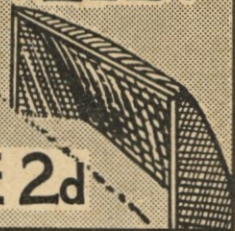


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	7	8	9
	<b>T. Ableggs</b>	<b>R. U. Stick</b>	<b>B. Oxes</b>
	<b>(Sold)</b>		<b>P. Lywood</b>
			<b>(Sold)</b>
			11
			<b>L. Arch</b>
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Today we shall be watching Horace Gager to see what obstacle he can put in the way of our lads getting the last two points of the season. It was a very good performance last week at Doncaster, returning with two points and if we can do the same today against the Forest, we shall finish in a much better position in the League Table than was expected a month ago. We know it is quite easy to put in "ifs" and "buts." Just take a look at the points we have lost at home, and in games that without a doubt we should have won, we should then have been one of the clubs passing into Division I. We now have to wait and hope that the trip will be made next season.

Last Saturday, a great crowd watched the struggle of the football giants at Wembley. Thousands more in every part of the country waited eagerly for the result. Today cricket will crash the headlines, with Don Bradman batting on English turf again. These two games, cricket and football, symbolise that perfect example of the team spirit. It is on the playing fields that the character of our people has been built. We have been taught "to love the game beyond the prize," to play not for ourselves but for the team. Courage and resourcefulness have been fostered. It is the spirit of team games that has helped us through when all seemed lost. The team spirit is older than the games. Play up! play up! and play the game—that is the sportsman's call, not to the men on the playing field alone, but to all of us.

All of you that saw the game here with Southampton, know what a large following they had of their own supporters, and I was given to understand that they are often present when the journey is not too far. They were all members of the Supporters' Club. During this season quite a number of you have joined the Bobbers Stand Club, but the number is not nearly so great as we expected. As this is the last match of the season, make a special effort to become a member of the Bobbers. The fee is only 1/2 yearly, which is cheaper than any other supporters' club. This also entitles you to use the Club premises where you can partake of refreshments and play games. Our Skittle and Dart teams are again champions of their respective leagues, and if you are Skittle or Dart minded there is no reason why you should not be one of the team.

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We wish all the players who will not be with us next season the very best of luck, wherever they may go, also to our supporters "Au Revoir" until next season.

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**CLUB NOTES**

On this our last game of the season we can look back and ponder what might have been if only—if only on at least ten occasions we had not dropped at home valuable points how different we would have been placed today; or if only we had been able to score just one more goal on those eight occasions when we lost the game by the odd goal; or if only the team had been as successful right through the season as they have been since Easter; or if only—and so it might go on and on, but unfortunately wishful thinking cannot alter facts and so we must be content that we are ending the season in at least a respectable position in the Table, respectable that is when we remember how we stood two short months ago. It has been a season of ups and downs but there is no room for despondency when we remember that we have lost only one game out of the last seven, and as we are hoping to improve on one or two positions by the time the battle commences again next August, there are quite good prospects in store for season 1948/49. The Stiffs too have had a fairly successful season but their record was rather spoilt by losing a few games right at the end. However if plans materialise we have a few good youngsters coming along next season and there is every prospect of our Reserves at least maintaining this season's good work.

We welcome to Kenilworth Road this afternoon Nottingham Forest. They have not had a very successful season and indeed until Horace Gager was transferred there it was feared relegation was to be their lot. Fortunately with the help of Horace this fear has passed and so there is nothing really at stake for either team in this afternoon's game, but no doubt quite a few of you will be interested to see how Gager has fitted into this team, for we do take an interest in all our old players and like to feel they are doing well for their new Club.

In our "goals for" column we have 54 to our credit. These have been scored as follows:—Billington 12; Daniel 10; Brennan 9; Duggan 7; Soo, Ottewell 4; Driver, O'Brien 3; Connelly 2; Total 54.

We should like to finish up all square but perhaps it is hoping too much, for that would mean scoring four this afternoon!

The Colts are winding up their South Midlands Fixtures by playing Potton United here after the game with Notts. Forest—kick-off 5 p.m. The following team has been selected—R. Lambley; Kettle, A. J. Smith; Day, K. Walker, Ruffett; H. Grindley, Shanks, Burtenshaw, Morton, High.

On Monday, sixteen of the lads will be travelling to Ireland on a Close Season Tour of fifteen days. If you remember we were hoping to go to Luxembourg, but due to the present restrictions it was found impracticable to do so. However we have been fortunate in arranging to go to Ireland instead and no doubt it will be a very enjoyable trip for all who are in the party.

