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4	5	6	
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7	8	9	10
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			L. Arch
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BOBBERS NOTES

Easter came early this year, but the weather answered the challenge bravely and already the hounds of spring are on its traces, with the feminine "new look," and not many signs of the old Easter bonnet—the weather has been grand. Still call it the "new look" or "bold look" if you like, but during the last few weeks I am thinking quite a number of us have got the "old look," as without a doubt we are passing through an unpleasant period and are in a very serious position in the League table. We do not wish for the return of the years we battled to get out of Division III, but we are poaching on dangerous territory, so no wonder we are showing the "old look." Footballers like to hang on to their old boots as long as possible for new boots take quite a time to break in, and unless the feet are comfortably shod a player is not going to give of his best. Our forwards not only hang on to their boots, they also have a liking to hang on to the ball.

On Good Friday, Fulham did not deserve to win 3 nil, but we saw from them football of the old

fashioned sort. They made the ball do the work and used their heads to save their feet. That was their recipe for a "Cottage Pie." On Easter Monday, at "Craven Cottage," our boys thought of a much better recipe. Take the Fulham ground—line it with football fans, put in eleven Fulham players, add a similar portion of Luton players, stir in one referee, drop two linesmen separately into the mixture and allow the whole to bake, simmer and stew for 90 minutes in hot sunshine. When the pie was opened it was found that we had made a draw and gained a point for the Luton larder.

We entertain West Ham this afternoon, and only a win today can keep the light glimmering, but if all of you give the boys the full measure of enthusiastic support it will help to carry them through to victory.

The Bobbers Stand Club dart team are still top of Division III with 46 points, having 161 games for and only 64 against, and we are looking forward to them being champions of the Division.

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CLUB NOTES

Today we renew acquaintances with West Ham United in a League II fixture and extend to them a cordial welcome. Much has happened to both their team and ours since we met last at Upton Park on November 15th, when the result was a goalless draw. The "Hammers" team that day was Gregory; Yeomanson, Forde; Corbett, Walker, Moroney; Woodgate, Parsons, Travis, Wright and Wood. The defence then was the same as today's but of the forward line only Woodgate, Parsons and Wright retain their places. The Luton team that day was Streten; Cooke, Hughes; Soo, Gager, Owen; Brennan, Billington, Duggan, Daniel and Waugh. It will therefore be seen that we have the more altered team today when compared with those that did duty in November last. The "Hammers" did amazingly well over the Easter matches, obtaining five points out of a possible six, defeating Cardiff City twice in the process thereby almost putting paid to their aspirations of attaining to the senior Division next season.

If this match had taken place last Saturday it would have been almost a foregone conclusion that the "Hammers" would gain another two points and so leave them with strong outside hopes of gaining promotion this season, for our displays against Millwall the previous Saturday and against Fulham on Good Friday would have left us without much hope of getting the better of West Ham. However since then a much stronger feeling of confidence has taken place after the very fine displays given against Chesterfield (although we lost there) and against Fulham last Monday, when everybody who saw this latter game agreed that we were most unfortunate to have to leave a point behind. We are all therefore looking forward to this game today and trust that when the final whistle has been blown that confidence has not in any way been dimmed.

After their splendid display and victory over Coventry City Reserves last Monday to the tune of five goals to none,

away from home too, we looked forward to our Reserves' match with Leicester City Reserves here last Wednesday evening, but alas! Although the Stiffs had about eighty per cent territorial advantage they just could not get the ball into the net whereas Leicester, whenever they got inside our penalty box (which was about a dozen times at the most) seemed to find little difficulty in doing so and the final score was five goals to nil in their favour. The weather was atrocious and the Leicester team seemed to adapt themselves better to the conditions than our lads, but how much of the defeat could be attributed to the fact that our centre half, Eddie McCambridge, who was being given a trial, and was unfortunately seriously hurt in the first few minutes and was therefore not able to give of his best is debatable. There was very little to cheer the 1,139 supporters who braved the elements which were almost at their very worst. This win by Leicester has left them with the same number of points as Birmingham but a better goal average and so today's match between these two teams will decide who is the leader of our section to go into the Semi-Finals for the Combination Cup.

After the Stiffs' match at Upton Park, this afternoon, they are going straight to Plymouth for a few days' break before their Combination League match with Plymouth Reserves next Wednesday. All the players on the books cannot go on the tour to Ireland during the close season and so we felt this a good opportunity of compensating them in some way. A friendly match has been arranged for Monday evening with Wadebridge Town and apparently the visit is being eagerly awaited. If the splendid hospitality shown by the Plymouth Officials and Supporters to our First Team is typical of the West Country, then our boys are in for a marvellous time.

