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All of us will be watching today's game with much more contented minds than we have had the last few home games now that we are certain of remaining in Division II. It has been a grand achievement since April 3rd the way that the boys have got us out of the danger zone and against clubs from whom we little expected to get even one point. At White Hart Lane we got the maximum, followed by one point at Gigg Lane, also against Barnsley, on Wednesday, we gained two very valuable points. Today if we can add to our total a further two points, we can say: "It is well to take a tilt at the giants, and watch them tumble." Southampton have been in the running for promotion until their last one or two games, so we shall not have things all our own way. Last Saturday their goalkeeper, Black, was at Hampden Park, taking charge of goal for Scotland against England, so it will be of interest to see how many times our boys can put the ball past him. Of one thing Southampton is sure, that is a good following as over 1,000 of their supporters are making the journey by special train, so don't

forget "Hatters" let your voices be heard on the top note and give the "Hatters' Roar."

In my notes on Wednesday, I made a request to our supporters to join the Bobbers Stand Club. We can run special trains next season to see the lads play away from home, so take up your membership at once, it only costs 1/2 yearly, and you will then be eligible to join the party. Don't forget we have only one more home game, that being with Nottingham Forest, so if time does not allow you to join during the remaining part of the season, you can make yourself a member during the close season. Let me draw your attention to what our Games' Section has done. The Skittle Team has won the League again, and we have won the Dart League, Division III, with a record of P. 27, W. 25, L. 2, F. 172, A. 71, Points 50, having one more game to play. We have won more games and had less scored against us than any team in all three leagues, so carry on Dart fans and be ready for next season.

Our Building Fund to date for the "cover over the terraces," totals £2,617-4-2, and during the close season we shall be working hard to increase this amount.

To our Welsh supporters we say: "Well done Swansea." So far this season they are the only team in all four leagues that has yet to be beaten at home, and so I conclude with—

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CLUB NOTES

Although today's game is the fortieth of this season, thereby leaving us with only two more to play, there is nothing about the end of the season atmosphere here this afternoon. Mainly, of course, because our opponents, Southampton, are placed fourth in the Table after their splendid win last Wednesday evening at Chesterfield which, although not assuring them of being runners-up to Birmingham, at least gives them every chance of finishing up among the top four teams. No doubt the "Saints" will be all out this afternoon to carry on this good work and the strong following of supporters who have made the long journey undoubtedly hope the same. We, on the other hand, having picked up seven

points out of the last five games, are also hoping to carry on this new-found success and so a thrilling game is anticipated. Since the introduction of Wayman and Curtis into the Southampton team they have gone from success to success, both in the League and F.A. Cup matches, and no doubt if their record prior to the New Year had been as good as it has been since they would now be well on top of Division II. Their loss at the "Dell," last Saturday, against Plymouth Argyle rather blotted their copy book and it was without a doubt the most surprising result of the day, but these things do happen in football which all helps to make the game so entertaining. For you followers interested in figures here is a comparison of games played this season by the two clubs:—

	Home					Away					Pts.	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.		A.
Southampton	38	13	3	3	50	22	5	6	8	16	30	45
Luton	39	7	8	4	29	22	5	4	11	23	34	36

Our away matches compare fairly favourably with those of Southamptons, which gives us some hope of being able to pick up another two points today, but our home records have no comparison and it is obvious that this is where their strength lies. When we visited the "Dell" in November last we were beaten to the tune of three goals to one. Let us hope we can reverse that result this afternoon.

Our lads put up another splendid show here on Wednesday evening last, by beating Barnsley by the odd goal in three. Despite the absence of Les. Hall, who was hoping until the very last minute that he would be able to play, we were at last able to record our first home win this year, and at the same time show our supporters that our recent gathering of points away from home was due to a great improvement in the fighting qualities of the team and not due to a falling away from form of our opponents.

Congratulations to Sid Owen for putting up such a splendid show in his new role. He held Robledo very well which is what quite few a centre halves, recognised as such, have not been able to do this

season. It was a hard match on the bone-dry ground with plenty of thrills and the final result was a fair reflection on the fortunes of the game. Barnsley on this showing would be a difficult team on their own ground.

