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Mr. Blaxhill,

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Easter Monday we had Fulham from Craven Cottage**Who are driving towards division one****And the 3-1 win gave their fans lots of fun****We went all out and tried everything****But only once did we make that cottage bell ring****And no doubt we all think we know the reason****A lot say: it's getting near the end of the season****But sport is a pudding full of plums****Care is a canker that benumbs****Wherefore waste our elocution****On an impossible solution****We have Lincoln City here today****Who at the bottom of the table lay****But for us two points is the call****To save us from a further fall**

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CLUB NOTES

We have the not very pleasant task of playing a team this afternoon which is almost certain to be relegated to Division III next season. Last season Lincoln City were worthy winners of Division III (Northern Section) and started this season with very high hopes of continuing that good work. Unfortunately for them it has not worked out that way and now find themselves in desperate straits. They have only two more games to play, both being away from home (including today's match) and hearts must be very heavy in the Lincoln camp. However it is an ill wind etc. and some good may come of it yet. But we do give these lads from Lincoln a great welcome to Kenilworth Road, and trust they will look upon their visit to the Town where the Hats are made with pleasant memories, wishing them at the same time a quick return to Division II football.

We ourselves are not in too happy a position, for if we lost all our remaining matches (and if our recent bad luck and lack of goals continue that might conceivably happen) we could finish second from bottom if all the other clubs at present below us won all their outstanding games. Such a prospect, of course is just unthinkable but it could happen, and so our lads will go out fighting for all they are worth today to try and put paid to this bogey.

At the turn of the year we had not lost a single game at home, either by the First Team or the Stiffs. The Seniors have now lost four at home and the Reserves lost their record when losing to Chelsea Reserves last Saturday after enjoying a two goal lead. With any luck at all with the run of the ball we would still be enjoying an unbeaten home record for in each case we have had the greater part of the play but the other teams have had the breaks and so we find ourselves in our present position. We do not however put it all down to bad luck for we realise there are certain positions which must be strengthened before next season is commenced. There is much activity behind the scenes these days with that object in view but it is a wearisome task and some of the prices still being asked for players, even for those with little or no League experience, is simply fantastic. We are therefore keeping a good look out for the right type of player who is available at a reasonable price, but it is not easy.

On Thursday, when these Notes were being prepared, the Trainers reported that Tommy Kiernan would not be fit for today's game due to a pulled muscle, and a few minutes later they reported that Billy Arnison, in practically what was to be the last kick at the ball during his try-out, again pulled his muscle slightly and so he also will not be in the line-up today. As was at first feared Bud Aherne's injury has not responded to treatment as well as we had hoped and so we have allowed him to go back home to Ireland for a few days before his departure to America with Belfast Celtic on their tour.

In view of Jim Mulvaney's success as a Centre Forward in the two Reserve games recently, we are playing him in that position here today in the hope that he will provide that thrust which has been lacking lately. Bobby Brennan has done quite well in that position and has tried really hard to make a success of it but his proper position is at Inside Forward and so he reverts to the position in which he won his International Cap this season. Charlie Burtenshaw did quite well at Outside Right during the holidays, even against such an experienced Full Back as Bacuzzi, and so we are continuing to play him in that position. Les Hall is still feeling the effects of his injury received at Fulham and John Taylor, Wally Shanks and Sammy Nelson are also receiving treatment for knocks they received over the Easter holidays. As these Notes were being typed rain was falling quite heavily so that now the holiday is over and everybody has enjoyed the sunniest Easter in living memory, we are hoping the rain will continue for a few days more for the country can do with it badly and the footballers will be able to play much better on the yielding turf, with a consequent easing of injuries.

Thursday, 28th April, 1949

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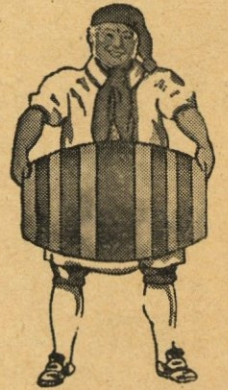
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2 **Wilson** Right Back
4 **Watkins** Right Half
7 **Burtshaw, C.** Outside Right
8 **Taylor** Inside Right

Referee—
MR. S. J. BEASLEY
(Hinkley, Leics.)

11 **Finch** Outside Left
6 **Owen** Left Half
3 **Young** Left Back
10 **Eastham** Inside Left

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Football League—Division II

Duke Goal

3 **Cooke** Left Back

6 **Gardiner** Left Half

5 **Owen** Centre Half

9 **Mulvaney** Centre

10 **Brennan** Inside Left

11 **Waugh** Outside Left



Linesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. W. H. CLAPTON (London)
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8 **H. Parr** Inside Right

7 **Windsor** Outside Right

9 **Dodds** Centre

5 **Emery** Centre Half

4 **Wright** Right Half

2 **Green** Right Back

Jepson Goal

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