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RANDOM REMARKS BY THE "RED ROVER"

The result of the Plymouth match was very satisfactory, but it was too late to assist much in the team's fight to avoid relegation, which on Saturday became an accomplished fact. A little more punch would have gained both points, but, as it was, it was refreshing to see the revival after the interval, when Walter Bennett scored twice. Both were excellent

goals, and it looked as if the Rovers were in for another away victory. It was not to be, however, as play slackened considerably, and Argyle managed to notch the equaliser before the end. The number of points obtained this season will be at least one-third more than when the Rovers last went down, and it does seem a pity that a little more shooting by the forwards might have meant all the difference between relegation and safety. Since the commencement of the year, only 16 goals have been scored in League and Cup, but only 22 against. This speaks for itself, and it is here that more strength will have to be provided for. The team as a whole have shown excellent form, and many clubs have commented on the fact that they were too good to go down. And so we again revive acquaintance with our Northern Section colleagues of two seasons ago, with the exception of one of our near neighbours, and every effort must be made to effect a speedy return. Our support has been excellent, and hence the greater disappointment. We have recently transferred Jack Livesey to Rochdale and wish him well, and to the following, who will also be departing:



Alec Wands, Bob McFarlane, Bill Lambton, Bill Corbett, Jimmy Wooldridge, Ralph Maddison, Jack Kirkaldie, Cecil Heydon, Mick Walker, and Wallace. All have served the club well and some for many seasons.

TO-DAY we entertain Luton Town for the first time at Belle Vue. They have recently struck a bad patch, but have weathered the storm. Earlier in the season when the teams met, Luton won a close game by 2-1. A few weeks ago they transferred their centre-half, Gager, to Nottingham Forest, and evidently did the Forest a real good turn.



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OUR VISITORS

Luton Town was formed in 1885 as the result of the fusion of two local clubs, thereby being one of the oldest of the Southern clubs. As a matter of fact they are the oldest Southern professional club, as they introduced payments soon after their formation. Former members of the old Southern League, they were elected to the 2nd Division in 1897, but only remained there for three seasons, and it was not until they won the championship of the 3rd (Southern) Division in 1936-37 they rejoined the senior circle. One of the original members of the 3rd Division (South) they operated there for 17 seasons until their successful promotion year. Popularly known as "The Hatters," they have since the war secured several well-known players and here are pen-pictures of a few members of the side:—

B. Streten (Goal)—An amateur international who has been at Belle Vue previously with Shrewsbury Town. Was in the R.A.F. during the war and "guested" with several League clubs.

H. W. Cooke (Right Back)—A young and sturdy defender who has had experience with Bournemouth.

W. Hughes (Left Back)—Stated to have cost Luton £10,000 when transferred from Birmingham last July. A Welsh international and also represented Great Britain against The Rest of Europe.

F. Soo (Right Half)—The former Stoke City and Leicester City half back and English international.

S. Owen (Left Half)—A versatile half-back signed from Birmingham in June.

A. Driver (Inside Right).—A product of North Notts League football who was secured 18 months ago from Sheffield Wednesday, whom he joined in 1936.

H. J. Billington (Centre Forward)—A local lad who first played with Waterlows (Dunstable) Spartan League XI. A great goalscorer since joining Luton in 1938.

D. Duncan (Outside Left)—"Dally," as this popular player is known, was formerly with Hull City and Derby County, and is a Scottish international.

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Tindill. 7	Lowes. 8	Bennett. 9	Todd. 10	Calverley. 11

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Waugh. 11	Daniel. 10	Duggan. 9	Brennan. 8	Small. 7
	Owen. 6	Hall. 5	Gardiner. 4	
	Lake. 3		Cook. 2	
Left.		Streten.		Right.

