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#### CLUB NOTES

The fact that we are playing Brentford this afternoon immediately conjures up in our mind 'what might have been' for we would have been playing the 'Bees' a fortnight ago in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup if that header of Lee's had not found the back of the Luton net in the last few seconds of that epic struggle here against Leicester City four weeks ago. The fact that Leicester City won their game against Brentford and are now in the Semi-Finals gives us at least food for thought.

We must not however ponder too much on the past but turn our attention to the present and say Bonjour, Brentford,' with a special welcome to Mr. Harry Curtis who is retiring from his managerial capacity at the end of the season. The 'Bees' destinies will then be in the hands of Mr. Jackie Gibbons who, incidentally, is playing at inside right for them this afternoon.

Up to about three weeks ago the 'Bees' were thinking the tide had turned in their favour for they were still in the Cup and had just beaten Bury by eight goals to two. They were quite justified in thinking so, but first they were knocked out of the Cup and then last week, at home too, they were beaten by Queens Park Rangers by three clear goals. As they now have to take the field this afternoon without McKennan, who has been doing all the damage lately, the 'Bees' must be wondering now if they have struck another bad patch. The fact that they are sixth from the bottom of the Table does not give a true picture for they have two games in hand on most of the Clubs near them. They will however be very keen to win this match today if only to satisfy themselves that their luck has not entirely deserted them.

It is interesting to note that Brentford have had only 18 goals scored against them in 14 away matches this season, only West Bromwich Albion can better this achievement with 17 against them and the 'Spurs' are equal with Brentford. In the aggregate for home and away games the 'Bees' have had 35 goals scored against them whereas we have 39 against, so that it appears Brentford's defence is not their weakness. Our forwards will therefore have to be on their toes this afternoon if they are to beat this defence many times.

Amidst a snow storm our first team managed to hold Leicester City to a draw last Saturday. It was not an exciting game, at least compared to those tussles we have had recently with Leicester (of fresh memory), but it was a source of satisfaction to know that after letting thirteen goals through in our last three matches our rearguard let only one through on this occasion, and that through an unfortunate slip by a defender who had the misfortune of seeing the ball enter the net after it had struck him. The defence played very much better, there was a more solid look about them than there has been lately and so we trust there will be no more fives against us.

Unfortunately at the time these notes were being prepared Les Hall was a very doubtful starter. He has been coming to the ground each day for treatment and by Thursday there was a marked improvement, but it was still too early to say if he would be playing. If however Les has to stand down then we feel we have a very capable deputy to take his place in Ernie Gripton, who has been playing consistently well for the Stiffs this season and we see no reason why he should not play just as well in the senior side.

The Stiffs did not cover themselves with glory in their encounter with Ipswich Reserves here last Saturday. They had a proper off day and so lost a good opportunity of gaining a point on the leaders of the Section, who also drew. However, there is still time to catch up, and a win today at Watford and a win next Saturday here against the leaders, Leicester City, would put us right back in the

We were very pleased that Bobby Brennan had been selected to play for his country against Wales and sincerely trust it will lead to many more such

We would like to mention that due to the heavy demand for tickets for the West Bromwich Albion match to be played here on April 9th, and against Fulham here on Easter Monday, we have had to extend the reserved portion of the Centre Stand. These tickets are going very rapidly so those of you who require a reserved seat are advised to apply quickly. Tickets for reserved seats are 5/- each, and please send a stamped addressed envelope with your application.

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### LEAGUE TABLES, 1948-49

LEAGUE DIVISION I								
LEAGUE DIVISION		Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.	
Southampton	31	18	7	6	59	28	43	
Fulham	30	16	6	8	55	30	38	
Tottenham Hotspur	31	13	11	7	52	31	37	
West Brom. Albion	29	16	5	8	46	30	37	
Chesterfield	31	11	12	8	42	38	34	
LUTON TOWN	30	11	11	8	40	39	33	
Cardiff City	30	12	9	9	39	39	33	
West Ham United	30	12	8	10	40	40	32	
Sheffield Wednesday	30	12	7	11	51	44	31	
Bradford	30	11	7	12	50	52	29	
Leeds United	31	9	11	11	46	48	29	
Blackburn Rovers	31	11	7	13	43	47	29	
Bury	29	12	5.	12	46	53	29	
Plymouth Argyle	30	11	7	12	37	44	29	
Barnsley	31	9	10	12	47	47	28	
Queens Park Rangers	31	11	6	14	32	49	28	
BRENTFORD	29	9	9	11	32	35	27	
Coventry City	31	11	5	15	44	49	27	
Grimsby Town	30	9	8	13	51	58	26	
Leicester City	28	7	11	10	45	52	25	
Notts. Forest	31	8	5	18	30	44	21	
Lincoln City	32	6	9	17	45	75	21	

#### COMBINATION CUP

		Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.	
Leicester City .		8	4	.4	0	12	5	12	
LUTON TOWN		8	3	4	1	14	11	10	
Norwich City		9	4	2	3	19	16	10	
Watford		8	4	1	3	9	10	9	
Coventry City		8	2	3	3	10	13	7	
Birmingham City .		8	2	2	4	5	7	6	
Ipswich Town		8	2	2	4	12	16	6	
Northampton Town	n	7	1	2	4	16	19	4	
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