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HOLIDAY FOOTBALL REFLECTIONS

We have recently had a busy and a worrying time. It has been worrying chiefly because we have had to contend with the disadvantages arising from injuries to players. When these notes were written, and they were necessarily penned before the team left on Friday afternoon for Leeds, it was not decided who would turn out for us in our return game with the United. We hoped for the best, and we give credit to our training staff for the fine work they have done in getting injured players fit again.

We had three Football League games during the holidays, and we obtained four points from them. We drew at Millwall on Good Friday in a game in which neither side could score a goal. On the following day we were at home to Leicester City, and it was a sore disappointment that we failed to do better than draw in another goalless match.

In the first half Jones drove the ball into the net, but it was disallowed on the ground that another player had been guilty of a technical foul. Shortly afterwards there was a case of deliberate hands in the penalty area, and a twelve yards kick was awarded. It was entrusted to Cox, who, in endeavouring to place the ball just inside the right post, got too wide an angle on his shot, and the ball went wide.

In the return with Millwall on Monday we did better. Both teams showed signs of leg weariness, and play was not so attractive as usual. Duquemin gave us the lead and Jones obtained a second goal to enable us to change over with the score 2—0 in our favour. Millwall fought strenuously after change of ends, and they were encouraged when a goal came their way. Jordan restored our lead of a couple of goals from a penalty, and Millwall got through again before the finish, for us to win by the odd goal of five.

RESERVES IN ACTION

Our Reserves also had three Combination games, and they came out fifty-fifty. They drew here on Good

THE ENFIELD CENTRAL BAND WILL PLAY AT EACH HOME GAME DURING THE SEASON. THEY ARE PRIZE WINNERS AT BAND CONTESTS, AND THEY HAVE ALSO FREQUENTLY BROADCAST FOR THE B.B.C.

The Editor's Review

AND THE SPURS' GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

Friday with Reading, lost to them the following day at Reading, and won at Charlton on Easter Monday 2-1. The Reserves have a busy week—too busy, in fact. Today they are playing at Southampton in the Combination Cup, on Wednesday they have to play Portsmouth, at Portsmouth, also in the Combination Cup, and on Thursday they are due to play Bristol City Reserves in the Combination League. We do not think it fair to players to make them play three competition games in four days.

Last Saturday our Reserves were without a game. There is something very unsatisfactory in the arrangements when teams have to be idle on Saturday, and then have to play three games in four days. We do not forget that on the opening day of this season we were ordered by the League and also by the Combination to play away. We hope this blunder in organisation will not be repeated. It need not be if there were sufficient forethought in the arrangement of matches. It is our view that the fixtures should be so compiled so that either the League side or the Combination team should have a home match every week-end.

INTERNATIONAL ARMY MATCH

Again we call your attention to the game to be played here on Wednesday between the British and the French Army in the International Army Tournament. It is the last of the series for this season, and the situation is rather piquant. The British Army defeated the Belgian Army, at Brussels, and the French and Belgian Armies drew in Paris. The position, therefore, is that if the British Army win or draw on Wednesday they will be presented with the Cup that goes with the championship. Not since 1935 have the British Army won the trophy.

There will be a treat for lovers of music before the match and during the interval. The Coldstream Guards Band will render selections, and at half-time they will march round the pitch. There will be many distinguished guests at the game, and before play begins the two teams will be presented to Mr. E. Shinwell, Minister for War. High ranking officers of both armies will attend, and it is hoped that the French Ambassador will be able to spare the time from his present stress of work to be an onlooker.

STEVENS MAKING PROGRESS

You will be pleased to learn that Stevens, who was badly injured in the Combination game at Southend on March 13th, made such good progress after his operation that he was able to leave the hospital a week ago. He wishes through this programme to express his thanks to the many sympathisers who have written to him, and he asks to be excused from replying to each one personally. Will you all be good enough to take this message from him as a sincere expression of his thanks?

ODDS AND ENDS

At our Leicester City game the members of the Netherlands and the Luxemburg Amateur International teams then in this country for an Amateur International Tournament were interested spectators.