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Any Alteration of Teams will be shown by Notice Board on the Ground

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OUR FIXTURE LISTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE				MIDLAND LEAGUE			
Date 1947	Opponents	Ground	Result	1947	Opponents	Ground	Result
Aug. 23	Southampton ...	Home	1-1	Aug. 23	Hull City ...	Away	1-2
" 25	Cardiff City ...	Away	0-3	" 28	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	4-1
" 30	Bury ...	Away	2-4	" 30	Notts County ...	Home	1-1
Sept. 4	Cardiff City ...	Home	2-2	Sept. 11	Ransome and Marles ...	Away	5-1
" 6	West Ham United ...	Home	1-0	" 20	Rotherham United ...	Away	3-3
" 10	Bradford ...	Away	0-4	" 25	Mansfield Town ...	Home	2-0
" 13	Chesterfield ...	Away	3-0	" 27	Rotherham United ...	Home	2-1
" 18	Bradford ...	Home	3-0	Oct. 4	Grimsby Town ...	Away	3-3
" 20	Millwall ...	Home	2-2	" 25	Peterborough United ...	Away	0-2
" 27	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	0-2	Nov. 1	Shrewsbury Town ...	Away	1-2
Oct. 4	Sheffield Wednesday ...	Home	0-1	" 8	Scarborough ...	Home	2-1
" 11	Leeds United ...	Away	0-0	" 15	Frickley Colliery ...	Away	2-1
" 18	Fulham ...	Home	0-1	" 22	York City ...	Home	7-1
" 25	Coventry City ...	Away	0-1	Dec. 6	York City ...	Away	3-2
Nov. 1	Newcastle United ...	Home	0-3	" 13	Denaby United ...	Away	2-2
" 8	Birmingham City ...	Away	0-3	" 20	Hull City ...	Home	1-1
" 15	West Bromwich Albion ...	Home	2-1	" 25	Gainsborough Trinity ...	Home	0-0
" 22	Barnsley ...	Away	0-2	" 26	Gainsborough Trinity ...	Away	2-2
" 29	Plymouth Argyle ...	Home	2-0	" 27	Bradford ...	Away	2-4
Dec. 6	Luton Town ...	Away	1-2	1948			
" 13	Brentford ...	Home	0-0	Jan. 1	Bradford City ...	Home	2-0
" 20	Southampton ...	Away	1-6	" 3	Bradford City ...	Away	4-2
" 26	Nottingham Forest ...	Home	2-0	" 10	Peterborough United ...	Home	8-2
" 27	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	2-4	" 17	Scunthorpe United ...	Home	1-2
1948				" 24	Lincoln City ...	Away	0-2
Jan. 3	Bury ...	Home	1-3	" 31	Boston United ...	Away	1-3
Jan 10	Fulham (F.A. Cup) ...	Away	0-2	Feb. 7	Boston United ...	Home	0-3
" 24	West Ham United ...	Away	1-2	" 14	Ollerton Colliery ...	Away	2-0
" 31	Chesterfield ...	Home	1-0	" 28	Notts County ...	Away	3-4
Feb. 7	Millwall ...	Away	0-1	Mar. 6	Lincoln City ...	Home	4-0
" 14	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Home	1-1	" 11	Grimsby Town ...	Home	2-3
" 28	Leeds United ...	Home	3-0	" 13	Scarborough ...	Away	2-0
Mar. 6	Fulham ...	Away	0-0	" 20	Shrewsbury Town ...	Home	1-1
" 13	Coventry City ...	Home	0-0	" 26	Mansfield Town ...	Away	1-1
" 20	Newcastle United ...	Away	0-2	" 27	Grantham ...	Away	0-2
" 26	Leicester City ...	Home	1-1	" 29	Bradford ...	Home	9-1
" 27	Birmingham City ...	Home	0-0	April 3	Ollerton Colliery ...	Home	2-0
" 29	Leicester City ...	Away	2-3	" 15	Denaby United ...	Home	2-2
Apl. 3	West Bromwich Albion ...	Away	3-1	" 17	Ransome and Marles ...	Home	1-2
" 5	Sheffield Wednesday ...	Away	0-2	" 22	Grantham ...	Home	
" 10	Barnsley ...	Home	1-2	" 24	Scunthorpe United ...	Away	
" 17	Plymouth Argyle ...	Away	2-2	" 29	Nottingham Forest ...	Home	
" 24	Luton Town ...	Home		May 1	Frickley Colliery ...	Home	
May 1	Brentford ...	Away					

