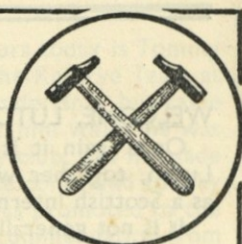


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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Division II

SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1949

Kick-off 2.15 p.m

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Div. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	20	17	2	1	53	14	36
Sheffield Wednesday	19	11	5	3	37	23	27
Hull City	20	12	2	6	41	39	26
Southampton	19	8	7	4	30	23	23
Sheffield United	21	7	9	5	30	31	23
Bury	20	9	4	7	41	29	22
Preston North End	21	7	7	7	28	25	21
West Ham United	20	8	5	7	29	28	21
Chesterfield	21	8	5	8	21	25	21
Blackburn Rovers	21	9	2	10	31	32	20
Barnsley	20	7	6	7	33	35	20
Swansea Town	20	7	5	8	25	28	19
Leeds United	21	6	7	8	21	25	19
Luton Town	20	5	9	6	20	24	19
Cardiff City	19	7	4	8	20	22	18
Brentford	21	6	6	9	17	26	18
Grimsby Town	20	7	3	10	37	39	17
Leicester City	21	4	8	9	30	35	16
Coventry City	19	5	5	9	28	33	15
Bradford	20	5	5	10	28	41	15
Plymouth Argyle	20	4	6	10	25	38	14
Queen's Park Rangers	21	4	6	11	19	29	14

Tables up to and including December 16

COMBINATION — Section B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich City	22	15	1	6	61	27	31
Charlton Athletic	21	11	6	4	45	29	28
West Ham United	23	10	8	5	46	31	28
Chelsea	21	12	4	5	32	22	28
Plymouth Argyle	21	12	2	7	43	34	26
Tottenham Hotspur	21	9	6	6	42	32	24
Swindon Town	21	9	6	6	38	30	24
Brighton & Hove Alb.	22	10	4	8	41	36	24
Southampton	22	9	5	8	46	43	23
Bournemouth & Bosc.	22	8	4	10	42	42	20
Ipswich Town	21	8	3	10	33	39	19
Bristol City	20	6	6	8	27	29	18
Portsmouth	21	6	5	10	24	38	17
Brentford	22	5	5	12	27	38	15
Aldershot	20	4	3	13	35	60	11
Watford	22	3	0	19	13	65	6

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	21	12	4	5	34	25	28
Swansea Town	22	10	6	6	42	37	26
Birmingham City	21	10	5	6	43	29	25
Millwall	22	9	6	7	37	27	24

LEADING POSITIONS

NOTES

WELCOME, LUTON !

Once again it is our pleasure to welcome our near-neighbours from Luton, together with their manager — Dally Duncan, formerly known as a Scottish International winger of repute with Derby County.

It is not generally known that the Luton club competed in Division II as far back as 1897-98 season, although they dropped out after three campaigns. The Bedfordshire club rejoined the Football League in 1920, when Division III (South) was formed. Although we had previously met in the Southern League, it was not until 1937-38 that the Hatters and Hammers met in the Football League, following Luton's promotion at the end of the previous season.

Our eleven meetings in the Second Division have so far produced five drawn games, the remaining encounters resulting in three wins for each club. Strangely enough, in none of these clashes has there ever been more than one goal between the sides. However, having shared four goals at Kenilworth Road in the opening game of this season, we are hoping that our lads will take the lead in the series.

Last season's League games ended in a 1-0 win for the away team on each ground, although sandwiched between these was a 3-1 F.A Cup win for the Hatters. As you will probably recall, our visitors finally succumbed in the Fourth Round of the national knock-out tournament to Leicester City after two terrific tussles, a 5-5 draw at Luton being followed by a 5-3 score in the return.

Of their ten home games this season Luton have won four and drawn five, their sole defeat being by 0-3 at the hands of Hull City. However, although drawing four of their ten away games, it was not until last Saturday that they gained a victory on opposing territory, a single tally sufficing at Chesterfield.

LAST SATURDAY

A very good first-half display at Hillsborough last Saturday nevertheless ended with a 2-1 interval score in favour of the homesters. Our lone counter was a really fine goal netted by Don Wade, though we were a trifle unfortunate not to completely nullify the Owls' two goal lead they had obtained early on. However, during the second-half the present runners-up gave adequate proof of their ability to hold that position, and but for a stubborn defence (including a brilliant display by Ernie Gregory) they would have emphasised their deserved success. Our XI certainly has no need to be crestfallen over its defeat at the hands of such a fine team, who on such form are worthy of the higher status for which they are so strongly striving.

THE RESERVES

When our Reserves met Charlton Athletic Reserves at The Valley a month ago we remarked that the soccer was above normal Combination standard. The return game here last Saturday was nearly as good. This was to be somewhat expected, for the visiting XI included a very large proportion of players with First Division experience. Another drawn game resulted and, as on the previous occasion, it was a fair reflection of the play. Ken Bainbridge was the scorer. This was, incidentally, our second-string's seventh successive game without defeat.