The Stiffs wind up their programme this season by visiting Shepherds Bush, to play Queens Park Rangers, in a Football Combination League match. They have had a fairly successful season, as a glance at the League Table will show, but it is not quite good enough and so next season we shall hope for better results still.

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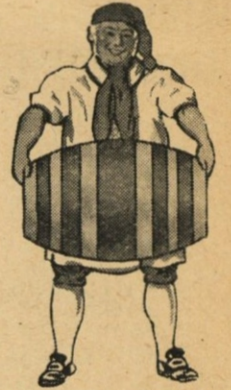
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9 Duggan Centre



9 Wayman Centre
5 Webber Centre Half

Black
Goal

3 Lake Left Back

6 Owen Left Half

10 Daniel Inside Left

11 Waugh Outside Left

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

SECOND LIST

A BIRMINGHAM	v.	CARDIFF C.	.....
B BRENTFORD	v.	BURY	.....
C COVENTRY C.	v.	TOTTENHAM	.....
D FULHAM	v.	MILLWALL A.	.....
E LEEDS UNITED	v.	CHESTERFIELD	.....
F LEICESTER C.	v.	WEST HAM U.	.....
G NEWCASTLE	v.	WEDNESDAY	.....
H PLYMOUTH A.	v.	DONCASTER	.....
K WEST BROM.	v.	BRADFORD	.....
L BOURNEM'UTH	v.	NORTHAMPT'N	.....
M BRISTOL CITY	v.	CRYSTAL PAL.	.....
N EXETER CITY	v.	QUEEN'S P. R.	.....

THIRD LIST

A IPSWICH T.	v.	ALDERSHOT	.....
B LEYTON O.	v.	PORT VALE	.....
C NEWPORT CO'	v.	WATFORD	.....
D NOTTS. CO'TY	v.	NORWICH C.	.....
E READING	v.	TORQUAY U.	.....
F SOUTHEND U.	v.	BRIGHTON & H.	.....
G SWANSEA T.	v.	BRISTOL ROV.	.....
H WALSALL	v.	SWINDON T.	.....
K LINCOLN C.	v.	CARLISLE UN.	.....
L SOUTHPORT	v.	ROTHERHAM	.....
SCOTTISH CUP—FINAL			
M MORTON	v.	RANGERS
AMATEUR CUP—FINAL			
N LEYTONSTONE	v.	BARNET

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FIXTURES, 1947-48

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 3		
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	Barnley	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 0 0		
Mon., .. 5	Tottenham Hotspur	1 2	A 1 0		
Sat., .. 10	Bury	0 3	A 2 2		
Wed., .. 14	Barnley	3 1	H 2 1		
Sat., .. 17	Southampton	2 2	H ..		
Sat., .. 24	Doncaster Rovers	..	A ..		
Sat., May 1	Nottingham Forest	3 2	H ..		

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination

		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 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 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	..	..	..
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	Birmingham City	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	39	22	7	10	66	38	51
Sheffield Wednesday	39	20	9	10	63	48	49
SOUTHAMPTON	38	18	9	11	66	52	45
Cardiff City	39	17	11	11	59	50	45
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
Barnley	39	15	9	15	57	57	39
Fulham	37	14	9	14	45	41	37
Chesterfield	39	15	7	17	53	49	37
Bradford	39	15	7	17	63	62	37
Coventry City	38	12	12	14	51	45	36
LUTON TOWN	39	12	12	15	52	56	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
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	30	16	7	7	57	27	39
LUTON TOWN	29	14	6	9	56	44	34
Fulham	27	13	6	8	46	37	32
Ipswich Town	29	13	5	11	58	52	31
Millwall	29	14	3	12	56	57	31
Swindon Town	29	12	7	10	51	53	31
Queens Park Rangers	26	10	10	6	50	42	30
Reading	29	14	2	13	59	60	30
Plymouth Argyle	28	11	5	12	57	52	27
Northampton Town	27	8	7	12	55	63	23
Cardiff City	29	9	5	15	40	54	23
Norwich City	28	6	10	12	45	54	22
Southend United	29	6	8	15	33	55	20
Leyton Orient	28	6	5	17	33	68	17
Crystal Palace	27	4	9	14	21	52	17

Next Match, Saturday, April 24th, 1948

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