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No. 9.

Saturday, November 12th, 1949.

Editor's News and Views

By A. H. ("Jack") GIBBONS

Good Afternoon,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town and in doing so extend our congratulations to their new England International Goalkeeper, Bernard Streten. Congratulations Bernard and let us hope that our lads will show plenty of initiative in front of goal this afternoon and give you some practice. The Bees will have to go all out this afternoon to win as witness Luton's 5-2 victory v. Blackburn last Saturday.

At the time of going to press the search is still on for that player whom I hope to acquire to add that punch to our attack. Negotiations have been proceeding continuously for the past fortnight and let us hope that by the time you read this the results will be known.

Last week at Coventry our lads gave a better all round display than in the previous weeks and, although Coventry claimed a little advantage in the first half, our boys were superior in the second. Indeed in the last 10 minutes Coventry had their backs to the wall and were

thankful for a point when the final whistle went. The game itself produced some very clever moves which did not savour of two teams at the bottom of the league table. It would not be fair to single out any of our lads for special mention as all gave of their best. Bad shooting on one or two occasions spoiled a likely move although no definite chances could be said to have been missed. Viv Woodward deputised for Jimmy Hill, owing to a septic toe and celebrated his return by notching the very important goal. A repetition of each player's efforts as on Saturday last will undoubtedly help us to advance our position in the league table.

London Challenge Cup

At Griffin Park last Monday, the same team as against Coventry, met West Ham in the semi-final of the London Challenge Cup and, as the "Hammers" (who are the present holders) had played their first team in previous rounds and stated their intention of doing the same against the Bees, it was obvious that only

the strongest available Bees' team would be needed to curb any aspirations West Ham had of again appearing in the final, so that both Clubs were fully represented. Before passing on to the game it is interesting to note that in season 1929/30 this Club and West Ham appeared in the final of the Challenge Match at Highbury when West Ham ran out the victors by 2 goals to 1.

The game which was witnessed by about 2,000 spectators provided some really good football—it was indeed "cut" and "thrust"—first one side attacking and then the other. After about fifteen minutes West Ham got the ball into the net only to be ruled "offside", and not to be outdone Brentford followed suit shortly after, and the score at half time was a goalless draw. In the second half we had perhaps a little more of the game which resulted in Billy Dare getting the only goal of the match. In winning this game we now go forward to the final which will be played on neutral ground on Monday, the 17th April, 1950, against the winners of the replay semi-final between Chelsea and Fulham, and we hope that we will again bring the Cup back to Brentford as we did in season 1934/35 when we beat Millwall by 2 goals to 1.

The Reserves

The Reserves met Southampton on Saturday last and were defeated by 2 goals to 1 after a very even game. The Reserves' team comprised—Newton; Gibson, Parker; Sheldon, Bragg, Latimer; Keene, Devonshire, Monk, Jefferies and Bull. Brentford's goal was scored

by Doug Keene. The Reserves are away to-day to Bristol City in Section "B" of the Football Combination.

Injuries

Ted Gaskell heads the Casualty List. Patrons will, I am sure, be glad to know that Ted left Hospital last Friday but is, unfortunately, still confined to bed having contracted a cold. Johnny Paton is still under treatment for a damaged ankle. Jimmy Anders had a game with the "A" team on Wednesday and should be fit for Saturday—Jimmy Hill being on full training as well.

On Wednesday last our "A" team defeated Southend United "A" by 5 goals to 2, our goal scorers being Jordan 2, Coote 1, Francis 1 and Nelson 1.

On Wednesday next the "A" team are at home to Luton Town "A", kick-off 2.45 p.m. Prices of Admission—Adults 1s. 0d., Boys 6d., Stands Extra. Braemar Road entrance only.

OUR VISITORS

To-day we have Luton Town as our visitors and extend to them a very cordial welcome. Luton had a difficult task in climbing the first rungs of the ladder. They first formed in 1885 and gained admission to Division II in 1897, then in 1900, owing to financial troubles, they were forced to resign from the Division II. During 1914/18 War they played in the London Combination and in 1920/21 joined the newly formed Division III. In 1935/36 they gained promotion to Division II. During that year Joe Payne scored 10 goals in one

match at Luton, v. Bristol Rovers, the result being 12 goals to 0 in Luton's favour.