As this is our last Programme of the Season we should like to thank all of you who have helped to make it a success. We have not received one letter of criticism throughout the season, but that does not mean we are vain enough to think that it is never criticised. We are waiting for the day when the present paper shortage ends which will enable us to revert to our pre-war standard, but until that happy day arrives we shall have to be content with the programme in its present form. If, however, any of you have any items of interest which you think could be used in these "Notes" please do not hesitate to let us have them. We did receive the following little item for the Fulham match but unfortunately it arrived too late, otherwise it would have been used. It was 'that it is considered Pat Beasley made more money during the war than any other player, but unfortunately he could not keep it all for after being paid his wages the rest had to be handed to the nation. You see he worked at the Mint.' It perhaps does not seem so interesting now, but it would have been a nice little tit-bit for our Fulham programme. So next season if you come across any such items of interest please let us have them by about a week before the game for which it is intended.

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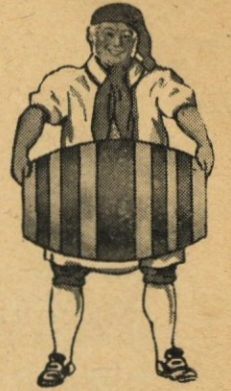
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Duggan  
Centre

3  
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Waugh  
Outside Left

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Outside Left

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Edwards  
Inside Left

9  
Levinton  
Centre

8  
Morley  
Inside Right

7  
Linaker  
Outside Right

6  
Simpson  
Left Half

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

**SECOND LIST**

A	BIRMINGHAM	v.	TOTTENHAM	.....
B	BRENTFORD	v.	DONCASTER	.....
C	COVENTRY C.	v.	CHESTERFIELD	.....
D	FULHAM	v.	WEST HAM U.	.....
E	LEEDS UNITED	v.	BURY	.....
F	NEWCASTLE	v.	MILLWALL A.	.....
G	PLYMOUTH A.	v.	BRADFORD	.....
H	WEST BROM.	v.	WEDNESDAY	.....
K	BOURNEM'UTH	v.	NORWICH C.	.....
L	BRISTOL CITY	v.	NORTHAMPT'N	.....
M	EXETER CITY	v.	SWINDON T.	.....
N	IPSWICH T.	v.	BRISTOL ROV.	.....

**THIRD LIST**

A	LEYTON O.	v.	TORQUAY U.	.....
B	NEWPORT CO'	v.	PORT VALE	.....
C	NOTTS. CO'TY	v.	WATFORD	.....
D	READING	v.	ALDERSHOT	.....
E	SOUTHEND U.	v.	QUEEN'S P. R.	.....
F	SWANSEA T.	v.	BRIGHTON & H.	.....
G	ACCRINGTON	v.	ROTHERHAM	.....
H	BARROW	v.	MANSFIELD T.	.....
K	BRADF'D CITY	v.	CHESTER	.....
L	HALIFAX T.	v.	OLDHAM A.	.....
M	HULL CITY	v.	CARLISLE UN.	.....
N	LINCOLN C.	v.	HARTLEPOOLS	.....

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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)	1 2	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	Barnsley	3 1	H	2 1
Sat.	17	Southampton	2 2	H	0 2
Sat.	24	Doncaster Rovers	...	A	2 0
Sat.	May 1	Nottingham Forest	3 2	H	...

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		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
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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	1 2
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
Thur.	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	41	22	14	5	55	24	58
Newcastle United	41	23	8	10	71	41	54
Southampton	41	21	9	11	71	53	51
Sheffield Wednesday	41	20	10	11	65	52	50
West Ham United	41	16	13	12	54	52	45
Cardiff City	41	17	11	13	59	57	45
West Brom. Albion	41	18	8	15	62	57	44
Tottenham Hotspur	41	15	13	13	56	43	43
Leicester City	41	16	10	15	60	57	42
Barnsley	41	15	10	16	61	62	40
Fulham	40	15	9	16	46	43	39
Chesterfield	41	16	7	18	54	52	39
Bradford	41	16	7	18	66	70	39
LUTON TOWN	41	13	12	16	54	58	38
Brentford	41	12	14	15	42	61	38
Coventry City	40	12	13	15	54	52	37
Plymouth Argyle	41	9	19	13	38	56	37
NOTTS FOREST	41	12	11	18	53	58	35
Bury	41	9	16	16	57	63	34
Leeds United	41	13	8	20	57	71	34
Doncaster Rovers	41	9	11	21	40	64	29
Millwall	41	9	11	21	44	73	29

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
West Ham United	30	23	3	4	88	30	49
Birmingham City	30	16	7	7	57	27	39
Fulham	30	14	7	9	51	43	35
LUTON TOWN	30	14	6	10	57	46	34
Ipswich Town	30	14	5	11	62	53	33
Queens Park Rangers	29	11	10	8	53	47	32
Reading	30	15	2	13	62	61	32
Millwall	30	14	4	12	57	58	32
Swindon Town	30	12	7	11	51	54	31
Plymouth Argyle	29	12	5	12	60	53	29
Northampton Town	30	8	9	13	61	70	25
Cardiff City	30	10	5	15	45	58	25
Norwich City	29	6	10	13	49	59	22
Southend United	30	7	8	15	34	55	22
Leyton Orient	30	6	8	18	34	72	18
Crystal Palace	29	4	10	15	22	57	18

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