARLINGTON
M HEARTS	v.	MOTHERWELL
N RANGERS	v.	PARTICK THIS.

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FIRST XI Division II

Date	Home	Away	Score
Sat., Aug. 23	Coventry City	0 0 A 1 4
Wed., .. 27	Brentford	0 0 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 0
Sat., .. 15	West Ham United	.....	1 2 A 0 0
Sat., .. 22	Bury	.....	2 0 H 1 3
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 2 3
Fri., .. 26	Leeds United	.....	..... A
Sat., .. 27	Leeds United	.....	..... H
Sat., Jan. 3	Newcastle United	.....	2 7 A
Sat., .. 10	Plymouth Argyle (F.A. Cup 3)	.....	A
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	.....	3 0 H
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 F. A.

Date	Home	Away	Score
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 H 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 2 1
Wed., .. 8	Southend United	.....	1 0 H 1 0
Sat., .. 11	Plymouth Argyle	.....	3 1 H 2 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 Town	.....	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 3 0
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 FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"

Team	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Birmingham City	22	14	4	4	31	16	32
West Brom. Albion	22	13	4	5	35	26	30
Newcastle United	22	12	3	7	41	25	27
Cardiff City	22	10	7	5	33	26	27
Tottenham Hotspur	22	10	6	6	38	20	26
West Ham United	22	8	10	4	28	20	26
Southampton	22	11	4	7	41	34	26
Sheffield Wednesday	22	10	4	8	31	31	24
Bradford	22	10	3	9	38	33	23
Leicester City	22	9	5	8	30	29	23
Chesterfield	21	8	5	8	29	28	21
Coventry City	22	8	4	10	35	31	20
LEEDS UNITED	22	8	4	10	32	33	20
Fulham	22	9	2	11	28	30	20
Barnsley	22	8	4	10	33	37	20
LUTON TOWN	22	7	6	9	28	32	20
Bury	22	5	8	9	27	31	18
Millwall	21	5	7	9	25	32	17
Plymouth Argyle	22	4	9	9	15	34	17
Notts Forest	22	6	3	13	25	33	15
Doncaster Rovers	22	5	5	12	20	38	15
Brentford	22	4	7	11	20	44	15

Team	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
West Ham United	24	18	3	3	71	21	39
Birmingham City	25	12	6	7	47	25	30
LUTON TOWN	23	13	4	6	50	32	30
Fulham	24	12	5	7	41	33	29
Ipswich Town	24	12	4	8	46	44	28
Swindon Town	23	11	4	8	42	38	26
Queens Park Rangers	22	7	10	5	35	36	24
Millwall	23	11	1	11	45	45	23
Reading	24	11	1	12	47	53	23
Plymouth Argyle	24	8	5	11	46	46	21
Northampton Town	22	8	4	10	48	53	20
Norwich City	24	6	7	11	40	48	19
Cardiff City	23	8	3	12	26	40	19
Southend United	23	6	5	12	29	45	17
Leyton Orient	24	5	5	14	30	61	15
Crystal Palace	22	3	5	14	15	48	11

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