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CLUB NOTES

On this Easter Monday, when everyone is in festive spirit, and the trees and shrubs are beginning to remind us all that another winter is behind us and that spring is definitely with us once more, we gather here today in the hope of witnessing a good and exciting game with our near neighbours, Fulham. These boys from Craven Cottage are going great guns these days and at the time these notes were being prepared stood a very good chance of climbing into a higher sphere next season. This position has by today either been strengthened or very much retarded according to the result of the match with us at Craven Cottage last Friday and at Leicester on Saturday. Three games in four days is a big strain on players and clubs alike, especially if championship honours are in the offing, but Fulham should be able to circumvent this period alright for they can call on very reliable reserves should there be any need to do so. However we hope to see an enjoyable match today and although it would be rather hard lines on Fulham if we did so, we would like to see our boys return to their winning displays.

Our game here last Saturday with West Brom was one of those occasions when nothing would go right for us. Everyone in the side tried their very hardest but we just could not get the ball into the net. The conditions were very trying for good ball control and both trainers had their busiest afternoon for a long time. Fortunately Bernard Streten's injury is not as serious as was at first feared but Tommy Aherne's ankle is very swollen and unless there is a very rapid improvement we may not see him in action again this season. What we did see of him however made us feel we have made a good capture and we all hope he will have a more successful time with us next season.

Congratulations at this stage to Sid Owen for the very capable way in which he carried out his duties in the green jersey, not forgetting the cap. He looked very confident and was equal to all the demands made on him. Quite an able deputy.

While on the subject of injuries we should like to thank our two Trainers for the very good work they have put in, especially this last week, trying to get everybody fit for this Easter programme. Besides the two players already mentioned there have been Wally Shanks, Billy Arnison, Ray Ruffett. Melville Daniel, Johnny Taylor and Bobby Horner, all receiving treatment, beside other players with minor ailments. We do expect to get a few injuries with the grounds almost like concrete, but not to this extent. We sincerely hope that by the time you are reading these notes the casualty list is very much reduced.

The Stiffs had a very good win against Birmingham City Reserves here last Monday evening, but were not able to make up lost ground on the goal average and so, although finishing level with Leicester City as far as points are concerned, had to be content with second place and so do not appear in the Semi-Finals of the Combination Cup. Hard lines, boys, you did very well but not quite well enough.

The Reserves have now returned to Combination League football and if they have won both their matches over the holiday, stand a good chance of finishing very strong challengers to Chelsea. With two games in hand, especially as the lads have regained their winning ways, the last two or three matches should be very exciting affairs.

Only two more First Team Home matches before the curtain is rung down on another season's football. It has been a season of ups and downs, of thrilling possibilities which nearly did materialise but which just fell short. However it has been a successful season on the whole and if we can improve on it a little next season, who knows?

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LEAGUE TABLES, 1948-49

	LEAGUE DIVISION	I	A	s at	Mond	ay, 1	1th A	pril	1
		Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.	1
	Southampton	37	22	7	8	67	33	51	1
	West Brom. Albion	35	20	7	8	55	35	47	1
	FULHAM	36	19	8	9	62	-33	46	1
	Cardiff City	36	17	10	9	55	43	44	1
	Tottenham Hotspur	36	14	13	9	56	38	41	
,	West Ham United	35	16	8	11	48	45	40	
	Chesterfield	36	12	14	10	46	43	38	
	Sheffield Wednesday	36	14	8	14	57	52	36	
	Bradford	36	13	9	14	61	62	35	1
	LUTON TOWN	35	12	11	12	44	47	35	1
	Barnsley	36	11	12	13	56	54	34	1
	Coventry City	36	14	6	16	53	56	34	
	Grimsby Town	35	12	9	14	63	64	33	
	Leeds United	37	11	11	15	53	58	33	
	Bury	35	14	5	16	54	67	33	1
	Queens Park Rangers	36	12	9	15	37	54	33	1
	Blackburn Rovers	36	12	7	17	47	57	31.	1
	Brentford	35	10	11	14	34	42	31	1
	Plymouth Argyle	35	11	9	15	41	51	31	1
	Leicester City	34	8	13	13	53	64	29	1
	Notts. Forest	36	10	6	20	37	49	26	1
	Lincoln City	37	7	11	19	50	82	25	1

COMBINATION CUP					Final	Positi	ions
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Leicester City	14	8	5	1	24	7	21
LUTON TOWN	14	8	5	1	24	13	21
Norwich City	14	9	2	3	28	19	20
Birmingham City	14	3	5	. 6	14	18	11
Watford	14	5	1	8	15	25	11
Ipswich Town	14	3	4	7	20	29	10
Northampton Town	14	1	3	8	24	30	9
Coventry City	14	3	3	8	17	25	9

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