We also had a number of referees from various countries as our guests. They were over here for a course of lectures, etc., the object in view being to bring about as far as possible uniformity in the administration of the laws of the game on the field. After the match there was a conference in our Board Room at which numerous points that had arisen during the game were dealt with. The Football Association is to be highly commended for its efforts to standardise refereeing all over the world.

Congratulations to W. Nicholson, our right-half, on having been selected by the International Selection Committee as one of the two England Reserves to travel to Glasgow this week-end for the Scotland v. England match.

Congratulations to Ted Ditchburn on his selection to keep goal for the Football League against the League of Ireland at Preston, on April 14th. This is the second time

that Ditchburn has been honoured by the League this season as he was selected to keep goal against the Scottish League at Newcastle on March 17th, when the result was a drawn game.

We shall be playing the final of the London Challenge Cup at White Hart Lane on Monday, April 19th, when our opponents will be Fulham. We won the toss with them for choice of ground. The kick-off will be at 6 o'clock p.m., to allow for extra time if necessary.

OUR RETURN WITH LUTON TOWN

The game we are playing this evening was originally fixed for March 13th, but on that date we were engaged in the F.A. Cup. When we were at Luton on October 25th the rival defences were well on top. Neither side could score a goal, and incidentally this was the first time this season that we had figured in a goalless game.

Luton have had their ups and downs. Up to the end of December they had averaged about a point per match, but since then Fate has not been so kind to them. The last game they won at home was on January 24th, when they defeated Coventry City in the Cup by the odd goal of five.

Away from home they had won early on against Brentford by three clear goals, and in December they were successful at Nottingham against the Forest by the odd goal of three. At Leeds on Boxing Day they won 2-0. On January 10th they were at Plymouth in the Cup, and they won 4-2, while in February, also at Home Park, they again defeated Plymouth, the score on this occasion being 3-1. At Bradford, against West Ham United and also against Fulham in away engagements Luton shared the points.

On January 1st Luton's record was 24 points from 24 games, but after the Easter holiday games had been played their position had worsened to 30 points from 35 games, and their goal average was on the wrong side with 47 against 53. Our Official History tells the story of the hectic battles we had in the Cup with Luton in the long ago, and those who are interested in them, and have not a copy of the History should hurry up and obtain one from the Office before the rapidly dwindling supply has gone.

We have mentioned in previous programmes that Luton Town were a professional club before any club in the London area had paid players on its books. It was one of the founders of the Southern League in 1894. As a matter of fact, the meeting at which the Southern League was formed was held at Luton. It was in the third season of that League that Tottenham Hotspur entered it, and what tough battles were fought between the clubs from 1900 until the Spurs were granted membership with the Football League in dramatic circumstances in 1908.

Luton Town had a spell of three seasons in the Second Division of the Football League in the nineties of last century, but returned to the Southern League in 1900, and went over with the First Division of that League to the Football League in 1920. Luton were 17 seasons fighting for promotion before they achieved their object, and they did so with a total of 58 points in 1937. Since then they have retained their membership of the Second Division, and we have had some keen struggles with them for goals and points.

Luton comparatively recently figured in a dramatic transfer deal with Chelsea. They transferred E. Hughes, the Welsh International left back, and H. J. Billington, their centre-forward, to the London First Division club for a reputed aggregate fee of £20,000. We give the figure with reserve, because it has been taken from a newspaper, and clubs are prohibited from supplying information to the Press as to the amount that changes hands on a player's transfer. We know that in some of the transfers which Tottenham have been concerned the figures published have been far removed from the facts. It is not that we object to publish exact figures, but we obey a decision of the League that we must not do so.

On Wednesday, April 7th

British Army v French Army

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

On Thursday, April 8th

BRISTOL C. RES.

Football Combination 6.00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 10th

FULHAM

Football League, Div. II. 3.15 p.m.

