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March is supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. We've not yet heard the lion's roar. On the contrary, beautiful spring warmth and sunshine are gentle as any timid lamb. Maybe the keeper of nature's menagerie got slightly mixed up with his charges. So much for the weather, but last Saturday we certainly heard a roar from the "Lions" supporters when the final whistle sounded, with Millwall being the winners by two goals to one. That made a total of 13 points lost at home, and we have not won a game at Kenilworth Road in the League since December 27th, when we beat Leeds United by 6 goals to 1. We have a very serious view facing us if we loose any more home points.

Last Saturday the horse that won the Grand National, Sheila's Cottage, was the most talked of horse in the country. Today as visitors we have Fulham from "Craven Cottage," and as the system of letting a cottage to a tenant is done by points, our boys will have to put a good case forward to the owners of this cottage to get 2 points. We are all so apt to pick out faults in others, and to close our eyes to our own imperfections, so no doubt the best thing for us to do is: "Think of our own faults for the first part of the night when we are lying awake, and think of the faults of others for the latter part of the night when we are asleep."

The Bobbers Dart Team is still going strong, being top of Division III with a lead of 4 points. They have won more games and had less scored against them than any of the 46 clubs in all three leagues. P. 24, W. 22, L. 2, F. 154, A. 62, so carry on Dart fans and do your best to win the league.

Our Building Fund to date is £2,614 - 14 - 2.

By reports received the boys will have a large following at Fulham on Easter Monday, so let us give them plenty of encouragement.

Last, but not least, don't forget to join the Bobbers Stand Club, it only costs 1/2 yearly or 21/- to become a life member.

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CLUB NOTES

Opposition today is provided by our old friends and rivals from "Craven Cottage," and a thrilling game is anticipated. It will be noticed that after the very disappointing display given by our team last Saturday against Millwall, we have made drastic changes in the forward line in an effort to find the combination which will bring goals. If we are to keep a respectable position in the League we must get goals, and more goals, for it is no good as in last Saturday's game to have seventy-five per cent territorial advantage if at the end of the game we are going to be on the losing side. We are quite sure we have the players on our books who can get the goals if we could find the right combination and so today's line up will be watched with interest and will, we hope, be the answer to our difficulties. Fulham are slightly better placed than us in the Table with a two points lead and a game in hand but there is not much between our two teams as will be seen from the following comparison:—

	HOME				AWAY				F.	A.	Pts.	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	W.	D.	L.				
Fulham	31	5	7	4	21	13	7	0	8	18	24	31
Luton	32	6	7	3	27	18	4	2	10	19	29	29

It will be noticed however that the "Cottagers" have won seven games away from home, nearly fifty per cent of their away games, and no doubt they have hopes that it will be fifty per cent at the end of today's game, but we shall have to see to it that they will not have that pleasure at the expense of the "Hatters."

At the time these notes were being prepared there was every prospect of the fine weather continuing and we trust it continues right over the Easter Holidays, for we could all do with some nice weather on our first holiday of the year. Unfortunately we shall see our First Team in action only once out of the three matches they will be playing, and our Reserve Team not at all. The Stiffs were

due to play Leicester City Reserves here tomorrow in a Combination Cup fixture but the game has had to be called off at the last moment due to Leicester being engaged in a County Cup Final Tie in which game they are required by the rules to play their best available Reserve Team. This fixture has been re-arranged for next Wednesday, kick-off 6 p.m., when we hope to see a good crowd, as Leicester have still a good chance of winning their section of the Combination Cup League and this game might have a big bearing on the final positions of the two top Clubs.

On Saturday afternoon therefore instead of our Reserves taking the field our Colts will be playing St. Neots in a South Midlands League fixture. We had a great struggle against this same team last Saturday, at St. Neots, when we lost by the odd goal in five so we hope on Saturday to get this result reversed.

On Easter Monday, our Colts will be playing Southwick Town in a friendly match. This is the Club from which Charlie Burtenshaw came to us last January. They will not be without a cheer as quite a strong band of supporters will be accompanying the Southwick team which, no doubt, will give our Colts a stern test if their previous records are anything to go by. They have won both the Sussex Senior and Charity Cups eight times and are again in the final of the Sussex Senior Cup Competition this season. They have won the Sussex Counties' League four times and are well on the way to achieving this honour again this season as they have a clear lead of about ten points. It will therefore be seen that they are a team of no mean merit and a good game should be witnessed.

We also wish to draw your attention to a very attractive schoolboys' match to be played on this ground on Easter Monday, kick-off 11 a.m., when Luton Schoolboys will be playing Leicester Schoolboys for the Seaward Trophy.

