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CLUB CLIPPINGS.

Now that the end of the season is drawing near, there will be one or two very good games being held within the next few weeks, both Representative and Club matches.

In April, England visit Hampden Park, the famous home of the Scottish team, to "do battle" with our friends from North of the Border. The English Selectors should have formed some idea of the team that will travel to Glasgow, after the Inter-League match at St. James' Park, Newcastle. Most of our supporters will be glad at the inclusion of two Derby County players in this game, and will join us in wishing them every success in future matches. Besides being a very great honour for the players themselves, it is also a great honour for the Club.

Fourteen days after the Hampden Park duel, the F.A. Cup Final will be held at Wembley, and judging from the records of Manchester United and Blackpool, it should be a game worth seeing. Apart from having a good record in the Cup Competition, the Clubs have an excellent record in the League, for both are quite near the top of the First Division Table. Blackpool have conceded only one goal in the Competition, but when they meet Manchester United it will be the first time they have played a First Division club, whereas Manchester United have met one in every round. This clearly illustrates the luck of the draw.

To-day we entertain Luton Town, and extend a hearty welcome to them. The Reserves will be engaged in a Central League match at Preston, and we hope that they will return home with two valuable points.

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OUR VISITORS.

In 1884 there were two Association Football Clubs in Luton, known as the Wanderers and the Excelsiors. In 1885 these two Clubs amalgamated and became known as the Luton Town Football Club. At first they played on the Excelsiors' Ground, and the Club colours were navy blue and pink halved shirts. Also the same colouring was used for the caps, which were a compulsory part of the equipment. But in 1889 the colours were changed to cochineal, and the Club was then known in the South as the Reds.

In December, 1891, Luton offered 5/- a week to the players F. and H. Whitby, and Read. H. Whitby accepted these terms and was paid this amount for the remainder of the season. But in February, 1891, F. Whitby made an application for a further sum to cover expenses of travelling and for the loss of time from work, but this was refused. So, although Arsenal are credited as being the first Southern Club to pay its players, it will be seen in actual fact that it was Luton.

In May, 1894, they joined the Southern League on its formation, but after two seasons in this League they withdrew, and made an application to join the Second Division of the Football League, this being refused. So they joined a new League, the United League. But only nine clubs took part, and there weren't enough matches, and the season finished in a loss.

Owing to an enforced change of grounds during the season, Luton had to open a new enclosure at Dunstable Road. In June, 1897, a Limited Liability Company was formed. At the same time the Club was admitted to the English League, and they made quite a good start in their first season. But they had another setback in 1904 when they had to find another ground, this time at Kenilworth Road. Since then the Club has had mixed fortunes.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

Compiled up to Saturday, 20th March

	Goals					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A. Pts.
Birmingham	33	18	5	10	44	21 46
Cardiff City	34	17	8	9	56	41 43
Newcastle U.	33	19	10	4	60	36 42
Southampton	32	16	9	7	58	44 39
West Brom.	34	16	12	6	47	45 38
Sheffield W.	32	15	10	7	51	45 37
Tottenham	32	13	10	9	48	32 35
West Ham	33	12	10	11	41	40 35
Barnsley	32	13	12	8	50	47 34
Bury	35	9	12	14	51	47 32
Bradford	34	13	15	6	51	53 32
Coventry C.	33	11	13	9	47	40 31
Fulham	31	12	12	7	39	38 31
Chesterfield	32	12	13	7	40	32 31
Leeds United	34	12	16	6	49	58 30
Luton Town	32	10	13	9	45	47 29
Leicester C.	32	11	14	7	43	48 29
Plymouth	34	7	13	14	30	50 28
Brentford	33	8	13	12	30	53 28
Nottm. F.	33	10	16	7	41	49 27
Millwall	34	8	17	9	35	62 25
Doncaster	33	8	17	8	31	51 24

THE CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Compiled up to Saturday, 20th March

	Goals					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A. Pts.
M'chester U.	36	21	8	7	77	48 49
Newcastle U.	35	22	9	4	74	44 48
Wolves	35	20	8	7	79	46 47
Everton	33	17	8	8	73	49 42
Liverpool	33	18	10	5	75	54 41
Blackpool	35	18	14	3	56	46 39
Barnsley	33	13	9	11	66	49 37
Preston N.E.	35	14	12	9	48	48 37
Aston Villa	35	15	14	6	67	65 36
Burnley	33	14	12	7	49	39 35
Stoke City	35	13	13	9	51	61 35
Sheffield W.	35	12	14	9	68	52 33
Huddersfield	34	12	14	8	52	57 32
Bolton W.	34	13	16	5	66	74 31
Blackburn	36	11	16	9	56	69 31
Bury	34	11	16	7	61	59 29
M'chester C.	35	9	16	10	58	84 28
Leeds United	35	11	18	6	40	69 28
Derby Co'nty	35	10	18	7	62	80 27
West Brom.	36	12	21	3	60	86 27
Sheffield U.	32	11	18	3	60	70 25
Chesterfield	34	7	20	7	44	92 21

Our Next Home Match

EASTER MONDAY, 29th MARCH. CENTRAL LEAGUE

ASTON VILLA

Kick off 3-15 p.m.