ROOM FOR 60,000 UNDER COVER

Football League—Division II. April 5th, 1948. Kick-off 6.00

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
White Shirts, Blue Knickers

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| RIGHT WING | GOAL DITCHBURN 1 BACKS | LEFT WING | |
| | TICKRIDGE 2 | BUCKINGHAM (Capt.) 3 | |
| | NICHOLSON 4 | HALF-BACKS WOODWARD 5 | BURGESS (Capt.) 6 |
| COX 7 | JORDAN 8 | FORWARDS DUQUEMIN 9 | BENNETT 10 <i>BAILY</i> |
| | | | FLINT 11 |

Referee: **Mr. S. J. ISOM** (Essex)
Linesmen: **Mr. A. E. Giebeler** (Sussex) (Blue and White Flag)
Mr. L. S. Brunson (Berks) (Red and White Flag)

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|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 11 WAUGH | 10 BRENNAN | 9 DUGGAN | 8 DANIEL | 7 SHANKS |
| | 6 <i>DANIEL</i> | FORWARDS 5 HALL | 4 GARDINER (Capt.) | |
| | 3 LAKE | HALF-BACKS | 2 COOKE | |
| LEFT WING | | BACKS 1 STRETN | | RIGHT WING |

LUTON TOWN
Red Shirts, White Knickers

ANY ALTERATION WILL BE NOTED ON THE BOARD

HALF-TIME SCORES

The appended Code corresponds with letters on the Scoring Board thus: first-named Club has scored 1 and their opponents 0. ★ Not played. A¹ means the

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OUR OFFICIAL HISTORY We have obtained additional copies of the "Official History of the Club," and copies may be bought in the Office. The price is 15s. 6d., or by post 16s. 6d. It is a case of first come, first served, of the few we have in stock. There is a chorus of praise for the "History" from all quarters.

SPURS CARTOONS No. 10

GEORGE LUDFORD

George Ludford, the subject of today's cartoon, is one of the Club's stalwarts. It is many years ago since he became associated with the Spurs. We have never had cause to regret his long period of active service with us.

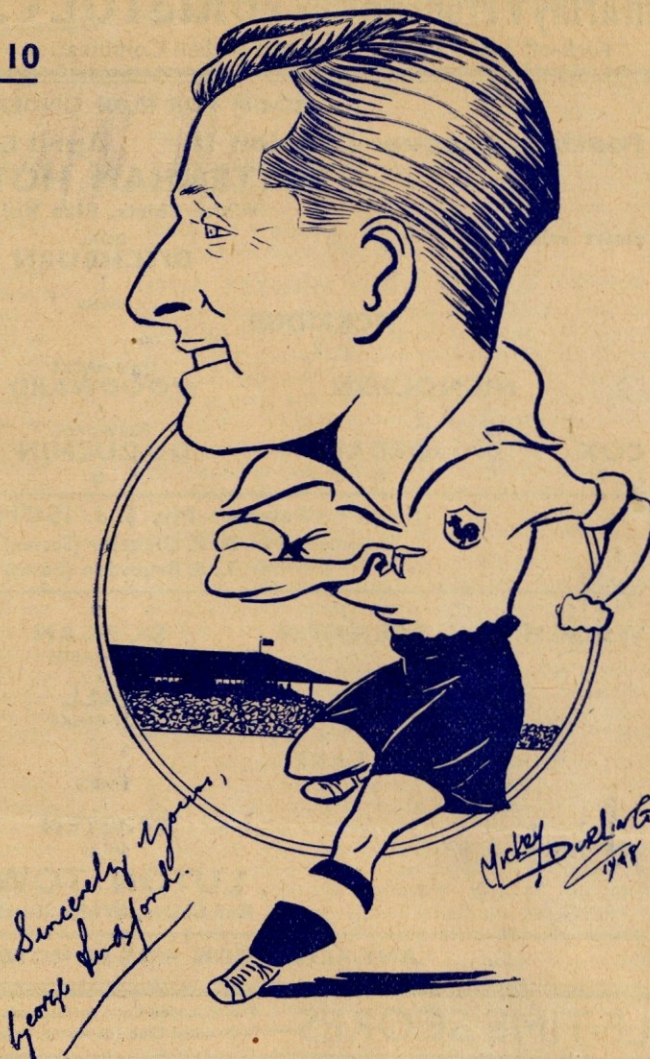
It was in May, 1933, that Ludford signed a London Combination form for the Club. Locally born, he came under our attention when he was a schoolboy, and when he left school he was placed on our ground staff. We were satisfied that the promise he held out as a player was such that we should not lose sight of him.

