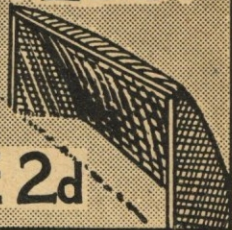




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After the gloomy days of winter, the song of the birds makes one realise that spring has indeed come round once more. The birds, the rose bushes, the fruit trees and the grass have all changed in a short space of time. So has the slide towards the brink of relegation. Since the early part of this month one point at home and three points gained away, have allowed us to scramble on to the running board of the bus, and if we can gather two points from today's game we should then have a safe seat inside. Barnsley did us a good turn by defeating Doncaster on Saturday. Don't forget supporters in all parts of the ground you can play a big part towards victory tonight by your encouragement to the lads. If at any period of the game something does not go just as you think it should, don't moan, but cheer them on.

SPECIAL NOTICE. No doubt many of you saw in the Saturday Telegraph that Southampton Supporters' Club is running a special train to see the "Hatters" v. "Saints" match next Saturday, and it is expected that over 1,000 supporters will be coming here. If the travel restrictions had been lifted earlier the Bobbers would have organised similar trips. Preparations will be made for these next season, so don't forget to make yourself a member. It only costs 1/2 yearly, and during the close season we shall be busy making preparations for these trips.

In our previous notes I have reported that the Bobbers had won the Skittle League again. Now I am pleased to inform you that we have won the Dart League, Division III. We have one more game to play, but we have won more games and had less scored against us than any team in all three leagues. P. 27, W. 25, L. 2, F. 172, A. 71, Points 50. You, I am sure, will agree that the above table records a grand performance, and clearly shows that the Bobbers are not only out to give you cover on the terraces, but give cover to Skittle and Dart fans too.

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CLUB NOTES

Five points from four matches, three of them away from home, is good going as no doubt even the most disgruntled of supporters will agree and those five points have definitely settled any qualms there may have been about the "Hatters" not being in the Second Division next season. There is no gainsaying the fact that we have had some wretched luck this season for if the ball had ran just a little kindly for us many a near miss would have been on the target. We have had many oohs and aahs, but not many goals to lighten our hearts apart from the Leeds match here on December 27th, but now that we have got a team which has settled down into a good combination and is fighting all the time, we should have the pleasure of seeing our goal average on the right side before the season ends. It was written by someone:—"Tis not in mortals to command success but we'll do more—deserve it," and if ever a team deserved success it has been ours since the game at Fulham on Easter Monday. The way our lads fought at Tottenham last week, made those of us who saw that match feel that there is nothing much wrong with this team. Certainly one or two positions can be strengthened and it is our earnest endeavour that this will be done for next season, but we will not lose many more points this season if we can escape serious injury.

Talking of injuries reminds us that Les Hall, at the time these notes were being prepared, is a doubtful starter for tonight's game. He was carried off the field unconscious at Bury, last Saturday, but like the great-hearted fellow he is was back on the field within 10 minutes, but it was a nasty knock and on Monday he was not feeling too good. However we know that if it is possible for him to play without letting the side down you will be seeing him in action tonight. There are good prospects too of Ted Duggan being fit for tonight, but if he is not then it is not for the want of trying. We therefore hope to be able to put on the field tonight what we consider is our best team in our postponed match with Barnsley. The original date for this game was February 7th, but we were playing Queens Park Rangers in the 5th Round of the F.A. Cup on that day and so the date has been put off until an evening kick-off could be made. Barnsley beat us by three clear goals when we met at the Oakwell Ground in September last, so our lads will be very eager to wipe out that defeat. However we give them a hearty welcome on their visit to Kenilworth Road once more and no doubt it will be a hard-fought game as Barnsley are always a very hard nut to crack, but we live in hopes of our continued success and so raise us a little higher in the Table.

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Streten Goal

3 **Lake** Left Back 6 **Owen** Left Half

5 **Hall** Centre Half 10 **Daniel** Inside Left 11 **Waugh** Outside Left

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8 **Griffiths** Inside Right 7 **Smith** Outside Right

9 **Robledo** Centre 4 **Normanton** Right Half

5 **Whyte** Centre Half 2 **Harston** Right Back

Hope Goal

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FIRST XI Division II

		1946/47		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 ...	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., .. 13	Millwall ...	3 0	H	1 2
Fri., .. 20	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	0 0
Mon., .. 5	Tottenham Hotspur ...	1 2	A	1 0
Sat., .. 10	Bury ...	0 3	A	2 2
Wed., .. 14	Barnsley ...	3 1	H	..
Sat., .. 17	Southampton ...	2 2	H	..
Sat., .. 24	Doncaster Rovers ...	..	A	..
Sat., May 1	Nottingham Forest ...	3 2	H	..

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

		1946/47		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 ...	..	H	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 9	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	1 2
Wed., .. 7	Plymouth Argyle ...	0 4	A	1 6
Sat., .. 10	Swindon Town ...	7 2	H	0 0
Sat., .. 17	Queens Park Rangers ...	..	A	..
Sat., .. 24	..	..	..	..
Sat., May 1	..	..	..	..
Combination Cup				
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 ...	38	21	12	5	53	24	54
Newcastle United ...	38	21	7	10	65	38	49
Sheffield Wednesday ...	39	20	9	10	63	48	49
Cardiff City ...	39	17	11	11	59	50	45
Southampton ...	37	17	9	11	65	52	43
Tottenham Hotspur ...	39	15	11	13	54	41	41
West Ham United ...	39	14	13	12	49	50	41
West Brom. Albion ...	39	16	8	15	51	57	40
Leicester City ...	38	15	9	14	57	54	39
BARNLSLEY ...	38	15	9	14	56	55	39
Fulham ...	36	14	9	13	45	40	37
Chesterfield ...	38	15	7	16	53	48	37
Bradford ...	39	15	7	17	63	62	37
Coventry City ...	38	12	12	14	51	45	36
Brentford ...	39	11	14	14	37	58	36
Plymouth Argyle ...	39	9	17	13	35	53	35
Bury ...	39	9	16	14	56	57	34
LUTON TOWN ...	38	11	12	15	50	55	34
Notts Forest ...	39	12	9	18	50	55	33
Leeds United ...	39	12	8	19	53	69	32
Doncaster Rovers ...	39	9	10	20	38	60	28
Millwall ...	39	8	11	20	38	70	27

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
West Ham United ...	28	21	3	4	80	27	45
Birmingham City ...	29	15	7	7	55	27	37
LUTON TOWN ...	27	14	5	8	55	38	33
Fulham ...	26	13	5	8	44	35	31
Queens Park Rangers ...	26	10	10	6	50	42	30
Ipswich Town ...	27	13	4	10	57	49	30
Swindon Town ...	28	12	6	10	51	53	30
Millwall ...	27	13	2	12	54	56	28
Reading ...	28	13	2	13	55	59	28
Plymouth Argyle ...	26	9	5	12	48	50	23
Northampton Town ...	26	8	7	11	55	62	23
Cardiff City ...	28	9	5	14	40	52	23
Norwich City ...	27	6	9	12	43	52	21
Southend United ...	27	6	7	14	32	53	19
Crystal Palace ...	26	4	8	14	21	52	16
Leyton Orient ...	26	5	5	16	31	64	15

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