TOMMY SOUTHREN

Making his first professional appearance in our colours today is Tommy Southren, who occupies the right-wing position in the Reserve Team at Swindon. Tommy was born at Southwick, near Sunderland, but came south with his parents ten years ago. We spotted him whilst he was playing for Peartree Old Boys, a Welwyn Garden City club, and he made regular appearances in our 'A' Team last season. He continued to play at outside-right for our third-string this season but was promoted to the Combination side three Saturdays ago, and earned commendation from those present here last week. We wish Tommy every success in his new sphere.

THE F.A CUP

The draw for the F.A Cup caused the usual interest and excitement. A home draw for us was naturally greeted with approval, and we are hopeful that we shall go into the hat for the Fourth Round.

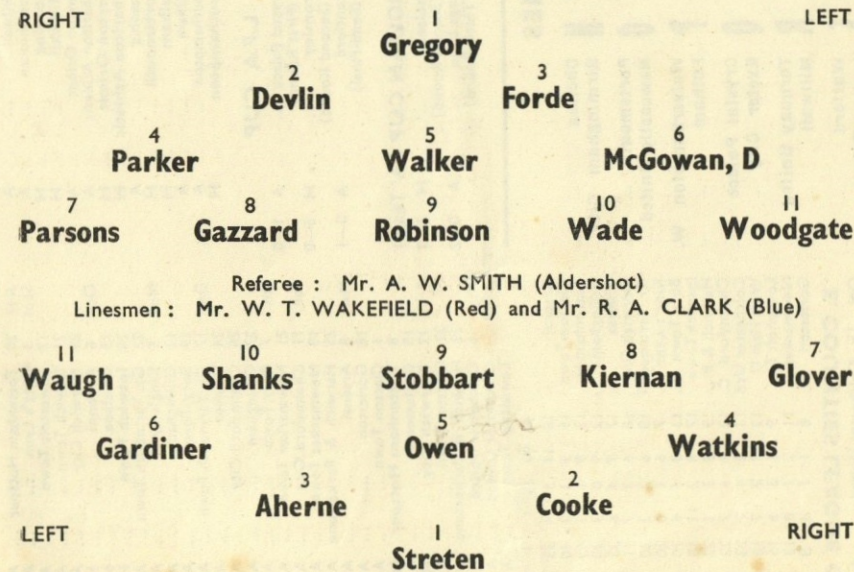
It has been decided to reserve C Block in its entirety the price of seats being 5/- each. All applicants are requested to ensure that their remittance is accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, and those doing so will receive first consideration. Season Ticket holders are reminded that they may reserve their normal seats in the same way, though their application must be made before Wednesday, 4th January.

All other prices of admission are also as for League matches.

Saturday next, 24th December at 2.15 p.m. Football Combination
WEST HAM UNITED Reserves v BRISTOL CITY Reserves
 Monday, 26th December at 2.15 p.m. Football League
WEST HAM UNITED v SWANSEA TOWN

WEST HAM UNITED

Colours : Claret and Light Blue



LUTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Div. II

Date	Opponents	Gnd R	Site
Aug. 20	Luton Town ...	A 2-2	
22	Leeds United ...	H 3-1	
27	Barnsley ...	H 2-1	
31	Leeds United ...	A 3-0	
Sept. 3	Plymouth Argyle ...	A 1-2	
10	Southampton ...	H 0-0	
17	Sheffield United ...	A 4-3	
24	Grimsby Town ...	H 1-0	
Oct. 1	Queens Park Rangers ...	A 0-3	
8	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	
15	Bradford ...	A 2-2	
22	Leicester City ...	H 1-3	
29	Bury ...	A 0-0	
Nov. 5	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A 0-0	
12	Cardiff City ...	H 2-0	
19	Blackburn Rovers ...	A 0-2	
26	Brentford ...	H 2-0	
Dec. 3	Hull City ...	A 1-1	
10	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 2-1	
17	Luton Town ...	A 1-2	
24	Barnsley ...	H 1-1	
31	Swansea Town ...	A 1-1	
Jan. 7	Plymouth Argyle ...	H 1-1	
14	Sheffield United ...	A 1-1	
21	Grimsby Park Rangers ...	H 1-1	
28	Queen's Park Rangers ...	A 1-1	
Feb. 4	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	
11	Sheffield Wednesday ...	A 1-1	
18	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	
25	Sheffield Wednesday ...	A 1-1	
Mar. 4	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	
11	Sheffield Wednesday ...	A 1-1	
18	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	
25	Sheffield Wednesday ...	A 1-1	
Apr. 1	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	
8	Sheffield Wednesday ...	A 1-1	
15	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	
22	Sheffield Wednesday ...	A 1-1	
29	Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1-1	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Gnd R	Site
Aug. 20	Swindon Town ...	H 3-2	
24	Brighton & Hove Alb. ...	A 1-1	
27	Southampton ...	A 1-1	
29	Norwich City ...	H 1-2	
Sept. 3	Southampton ...	H 6-1	
10	Aldershot ...	H 2-2	
17	Brighton & Hove Alb. ...	H 1-1	
24	Bournemouth & Bosc. ...	A 1-0	
Oct. 1	Bournemouth & Bosc. ...	A 0-2	
8	Watford ...	A 1-1	
15	Watford ...	A 1-1	
22	Watford ...	A 1-1	
29	Watford ...	A 1-1	
Nov. 5	Watford ...	A 1-1	
12	Watford ...	A 1-1	
19	Watford ...	A 1-1	
26	Watford ...	A 1-1	
Dec. 3	Watford ...	A 1-1	
10	Watford ...	A 1-1	
17	Watford ...	A 1-1	
24	Watford ...	A 1-1	
31	Watford ...	A 1-1	
Jan. 7	Watford ...	A 1-1	
14	Watford ...	A 1-1	
21	Watford ...	A 1-1	
28	Watford ...	A 1-1	
Feb. 4	Watford ...	A 1-1	
11	Watford ...	A 1-1	
18	Watford ...	A 1-1	
25	Watford ...	A 1-1	
Mar. 4	Watford ...	A 1-1	
11	Watford ...	A 1-1	
18	Watford ...	A 1-1	
25	Watford ...	A 1-1	
Apr. 1	Watford ...	A 1-1	
8	Watford ...	A 1-1	
15	Watford ...	A 1-1	
22	Watford ...	A 1-1	
29	Watford ...	A 1-1	