He went down to Northfleet for a couple of seasons, and while there he developed into a centre-forward of such merit that he played himself into the limelight. So much was he on the target that in one season he scored more than 100 goals for Northfleet.

Tottenham signed him on as a professional in the 1936-37 season, and he has been with us since. He has played as the leader of our attack, and later he revealed excellent form in the half-back line. Never has a club had a more loyal nor a more whole-hearted player.

Engaged on war work during hostilities, we were able to avail ourselves of his playing services fairly regularly, and he was a considerable factor in the successes we had in the Emergency Competitions from 1940 to 1945 inclusive.

Height 5 ft. 6 in.; weight 10st. 10 lbs.



Football League Table—Division II.

| | Up to and including April 3rd. | | | | Goals | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|----|------|--|
| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. | |
| Birmingham City..... | 37 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 51 | 23 | 52 | |
| Newcastle United..... | 37 | 21 | 6 | 10 | 64 | 37 | 48 | |
| Sheffield Wednesday.... | 36 | 19 | 7 | 10 | 59 | 46 | 45 | |
| Cardiff City..... | 38 | 17 | 10 | 11 | 58 | 49 | 44 | |
| Southampton..... | 36 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 63 | 49 | 43 | |
| Tottenham Hotspur. | 36 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 54 | 35 | 41 | |
| West Ham United..... | 37 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 49 | 43 | 41 | |
| West Bromwich Albion. | 38 | 16 | 8 | 14 | 50 | 54 | 40 | |
| Barnsley..... | 36 | 14 | 9 | 13 | 53 | 50 | 37 | |
| Bradford..... | 38 | 15 | 7 | 16 | 62 | 60 | 37 | |
| Coventry City..... | 37 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 50 | 44 | 35 | |
| Fulham..... | 35 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 43 | 40 | 35 | |
| Chesterfield..... | 36 | 14 | 7 | 15 | 45 | 45 | 35 | |
| Leicester City..... | 36 | 13 | 9 | 14 | 50 | 51 | 35 | |
| Bury..... | 38 | 9 | 15 | 14 | 54 | 55 | 33 | |
| Plymouth Argyle..... | 38 | 8 | 17 | 13 | 32 | 51 | 33 | |
| Brentford..... | 37 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 35 | 57 | 33 | |
| Luton Town. | 36 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 47 | 53 | 31 | |
| Leeds United..... | 38 | 12 | 7 | 19 | 52 | 68 | 31 | |
| Nottingham Forest..... | 37 | 10 | 9 | 18 | 44 | 54 | 29 | |
| Doncaster Rovers..... | 37 | 9 | 10 | 18 | 37 | 56 | 28 | |
| Millwall..... | 38 | 8 | 10 | 20 | 37 | 69 | 26 | |

Football Combination Cup Table

| | Up to and including April 3rd. | | | | Goals | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|----|------|--|
| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. | |
| Reading..... | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 19 | 21 | |
| West Ham United..... | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 17 | 17 | |
| Tottenham Hotspur. | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 27 | 20 | 14 | |
| Portsmouth..... | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 19 | 12 | |
| Southampton. | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 12 | |
| Charlton Athletic..... | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 26 | 31 | 12 | |
| Southend United..... | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 27 | 10 | |
| Brentford..... | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 30 | 8 | |

REMAINING FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

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| Apr. 10—Fulham..... H | Apr. 24—Newcastle U. H |
| „ 12—Notts. Forest H | May 1—Birmingham A |
| „ 17—Coventry C. A | |