Their leading goal-scorer last season was Arnison with a total of 13 goals. This season Stobbart heads the list with 5 (having scored 4 goals in one match). Past players for Luton include Joe Payne (centre forward) and Simms, the English International. To-day they have three Internationals — Aherne (Irish), Kiernan (Scottish) and Streten. Streten, by the way has been selected to play in the England team v. Ireland on the 16th November.

Dally Duncan joined Luton as Player-Coach in 1946 and later became Player-Manager in 1948. Dally is an old Scottish International and from 1932 to 1938 he represented his country on 12 occasions as outside left and was a regular first choice for Scotland.

Luton had a record attendance (27,319) on October 22nd of this year when they drew 1—1 with 'Spurs.

We are hoping, of course, to improve our position to-day and I know the lads will give of their best, but in any event it should prove a very interesting game and the Best of Luck to both teams.

READERS' PLATFORM

20, Carlyle Road,
South Ealing, W.5.
23rd October, 1949.

Dear Sir,

It doesn't require me to point out that the B's forward line just hasn't come off, much to the disappointment of us all. To blame anyone of them would be a rank injustice,

for individually they are good; they can beat their man, and also tackle with some considerable success, but there it ends. Why Oh! why is it so many passes go astray just at the crucial moment? We cannot keep on blaming over enthusiasm, for by now the youngsters should be able to curb it. It always seems to be a tap which is too weak, or a hefty shot which is far too strong, this seems to me to be the trouble, no power of judging distances from one to the other, especially when nearing goal.

The defence, without a doubt is one of the finest in the Second Division, and I hold my hat out to them all. But they hold my sympathy for being overworked, owing to the inability of the forwards to keep the play in the opponents' half long enough to give the defence the respites which would mean the saving of so many points.

Might I suggest this forward line in the hope of solving our present difficulties from Nos 7 to 11, —, —, —, —, —. Note I have moved — to inside left, the idea being to help steady the forward line up and bring some experience into the centre.

In conclusion I would like to say that I detest certain sections of the crowd who insist upon barracking those unfortunate players who on occasions find the ball doesn't run at all well for them. It is time these people realised the great amount of harm they are doing.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. TIDBURY.

[EDITOR.—It will be appreciated for obvious reasons it is not our policy to print players' names individually and these, therefore, have been deleted. I think this letter is worthy of print being concise and well constructed and needs no further comment from me.]

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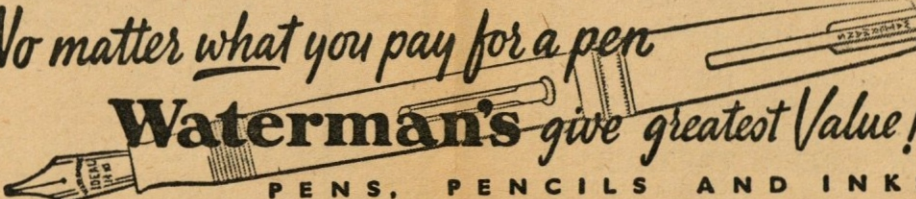
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 E—Fulham v. Bolton Wand.
 F—Huddersfield T. v. Chelsea
 G—Man. City v. Arsenal
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 D—Sheffield W. v. Southampton
 E—Tottenham v. Sheffield Utd.

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 H—Crystal Palace v. Northampton
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 K—Ipswich Town v. Walsall
 L—Leyton O. v. Bristol City
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He is 5ft. 10ins. in height and weighs about 11 st., first playing as an amateur for Chelsea whilst serving as an apprenticed Sign and Glass Writer, at which trade he served five years. On termination of his apprenticeship Ronnie joined the R.A.F. in which he also served five years, seeing service in France and Belgium. He then transferred from

Chelsea to Bradford and was right half in the Bradford team (with "yours truly") which beat Manchester City 8 goals to 2 in the Cup Match with "Swift" in goal. He was also the Captain of the Bradford team which beat Arsenal in the F.A. Cup in 1948.

I was fortunate in my persuasions for Ronnie holds the distinction of being the first "new player" to be signed for Brentford since my appointment, joining us on the 16th March, 1949, and I am sure that those patrons who have witnessed Ronnie's displays at Griffin Park will agree with me that my first venture in the transfer market proved a very successful one. Confirmation of this is to be found in the fact that Ronnie was selected to play in the F.A. XI v. The Army on November 2nd, 1949.

In the close season Ronnie amused himself as a "signer of doors" etc., when the new offices were completed. Actually he did them all and proved that his apprenticeship was not served in vain! In addition he dabbles in decorating and is a keen gardener—in fact quite a handy man.