The postponed game with Tottenham Hotspurs is being played at White Hart Lane, on Monday evening next, April 5th, kick-off 6 o'clock. We trust a few of you will be able to make the journey and so give our lads a cheery welcome as they come on to the field.

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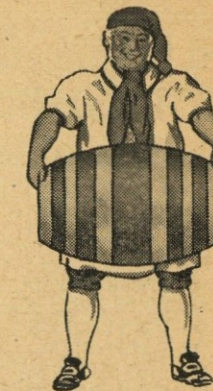
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Centre Half

9 **Duggan**
Centre

Stephens
Centre

5 **Walker**
Centre Half

Gregory
Goal



3 **Lake**
Left Back

6 **Owen**
Left Half

10 **Brennan**
Inside Left

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TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCORES

NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

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

SECOND LIST

A	BIRMINGHAM	v.	NOTTS. FOR.	.....
B	BRENTFORD	v.	CHESTERFIELD	.....
C	COVENTRY C.	v.	CARDIFF C.	.....
D	FULHAM	v.	WEDNESDAY	.....
E	LEEDS UNITED	v.	TOTTENHAM	.....
F	LEICESTER C.	v.	MILLWALL A.	.....
G	NEWCASTLE	v.	BRADFORD	.....
H	PLYMOUTH A.	v.	BURY	.....
K	WEST BROM.	v.	DONCASTER	.....
L	BOURNEM'UTH	v.	CRYSTAL PAL.	.....
M	BRISTOL CITY	v.	SWINDON T.	.....
N	EXETER CITY	v.	BRIGHTON & H.	.....

THIRD LIST

A	IPSWICH T.	v.	TORQUAY U.	.....
B	LEYTON O.	v.	WATFORD	.....
C	NEWPORT CO'	v.	NORWICH C.	.....
D	NOTTS. CO'TY	v.	NORTHAMPT'N	.....
E	READING	v.	PORT VALE	.....
F	SOUTHEND U.	v.	BRISTOL ROV.	.....
G	SWANSEA T.	v.	ALDERSHOT	.....
H	WALSALL	v.	QUEEN'S P. R.	.....
K	ACCRINGTON	v.	MANSFIELD T.	.....
L	BARROW	v.	DARLINGTON
M	BRADF'D CITY	v.	TRANMERE R.
N	HALIFAX T.	v.	HARTLEPOOLS

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FIRST XI Division II

F. A.

Sat., Aug. 23	Coventry City	1946/47	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	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	...	...	...	3 0	H	1 2
Fri., .. 26	Fulham	...	...	...	2 0	H	0 3
Sat., .. 27	Chesterfield	...	...	...	1 2	A	0 2
Mon., .. 29	Fulham	...	...	...	1 2	A	1 1
Sat., April 3	West Ham United	...	...	...	2 1	H	...
Mon., .. 5	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	...	1 2	A	...
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	...

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination

F. A.

Sat., Aug. 23	Cardiff City	...	...	1946/47	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	...	...	...	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 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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sat., May 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	1 3
Mon., .. 29	Coventry City	...	...	...	0 1	A	5 0
Wed., .. 31	Leicester City	...	...	...	1 3	H	0 5

LEAGUE TABLES

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Birmingham City	36	19	12	5	49	22	50
Newcastle United	36	20	6	10	62	37	46
Cardiff City	37	17	10	10	58	48	44
Southampton	35	17	9	9	62	47	43
Sheffield Wednesday	35	18	7	10	57	46	43
WEST HAM UNITED	36	14	12	10	49	43	40
West Brom. Albion	37	16	8	13	49	51	40
Tottenham Hotspur	35	14	11	10	51	34	39
Bradford	37	15	7	15	62	58	37
Fulham	34	13	9	12	43	38	35
Barnsley	35	13	9	13	51	49	35
Chesterfield	35	13	7	15	42	45	33
Leicester City	35	12	9	14	47	51	33
Brentford	36	10	13	13	35	54	33
Coventry City	36	11	11	14	49	44	33
Bury	37	9	14	14	54	55	32
Plymouth Argyle	37	8	16	13	32	51	32
Leeds United	37	12	7	18	51	65	31
LUTON TOWN	35	10	10	15	47	53	30
Notts Forest	36	10	9	17	43	52	29
Doncaster Rovers	36	8	10	18	34	55	26
Millwall	37	8	10	19	37	66	26

COMBINATION CUP

Leicester City	13	8	3	2	28	6	19
Birmingham City	13	8	3	2	23	8	19
Northampton Town	14	6	4	4	22	19	16
LUTON TOWN	14	6	2	6	25	29	14
Watford	14	6	1	7	15	22	13
Coventry City	14	5	3	6	14	19	13
Norwich City	14	3	3	8	20	24	9
Ipswich Town	14	2	3	9	10	30	7

NEXT MATCH

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