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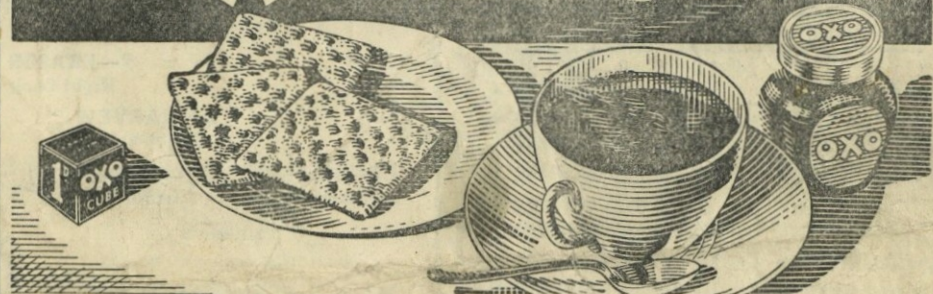
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Newcastle U.	24	14	7	3	45	26	31
Cardiff City	24	11	5	8	37	29	30
West Brom.	24	13	7	4	36	30	30
Tottenham	24	11	7	6	42	23	28
South'pton	24	12	8	4	45	37	28
Sheff. Wed.	24	12	8	4	40	35	28
West Ham	24	8	6	10	32	29	26
Bradford	24	11	10	3	41	37	25
Chesterfield	24	10	9	5	34	32	25
Coventry	24	10	10	4	39	33	24
Luton Town	24	9	9	6	36	33	24
Leicester C.	24	9	9	6	33	33	24
Fulham	24	9	12	3	31	34	21
Barnsley	24	8	12	4	35	41	20
Leeds Utd.	24	8	12	4	33	41	20
Plymouth	24	5	9	10	19	37	20
Bury	24	5	10	9	30	35	19
Millwall	24	5	10	8	25	35	18
Brentford	24	5	11	8	24	47	18
Notts Forest	24	7	14	3	29	37	17
Doncaster R.	24	6	13	5	24	42	17

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		11—PEARSON Outside left
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11—O'BRIEN / Out. side left	10—OTTEWELL Inside left	8—BRENNAN Inside right
6—GARDINER Left-half	5—GAGER Centre-half	4—SOO Right-half
3—HUGHES Left back		2—COOKE Right back
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A	Grimsby 1-1	H	Fulham 2-0
	Sunderland 1-2		Leicester 3-1
B	Middlesbro' 1-0	J	Leeds Utd. 0-0
	Preston N. E. 1-1		Southampton 0-0
C	Birmingham 0-0	K	Notts Forest 1-0
	Plymouth 1-1		West Ham 2-1
D	Bradford 0-2	L	Sheff. Wed. 1-0
	Chesterfield 1-3		Tottenham 1-0
E	Cardiff City 3-0	M	West Brom. 0-1
	Millwall 6-0		Barnsley 0-2
F	Coventry C. 3-0	N	Carlisle Utd. 0-0
	Brentford 3-0		Gateshead 1-1
G	Doncaster 1-0	P	Stoke C. Res. 0-0
	Bury 1-3		Newcastle Res. 1-0

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St. James's Park Notes

There was a little and very informal ceremony in the St. James's Park boardroom after the great game on New Year's Day in which Newcastle United chairman Mr. G. F. Rutherford expressed his appreciation of the splendid spirit shown by players and officials of West Bromwich Albion during the two holiday meetings. In his reply Albion director Mr. Norman Bassett, son of the famous England player W. I. Bassett, who brought glory to Albion at the beginning of the century, said in a long experience he could not recall two games being played in a more sporting spirit.

Those two defeats were a bitter blow to Mr. Bassett's hopes, but Albion accepted them like sportsmen, which seems well worth recording in these days of alleged commercialism and the keen struggle for promotion. Not less remarkable, perhaps, was a message sent into the boardroom from Mr.

W. Martin, the Leeds referee, who controlled both games. Mr. Martin also had to pay tribute to the sporting spirit shown by the players of both sides and added that he had never taken charge of two games in which his job had been more pleasant.

The four points, of course, have put Newcastle right back into the promotion race and certainly could hardly have been of greater value. They were not easily gained, but Newcastle United will win plenty more if they can keep up the form shown on Thursday. That's up to the players. Nobody would claim that even in that game the play was without technical blemish, but it was good rousing stuff full of skill, determination, team spirit, and teamwork.

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