OUR GOAL SCORERS

LEAGUE TEAM		MIDLAND LEAGUE TEAM	
Todd ...	8	Livesey ...	16
Bennett ...	7	Mitcheson ...	10
Jordan ...	6	Walker ...	8
Thompson ...	4	Gillespie ...	8
Mitcheson ...	3	Owens ...	7
Tindill ...	3	Tindill ...	7
Maddison ...	2	Kirkaldie ...	6
Kirkaldie ...	2	Marriott ...	5
Wands ...	1	Maddison ...	5
Calverley ...	1	Little ...	4
Gillespie ...	1	Todd ...	3
Lowes ...	1	Stevenson ...	2
Armstrong (West Ham) o.g. ...	1	Graham ...	2
		McFarlane ...	2
		Wallace ...	1
		Thompson ...	1
		Baverstock ...	1
		(Mansfield) o.g. ...	1
		Shepherd ...	1
		(Scarboro) o.g. ...	1

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OUR LEAGUE TABLES

Second Division Table

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Birmingham C.	40	22	5	13	55	24	57
Newcastle Utd.	40	23	10	7	70	40	53
Sheffield Wed.	40	20	11	9	65	52	49
Southampton	39	19	11	9	68	52	47
Cardiff C.	40	17	12	11	59	52	45
West Ham Utd.	40	15	12	13	52	51	43
Tottenham H.	40	15	13	12	53	42	42
West Brom. A.	40	17	15	8	57	57	42
Barnsley	40	15	15	10	58	59	40
Leicester C.	39	15	15	10	58	57	40
Fulham	38	15	14	9	46	41	39
Brentford	40	12	14	14	41	59	38
Coventry City	39	12	14	13	52	45	37
Chesterfield	40	15	18	7	55	52	37
Bradford P.A.	40	15	18	7	55	52	37
Plymouth A.	40	9	13	18	37	55	36
Luton Town	39	12	16	11	49	55	35
Notts Forest	40	12	18	10	52	57	34
Leeds United	40	13	19	8	56	69	34
Bury	39	9	15	15	55	59	33
Doncaster Rovers	40	9	20	11	40	62	29
Millwall	40	8	21	11	38	71	27

(Up to and including Monday, April 19).

Midland League Table

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Shrewsbury Town	39	25	8	6	90	47	56
Scunthorpe Utd.	39	21	9	9	82	53	51
Bradford Res.	40	23	15	2	129	94	48
Peterborough Utd.	39	21	14	4	86	71	46
Boston Utd.	39	21	14	4	89	74	46
Lincoln City Res.	40	20	15	5	88	51	45
Grantham	39	20	14	5	106	85	45
Gainsborough Trin.	39	18	12	9	83	76	45
Notts Forest Res.	37	18	11	8	83	56	44
Grimsby T. Res.	38	18	12	8	95	79	44
Hull City Res.	40	19	16	5	82	63	43
Doncaster E. Res.	38	16	12	10	88	60	42
Ransomes	38	17	13	8	75	67	42
Denaby Utd.	41	15	17	9	79	84	39
Notts County Res.	40	15	19	6	64	92	36
York City Res.	38	11	18	9	65	105	31
Scarborough	40	11	20	9	65	84	31
Mansfield T. Res.	40	11	21	8	56	79	30
Frickley Colliery	38	10	19	9	80	109	29
Rotherham Res.	39	10	21	8	69	88	28
Bradford City Res.	39	9	26	4	55	103	22
Ollerton Colliery	38	7	30	1	52	141	15

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- A—Aston Villa v Liverpool
- B—Blackburn v Sheff. Utd.
- C—Chelsea v Burnley
- D—Derby v Preston
- E—Everton v Portsmouth
- F—Grimsby v Charlton
- G—Huddersfield v Stoke
- H—Man. City v Arsenal
- I—Sunderland v Middlesbrough
- J—Wolves v Bolton

SECOND DIVISION

- K—Bradford v Barnsley
- L—Bury v Leicester
- M—Cardiff v West Brom
- N—Chesterfield v Fulham
- O—Millwall v Coventry
- P—Notts Forest v Plymouth
- Q—Sheff. Wed. v Birmingham
- R—Southampton v Brentford
- S—Tottenham v Newcastle
- T—West Ham v Leeds

THIRD DIVISION—NORTH

- U—Rotherham v Lincoln
- V—Mansfield v Bradford C.
- W—York v Barrow

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