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AWAY GAMES—COVENTRY

Over a hundred supporters travelled to Coventry on Saturday last to see the Bees gain a point in their game against the City. Two coach loads left early in the morning, whilst the remainder travelled by excursion train later. A new horn with a distinctive note made itself heard all over the ground during the afternoon and was the signal for renewed cheering in support of the Bees. Those members of the first party found time before the match to do some Christmas shopping in the Coventry market by the new statue of Lady Godiva in the town centre.

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" 24	Queen's Park Rangers	A	D 3-3
" 27	Bury	A	W 2-1
" 31	Queen's Park Rangers	A	L 0-2
Sept. 3	Leicester City	H	L 0-1
" 10	Bradford	A	W 2-0
" 14	Blackburn Rovers	H	W 2-0
" 17	Chesterfield	A	D 0-0
" 19	Blackburn Rovers	A	L 1-4
" 24	Plymouth Argyle	A	L 0-2
Oct. 1	Sheffield Wednesday	A	D 1-1
" 8	Preston North End	A	L 0-2
" 15	Swansea Town	A	D 0-0
" 22	Leeds United	A	L 0-1
" 29	Southampton	A	L 0-1
Nov. 5	Coventry City	A	D 1-1
" 12	Luton Town	A	A
" 19	Barnsley	A	A
" 26	(1) West Ham United	A	A
Dec. 3	Sheffield United	A	A
" 10	(2) Grimsby Town	A	A
" 17	Tottenham Hotspur	A	A
" 24	Bury	H	A
" 26	Hull City	H	A
" 27	Hull City	A	A
" 31	Leicester City	A	A
1950			
Jan. 7	(3)		
" 14	Bradford	H	A
" 21	Chesterfield	A	A
" 28	(4)		
Feb. 4	Plymouth Argyle	H	A
" 11	(5)		
" 18	Sheffield Wednesday	A	A
" 25	Preston North End	A	A
Mar. 4	(6) Swansea Town	A	A
" 11	Leeds United	A	A
" 18	Southampton	A	A
" 25	(S.F.) Coventry City	A	A
April 7	West Ham United	A	A
" 8	Cardiff City	A	A
" 10	Sheffield United	A	A
" 15	Cardiff City	A	A
" 15	Luton Town	A	A
" 22	Barnsley	A	A
" 29	(F.) Grimsby Town	A	A
May 6			

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1949			Result
Aug. 20	Bournemouth & Bos.	A	L 0-6
" 24	Watford	H	W 6-0
" 27	Charlton Athletic	H	L 0-1
" 29	Tottenham Hotspur	A	L 0-5
Sept. 3	Portsmouth	A	L 0-1
" 8	Watford	A	W 2-1
" 10	Tottenham Hotspur	H	D 0-0
" 17	Plymouth Argyle	A	L 1-2
" 21	Plymouth Argyle	H	W 2-1
" 24	Swindon Town	A	D 3-3
" 28	Portsmouth	H	W 3-0
Oct. 1			
" 5	Swindon Town	H	L 0-1
" 8	Brighton & Hove A.	H	W 1-0
" 15	Aldershot	A	D 0-0
" 22	Bristol City	H	D 0-0
" 29	Chelsea	A	L 1-2
Nov. 5	Southampton	H	L 1-2
" 12	Bristol City	A	A
" 19	Norwich City	A	A
" 26	Southampton	A	A
Dec. 3	West Ham United	H	A
" 10	Norwich City	A	A
" 17	Bournemouth & Bos.	H	A
" 24	Charlton Athletic	A	A
" 26	Ipswich Town	A	A
" 27	Ipswich Town	H	A
" 31	Tottenham Hotspur	H	A
1950			
Jan. 7	Chelsea	A	A
" 14	Tottenham Hotspur	A	A
" 21	Crystal Palace	H	A
" 28	Southend United	H	A
Feb. 4	Crystal Palace	A	A
" 11			
" 18	Brighton & Hove A.	H	A
" 25	Arsenal	A	A
Mar. 4	Queen's Park Rangers	A	A
" 11	Brighton & Hove A.	A	A
" 18	Chelsea	H	A
" 25	Queen's Park Rangers	A	A
April 1	Arsenal	A	A
" 7	West Ham United	A	A
" 8			
" 12	Southend United	A	A
" 15	Aldershot	H	A
" 22	Brighton & Hove A.	A	A
" 29	Chelsea	H	A

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