F.BALL COMBINATION CUP

Date	Opponents	Gnd R	Site
Dec. 31	Millwall ...	A	
Jan. 14	Portsmouth ...	A	
28	Reading ...	A	
Feb. 28	Millwall ...	A	
Mar. 11	Leiston Orient ...	A	
18	Leiston Orient ...	A	
25	Leiston Orient ...	A	
Apr. 1	Leiston Orient ...	A	
8	Leiston Orient ...	A	
15	Leiston Orient ...	A	
22	Leiston Orient ...	A	
29	Leiston Orient ...	A	
Oct. 6	Leiston Orient ...	A	
13	Leiston Orient ...	A	
20	Leiston Orient ...	A	
27	Leiston Orient ...	A	
Nov. 3	Leiston Orient ...	A	
10	Leiston Orient ...	A	
17	Leiston Orient ...	A	
24	Leiston Orient ...	A	
Dec. 1	Leiston Orient ...	A	
8	Leiston Orient ...	A	
15	Leiston Orient ...	A	
22	Leiston Orient ...	A	
29	Leiston Orient ...	A	

EASTERN COUNTIES LG.

Date	Opponents	Gnd R	Site
Aug. 20	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A 1-3	
27	King's Lynn ...	A 1-3	
Sept. 3	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
10	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
17	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
24	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
Oct. 1	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
8	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
15	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
22	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
29	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
Nov. 5	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
12	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
19	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
26	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
Dec. 3	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
10	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
17	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
24	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
31	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
Jan. 7	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
14	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
21	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
28	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
Feb. 4	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
11	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
18	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
25	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
Mar. 4	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
11	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
18	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
25	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
Apr. 1	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
8	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
15	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
22	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	
29	Leiston Orient ...	A 1-2	

TODAY'S HALF-TIMES

Team	Opponent	Time
A Plymouth Argyle	Preston North End	3.00
B Bury	Queens Pk. Rangers	3.00
C Cardiff City	Leeds United	3.00
D Barnsley	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00
E Grimsby Town	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00
F Sheffield Wednesday	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00
G Swansea Town	Swansea Town	3.00
H Queens Pk. Rangers	Queens Pk. Rangers	3.00
I Arsenal	Arsenal	3.00
J Tottenham Hotspur	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00
K Brentford	Brentford	3.00
L Burnley	Burnley	3.00
M Charlton Athletic	Charlton Athletic	3.00
N Birmingham City	Birmingham City	3.00
O Portsmouth	Portsmouth	3.00
P Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton	3.00
Q Exeter City	Exeter City	3.00
R Torquay United	Torquay United	3.00
S Watford	Watford	3.00
T Leyton Orient	Leyton Orient	3.00

EAST ANGLIAN CUP (A Team)

Date	Opponents	Gnd R	Site
Sept. 1	Chelmsford ...	H 3-2	
Dec. 3	Chelmsford ...	A 0-2	

L.F.A CUP

Date	Opponents	Gnd R	Site
Oct. 10	Crystal Palace ...	A 1-0	
24	Bromley ...	H 5-0	
Nov. 7	Brentford ...	A 0-1	

E. COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP

Date	Opponents	Gnd R	Site
Oct. 15	Colchester United ...	A 1-1	
29	Colchester United ...	A 1-1	