FIXTURE LIST, 1947-48

SECOND DIVISION.

Date	Opponents	Ground	Res
1947			
Aug. 23	Cardiff City	...	Away 0-0
27	Newcastle U.	...	Home 0-1
30	Bradford	...	Home 0-1
Sept. 3	Newcastle U.	...	Away 3-2
6	Nottingham Forest	...	Away 3-1
8	Millwall	...	Away 2-0
13	Doncaster Rovers	...	Home 0-3
20	Southampton	...	Away 0-3
27	Bury	...	Home 1-2
Oct. 4	West Ham U.	...	Away 0-4
11	Birmingham City	...	Away 0-0
18	West Brom. A.	...	Home 0-2
25	Barnsley	...	Away 3-0
Nov. 1	Plymouth A.	...	Home 1-1
8	Luton Town	...	Away 1-2
15	Brentford	...	Home 4-0
22	Leicester City	...	Away 2-1
29	Leeds United	...	Home 3-0
Dec. 6	Fulham	...	Away 0-0
13	Coventry City	...	Home 4-3
20	Cardiff City	...	Home 2-2
25	Tottenham H.	...	Away 0-3
27	Tottenham H.	...	Home 3-1
1948.			
Jan. 1	Millwall	...	Home 2-0
3	Bradford	...	Away 3-1
10	3rd Round F.A. Cup
17	Nottingham Forest	...	Home 0-0
24	4th Round F.A. Cup
31	Doncaster Rovers	...	Away 0 1
Feb. 14	Bury	...	Away 0-2
28	(6) Birmingham	...	Home 0-3
Mar. 6	West Brom. A.	...	Away 0-1
13	(S.F.) Barnsley	...	Home 1-1
20	Plymouth	...	Away
26	Sheffield Wed.	...	Home
27	Luton Town	...	Home
29	Sheffield Wed.	...	Away
April 3	Brentford	...	Away
7	West Ham U.	...	Home
10	Leicester City	...	Home
14	Southampton	...	Home
17	Leeds United	...	Away
24	Fulham	...	Home
May 1	Coventry City	...	Away

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Date	Opponents	Ground	Res.
1947.			
Aug. 23	Manchester C.	...	Home 1-1
25	Sheffield Wed.	...	Away 1 12
30	Derby County	...	Away 1-5
Sept. 3	Sheffield Wed.	...	Home 0-2
6	Blackburn Rovers	...	Home 1-2
10	Newcastle U.	...	Away 0-3
13	Blackpool	...	Away 1-0
17	Newcastle U.	...	Home 1-5
20	Huddersfield T.	...	Home 2 1
27	Bury	...	Away 1-2
Oct. 4	Everton	...	Home 3-4
11	Liverpool	...	Home 2-2
18	Bolton W.	...	Away 1-5
25	Leeds United	...	Home 1-0
Nov. 1	Burnley	...	Away 0-1
8	Preston N.E.	...	Home 3-1
15	Stoke City	...	Away 1-1
22	Manchester U.	...	Home 2-3
29	Sheffield U.	...	Away 1-6
Dec. 6	West Brom. A.	...	Home 1-2
13	Barnsley	...	Away 1-4
20	Manchester C.	...	Away 1-3
25	Wolverhampton	...	Away 0-4
26	Wolverhampton	...	Home 1-3
1948.			
Jan. 3	Derby County	...	Home 2-2
17	Blackburn Rovers	...	Away 2-2
24	Sheffield U.	...	Home 2-2
31	Blackpool	...	Home 1-4
Feb. 14	Bury	...	Home 2-2
21	Everton	...	Away 2-4
28	Liverpool	...	Away 0-3
Mar. 6	Bolton W.	...	Home 3-1
13	Leeds United	...	Away 1-0
20	Burnley	...	Home
26	Aston Villa	...	Away
27	Preston N.E.	...	Away
29	Aston Villa	...	Home
April 3	Stoke City	...	Home
10	Manchester U.	...	Away
21	Huddersfield T.	...	Away
24	West Brom. A.	...	Away
May 1	Barnsley	...	Home

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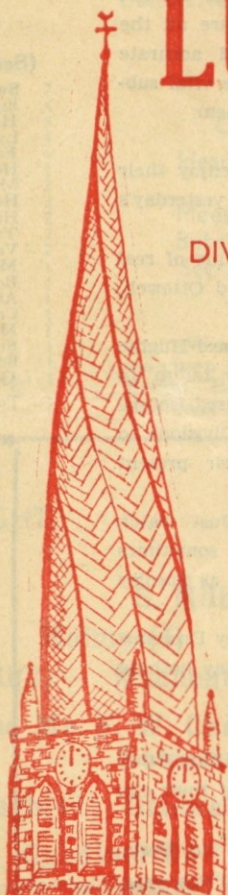
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GROUND: SALTERGATE.
DIVISION II. March 27th, 1948.
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EDITORIAL OPINION.