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10 **Ayres** Inside Left
6 **Beasley** Left Half
3 **Bacuzzi** Left Back

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5 **Hall** Centre Half
9 **Duggan** Centre



9 **MacGibbon** Centre
5 **Taylor** Centre Half

Hinton
Goal

Football League—Division II

3 **Cooke** Left Back
6 **Gardiner** Left Half
10 **Connelly** Inside Left
11 **O'Brien** Outside Left

Linesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. R. T. BOWER (Edgware)
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8 **Thomas, R.** Inside Right
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4 **Quasted** Right Half
2 **Lewin** Right Back

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FIXTURES, 1947-48

FIRST XI Division II

Date	Time	Home	Score	Away	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	...	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	2 3
Fri., .. 26		Leeds United	...	A	2 0
Sat., .. 27		Leeds United	...	H	6 1
Sat., Jan. 3		Newcastle United	2 7	A	1 4
Sat., .. 10		Plymouth Argyle (F.A. Cup 3)	...	A	4 2
Sat., .. 17		Birmingham City	1 3	H	0 1
Sat., .. 24		Coventry City (F.A. Cup 4)	...	H	3 2
Sat., .. 31		West Bromwich Albion	2 1	A	0 1
Sat., Feb. 7		Queens Park Rangers (F.A. Cup 5)	...	A	1 3
Sat., .. 14		Plymouth Argyle	1 2	A	3 1
Sat., .. 21		Bradford	3 0	H	3 3
Sat., .. 28		Cardiff City	...	H	1 1
Sat., Mar. 6		Sheffield Wednesday	4 1	H	1 1
Sat., .. 20		Millwall	...	A	1 2
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	...
To be arranged		Barnsley	3 1	H	...
.. ..		Tottenham Hotspur	1 2	A	...

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

Date	Time	Home	Score	Away	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	...	A	4 2
Wed., .. 10		Leyton Orient	5 1	H	1 1
Sat., .. 13		Leyton Orient	...	A	1 1
Sat., .. 20		Millwall	0 2	A	3 1
Wed., .. 24		Fulham	...	A	1 3
Sat., .. 27		Fulham	...	A	1 3
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 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	3 0
Fri., .. 26		Birmingham City	2 1	H	0 3
Sat., .. 27		Millwall	0 5	A	1 1
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		Queens Park Rangers	...	A	...
Sat., May 1		Queens Park Rangers	...	A	...

Combination Cup

Date	Time	Home	Score	Away	F. A.
Sat., Jan. 3		Coventry City	1 1	H	2 1
Sat., .. 10		Northampton Town	1 0	H	4 4
Sat., .. 17		Birmingham City	0 0	A	0 3
Sat., .. 31		Watford	2 0	H	2 1
Sat., Feb. 7		Norwich City	0 2	A	0 1
Sat., .. 14		Norwich City	1 2	H	4 3
Sat., .. 21		Norwich City	...	A	...
Sat., .. 28		Ipswich Town	1 1	A	2 0
Sat., Mar. 6		Watford	0 1	A	0 1
Sat., .. 13		Birmingham City	3 1	H	2 0
Mon., .. 15		Ipswich Town	3 0	H	2 2
Thurs., .. 18		Leicester City	0 1	A	1 5
Fri., .. 26		Northampton Town	1 1	A	...
Sat., .. 27		Leicester City	1 3	H	...
Mon., .. 29		Coventry City	0 1	A	...

LEAGUE TABLES

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Club	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Birmingham City	33	18	10	5	44	21	46
Cardiff City	34	17	9	8	56	41	43
Newcastle United	33	19	4	10	60	36	42
Southampton	32	16	7	9	58	44	39
West Brom. Albion	34	16	6	12	47	45	38
Sheffield Wednesday	32	15	7	10	51	45	37
Tottenham Hotspur	32	13	9	10	48	32	35
West Ham United	33	12	11	10	41	40	35
Barnsley	33	13	8	12	50	47	34
Bury	35	9	14	12	51	46	32
Bradford	34	13	6	15	51	53	32
Coventry City	33	11	9	13	47	41	31
FULHAM	31	12	7	12	39	37	31
Chesterfield	32	12	7	13	40	42	31
Leeds United	34	12	6	16	49	58	30
LUTON TOWN	32	10	9	13	46	47	29
Leicester City	32	11	7	14	43	48	29
Plymouth Argyle	34	7	14	13	30	50	28
Brentford	33	8	12	13	30	53	28
Notts Forest	33	10	7	16	41	49	27
Millwall	34	8	9	17	35	62	25
Doncaster Rovers	33	8	8	17	31	51	24

COMBINATION CUP

Club	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Birmingham City	10	6	3	1	19	6	15
Leicester City	10	6	3	1	21	5	15
LUTON TOWN	11	5	2	4	19	21	12
Northampton Town	12	4	4	4	18	18	12
Watford	12	5	1	6	11	18	11
Coventry City	11	3	3	5	9	14	9
Norwich City	11	3	2	6	18	19	8
Ipswich Town	11	2	2	7	10	24	6

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, March 27th, 1948

SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE—Premier Division

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