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When all goes right and nothing wrong
And isn't your sport extremely flat
With nothing whatever to grumble at?
The last three games we have lost
Two of which we should have been boss
On Saturday we went to Gigg Lane

But the "Shakers" easily won this game

And it does appear that we are unable To keep near the top of the table

Today we have here W.B.A.

First Division next season, their supporters say
So it's up to you boys to come out of the blue
And show us all what you can do
Two points today would be a treat

And send us home for something to eat

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#### CLUB NOTES

Today we entertain at Kenilworth Road one of the promotion aspirants of the Second Division, West Bromwich Albion, and after their win on Wednesday last when they beat Leeds United by the only goal scored, their chances of promotion are much brighter, particularly as they have a game still in hand on their nearest rivals Fulham.

The "Throstles," as they are usually called, have set a cracking pace right from the very beginning of the season and they have shown no signs of slacking as yet, so that the other aspirants will have to fight every inch of the way to finish higher than West Brom., on May 7th. It is a very open and interesting fight for position and by no means a foregone conclusion, even for Southampton with a lead of six points, although they will have to crack very badly if they do not finish leaders of their division. There is many a slip, however, and with injuries being so numerous due to the very hard grounds we are now experiencing, anything may yet happen.

There is no doubt that the "Throstles" will be all out to try and make their position more secure by beating us today, but our lads will also be all out to try and retrieve the ground they have lost by their three recent defeats. These defeats have of course made an appreciable difference to our position in the League for at one time we had great hopes of finishing amongst the first four but we are afraid we have slipped too badly lately to entertain any further hopes in this direction. None of the experiments we have made lately have been a success although at the same time they have not been a failure and we feel we were justified in making them. If we can win a few more matches then further experiments will be made but we do not want to drop further in the Table if we can possibly help it. We are therefore fielding today what we consider, after much thought and testing during our Stiffs' two mid-week games this week, our best team so that if West Brom. do beat us today they will indeed be worthy of promotion. We say this without trying to be boastful, but any side which can beat us on our own ground against our best eleven, all things being equal, is a good team.

We are afraid our boys fell from grace at Bury last Saturday, and the score of 3 goals to 1 against us does not show a true reflection of the game. Our forwards simply could not get going and the defence was left to struggle right through the game. The goal scored by Bobby Brennan was a gem, one of those which just isn't possible. It was much appreciated by all who saw it, friend and foe alike, but further goals seemed very far away although Bobby did get the ball into the net again only to be given offside much, we must say, to our surprise. It is said a team must play at rock bottom at least once during the season—let us all hope this was the occasion.

The Stiffs have done very well by obtaining maximum points from their two games this week. We are now on level pegging with Leicester City in our Section of the Combination Cup, both teams having one more game to play. Our remaining match is with Birmingham Reserves here on Monday evening next, kick-off 5.45, so we hope to see a good crowd for this final game in the Cup. What a pity we have not to play Leicester City themselves instead of Birmingham, although we shall know at the end of the game with the "Blues" whether or not we have finished as leaders of our Section for Leicester are playing Watford today at Leicester in their final game. Whatever the outcome we congratulate our second string on making such a good effort. We know they could have done better and have missed one or two good chances of winning the Section outright but football would not be the interesting game it is if everything went according to plan. The Stiffs have had a very good season right through for they are second only to the leaders in the Combination League Table, these fixtures incidentally being resumed on Friday next, Good Friday, when we play Watford Reserves here. We hope our boys will be able to continue their good

So now for a very interesting game—and may the best team win.

Next Match, Monday, April 11th, 1949

KICK - OFF 5.45 p.m. O FOOTB

FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

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Football League—Division II

Aherne Left Back

Owen

Watkins Inside Left Linesmen-

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#### TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCORES

NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the firstnamed club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

#### FIRST LIST

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4	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND
	LE	AGUE GAMES
В	ARSENAL	MIDDLESBRO'
C	ASTON VILLA	PRESTON N. E.

D DERBY CO'NTY ..... NEWCASTLE E HUDDERSFIELD ..... BIRMINGHAM F SHEFFIELD UN. ..... EVERTON

G SUNDERLAND ..... BURNLEY H BLACKPOOL ..... PORTSMOUTH ..... K BOLTON WAN ..... CHARLTON A. .....

L LIVERPOOL ..... MANCH. CITY ..... M MANCH, UN. ..... CHELSEA N WOLVES ..... STOKE CITY

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#### SECOND LIST

A	BRADFORD	BURY	
В	CARDIFF C.	LINCOLN C.	
C	NOTTS. FOR.	LEICESTER C.	
D	PLYMOUTH A.	COVENTRY C.	

E BARNSLEY ..... TOTTENHAM ..... F BLACKBURN ..... WEDNESDAY .....

..... LEEDS UNITED ...... G FULHAM H GRIMSBY T. ..... BRENTFORD .....

K QUEEN'S P. R. ..... CHESTERFIELD .....

L SOUTHAMPTON ..... WEST HAM U. ..... M ALDERSHOT ..... TORQUAY U. .....

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#### LEAGUE TABLES, 1948-49

COMBINATION CUP

LEAGUE DIVISION II										
						Agst.	P.			
Southampton	36	22	7	7	67	32	51			
WEST BROM. A.	35	20	. 7	8	55	35	47			
Fulham	36	18	9	9	61	33	45			
Cardiff City	35	16	10	9	52	42	42			
Tottenham Hotspur	35	14	13	8	55	34	41 -			
West Ham United	34	15	8	11	47	45	38			
Chesterfield	35	12	13	10	45	42	37			
Sheffield Wednesday	34	14	8	12	56	49	36			
LUTON TOWN	34	12	11	11	44	46	35			
Barnsley	36	11	12	13	55	54	34			
Bradford	35	12	9	14	57	61	33			
Leeds United	37	11	11	15	53	58	33			
Bury	34	14	5	15	53	64	33			
Coventry City	35	13	6	16	50	54	32			
Queens Park Rangers	35	12	8	15	36	53	32			
Brentford	35	10	12	13	34	39	32			
Grimsby Town	34	11	9	14	60	64	31			
Plymouth Argyle	34	11	9	14	39	48	31			
Blackburn Rovers	35	11	7	17	45	56	29			
Leicester City	33	7	13	13	52	65	27			
Lincoln City	36	7	11	18	49	79	25			
Notts. Forest	35	9	6	20	35	48	24			

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	13	7	5	1	19	7	19
LUTON TOWN	13	7	5	1	21	13	19
Norwich City	12	7	2	3	25	18	16
Watford	12	5	1	6	14	16	11
Birmingham City	13	3	5	5	14	15	11
Ipswich Town	13	3	4	6	19	27	10
Northampton Town	12	2	3	7	23	29	7

Good Friday, April 15th, 1949

Coventry City ... 12 2 3 7 13 23 7

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