Ladies and Gentlemen.—This is our 20th publication of "The Spire-ites'" football programme—and we believe that this may be a record for the publication of unofficial football programmes. We have created a fine spirit of competition in addition to putting over the other point of view—what the spectator thinks about Chesterfield F.C. and what type of football is really needed to satisfy. When we sum up public opinion, the outstanding point is that Chesterfield must go full out to get into the First Division next season, otherwise gates will continue to drop and interest in the games at Saltergate will become stale. We must see much better and more attractive football than we have seen in the past few months.

It is most disappointing to hear of nearby league clubs granting trials to our local amateur league footballers when the Chesterfield scouts are taking long trips by rail to the north-east in search of players. Surely these trips are not necessary when there are so many promising footballers in the Chesterfield district.

—EDITOR.

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Notes on Both Teams.

F. A. PURGE

Rough and dangerous play is going to be drastically curtailed for another season if what I hear from an unimpeachable source is true.

It is suggested that a penalty should be awarded if an opponent kicks or strikes or **attempts** to kick or strike an opponent and that a goalkeeper will be allowed to throw a goal from his own penalty area. Personally, I have never seen a goalkeeper hurl a ball from one goal to the other, but, with wind assistance, it should be possible.

The appointment of goal judges is long overdue, and I hope it will not be long before this vital question is officially tackled. I am sure all the teeming thousands interested in football want fair play and accurate decisions with no dirty play. Columns could be written on these vital subjects but I shall have to content myself by merely mentioning them.

SYD OTTEWELL HERE ?

Printers, like everyone else are only human and want to enjoy their well-earned holiday, so we cannot give you here any particulars of yesterday's "Derby" between Chesterfield and Sheffield Wednesday.

To-day, we welcome Luton Town and look forward to a game of real football. Via Birmingham City they acquired our old player, Syd Ottewell, and we shall all be anxious to know if he is playing.

Welsh international Billy Hughes (left-back) and centre-forward Hughie Billington, will be missing for they have been transferred by Luton to Chelsea for a joint fee of £20,000. Then they transferred fair haired Horace Gager (as good a centre half-back as there was in the Second Division) to Nottingham Forest, and he will just about keep them in their present company.

But Luton have still some fine players on their books. Just watch Buxton born Frank Soo, England international right-half, who sometimes figures at inside-right. He was with Stoke City at the same time as Stanley Matthews.

Then there's ex-Commando Allenby Driver, E. Connelly, Bobby Drennan, Gardiner, Cooke, Woodhead, Walker, Walbanks, and Waugh, to say nothing of ten-goal Joe Payne of Brimington Common.

"DALLY" DUNCAN

Canny Scot, Mr. "Dally" Duncan, Luton's manager, capped nine times for Scotland, joined Derby County in 1932 and was a member of their cup winning team. Watch Luton.

Birmingham City, managed by Mr. Harry Storer, another old Derby County player and English international, booked for promotion this year. Who next year?

Well, let Chesterfield get cracking—an all-in effort.

The Reserves are making a great bid to save themselves. They are at home on Easter Monday to Aston Villa. The kick-off is at 3.15 so turn up and cheer them to victory. It should be a game well worth watching.

Then a fitting finale to the football feast will be the inter-county boys' match on the Saltergate ground on Wednesday (March 31st), between

GOAL GATHERERS

(First Team)

Capel	9
Marron	9
Hudson	6
Roberts	5
Hall	3
Linacre	3
Machent	3
Howsam	2
Booker	1
Total	41

(Second Team)

Swinscoe	7
Bradshaw	5
Howsam	5
Lyon	4
Foster	4
Howe	2
McJarrow	2
Holmes	2
Hall	2
Tapping	2
Varty	2
Milburn G.	1
Bell	1
Allison	1
Craig (o.g.)	1
McFarlane	1
Simpson	1
Southall	1
Greenhalgh(o.g.)	1
Total	45

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Kick-off 6.30 p.m. My, how these boys play!

What had our manager, Mr. "Bob" Brocklebank been doing by returning home in the wee sma' 'ours? He had been after a player. Take it from me it's not all "beer and skittles" being a manager. Chesterfield know the players they want but it's getting them that matters. They certainly keep on trying. Let us all wish them the best of luck!

Pegswood, a North-Eastern mining village, provided Chesterfield with "Billy" Kidd and two cup final goalkeepers in successive years—Jim Strong, of Burnley (formerly with Chesterfield) and Blackpool's Joe Robinson.

"Dick" Cushlow, centre half-back, formerly with Chesterfield, has been transferred by Sheffield United to Derby County.

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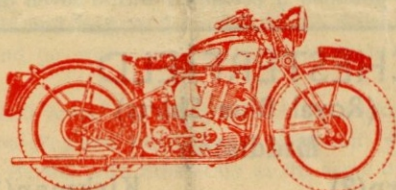
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