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And so today we wish the Board and Players,

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A Merry Christmas, A Happy New Year, and lots of fun

So far this season we have not had the best of luck

But at home and away we know the Boys have pluck

So now we say: all the best "Lilywhites"

And today go all out full of fight

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Finally here are some notes of the players who will be wearing the "Saints" colours today.

Black, Ian (Goalkeeper). Born in Aberdeen. At the age of 19 played for Chelsea in the English Cup Final against Millwall. Guested for the "Saints" during the war. Now holds the record for being capped for his country after only three months as a full time professional—Scotland v. England, 17-4-48.

Ellerington, William (Right Back). Born in Southampton. Played for Sunderland School-boys. Three times capped for England Boys. Played for England in the "B" Team at Helsinki, v. Finland, on May 14th, 1949. Played for England in the "A" Team at Oslo, v. Norway, on May 18th, 1949. Played for England in the "A" Team at Paris, v. Paris, on May 22nd, 1949.

Rochford, William (Left Back). Born in Durham. Played for England against Ireland in 1936. Played for Portsmouth in English Cup Final against Wolves in 1939. Played for Portsmouth in English Cup Final against Brentford in 1943. Signed for Southampton 1946 and has captained the first team ever since.

Curtis, George (Right Half). Now plays right half back, was formally a forward. Born at Grays, Essex. Signed for Arsenal at the age of 17. Transferred to Southampton 12-8-47.

Webber, Eric (Centre Half). Born in Portslade. Started on the Southampton Ground Staff before the war. Served six years in the R.A.F. Returned to Southampton as professional footballer after the war.

Mallett, Joseph (Left Half). Born in Gateshead. Joined Charlton at the age of 17. Went to Queens Park Rangers in 1939. Signed for Southampton 27-2-47.

Day, Eric (Outside Right). Born in Dartford. Played for R.A.F. during the war. Signed for Southampton 25-4-45.

Bates, Edric Thornton. Wing Forward at present playing Inside Right. Born in Thetford. Joined Norwich City Ground Staff at the age of 16. Transferred to Southampton in 1937.

Wayman, Charles (Centre Forward). Born in Bishop Auckland. Guest player for Portsmouth during the war. Went to Newcastle and was top goal-scorer season 1946-47. Transferred to Southampton 30-10-47, and scored 32 goals for the "Saints" last season making him leading goal scorer of the four leagues.

Edwards, Jack (Inside Left). Born in Salford, Lancs. Signed for Nottingham Forest 1945, transferred to Southampton 24-6-49.

Jones, William Ernest Arthur (Outside Left). Born in Swansea. Transferred from Tottenham Hotspur in May, 1949, for a high fee.

First of all we hope all our Supporters are enjoying a Happy Christmas; that you had a good time yesterday and that you will be able to continue your festivities with the good news that our lads have obtained two more points today.

Now a welcome to our visitors. Southampton, whom we greet very cordially, are always attractive opposition here and we could ask for nothing better than to meet them on this Boxing Day. As usual they have a strong team and this season hope to go one better than they did last when they so narrowly missed promotion. Accompanying the team will no doubt be Mr. Sid Cann, who has very recently been appointed Secretary-Manager of the Southampton Club from the position of Manager upon the retirement of Mr. Sarjantson. We extend a special welcome to Mr. Cann on his first visit to Kenilworth Road in his new capacity and we at Luton wish him all the best.

Having to write these notes long before Xmas we cannot pass any comment on how our lads fared on Saturday last against Sheffield United. We of course hope full points were secured, in which case Christmas Day was all the brighter, especially if we were able to put our goal average on the right side. Tomorrow the first team wind up their Xmas programme of three matches in four days by visiting the Dell, Southampton, and so return the compliment of today's visit.

Our Reserves were idle last Saturday but today have travelled to Highbury to meet the Arsenal's second string. Tomorrow they play their only home Xmas game against Swansea Town, kick-off 2.30 p.m., and on Saturday finish the year with their first game in the Football Combination Cup with a visit from Northampton Reserves. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

1950 will soon be upon us and this brings to our minds an item of interest. Last year both our first and second teams greeted 1949 with the happy thought that both were unbeaten at home. Alas, we cannot repeat the good news this year as our first team went under to Hull City and the Stiffs failed to collect any points when Birmingham, Bristol Rovers and Leicester City visited Kenilworth Road. The Reserves however well and truly beat Reading here a week last Saturday by four goals to one. What a difference Billy Arnison made to the team on that day when he was played to test his injured knee. His two goals were real gems, particularly the second, which went into the net like a rocket from outside the penalty box, the goalkeeper just not able to move an inch to the ball it was travelling so fast. It just showed what a handicap we have been suffering under so far this season with both Arnison and Kiernan not able to play through injuries. There is no doubt that if both these players had been fit right through the season we would be in a much better position than we are today. At the time these notes were being prepared Billy Arnison's knee was still not right but all concerned with it were working very hard and we do hope he has been able to take his place on the field over Xmas.

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2 **Cooke** Right Back
4 **Watkins** Right Half
7 **Glover** Outside Right
8 **Kiernan** Inside Right

Referee—
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11 **Jones** Outside Left
WHEATLEY Left Half
BATES Inside Left
BALLARD Left Back

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Goal: **Streten**

5 **Owen** Centre Half
9 **Stobart** Centre

Wayman Centre
5 **Webber** Centre Half

Goal: **Black**

Football League—Division II

3 **Aherne, T.** Left Back
6 **Gardiner** Left Half
10 **Shanks** Inside Left
11 **Waugh** Outside Left

Linesmen—
Blue Flag: Mr. G. M. JARVIS (London)
Red Flag: Mr. A. J. HAMMOND (Romford)

7 **Day** Outside Right
4 **Curtis** Right Half
WILKINS Right Back

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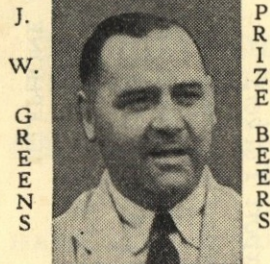
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FIRST XI Division II		F. A.		RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination		F. A.	
		1948/49		1948/49			
Sat., Aug. 20	West Ham United	0 1	H 2 2	Sat., Aug. 20	Reading	3 0	A 0 0
Wed., " 24	Coventry City	2 0	H 2 0	Mon., " 22	Millwall	...	A 1 3
Sat., " 27	Sheffield United	...	A 2 2	Sat., " 27	Southend United	...	H 0 1
Mon., " 29	Coventry City	0 2	A 0 1	Wed., " 31	Coventry City	...	H 4 1
Sat., Sept. 3	Grimsby Town	1 1	H 0 0	Sat., Sept. 3	Northampton Town	3 2	A 3 3
Wed., " 7	Bradford	1 4	A 0 1	Wed., " 7	Queens Park Rangers	5 2	H 1 0
Sat., " 10	Queens Park Rangers	3 0	A 0 3	Sat., " 10	Northampton Town	5 2	H 1 0
" " 17	Preston North End	...	H 1 1	Wed., " 14	Birmingham City	2 0	H 0 2
" " 24	Swansea Town	...	A 0 0	Sat., " 17	Swansea Town	0 3	A 1 1
Sat., Oct. 1	Leeds United	0 0	H 1 0	Wed., " 21	Birmingham City	3 1	A 2 0
" " 8	Leicester City	1 1	H 1 0	Sat., " 24	Arsenal	...	H 2 0
" " 15	Bury	1 3	A 2 5	Mon., " 26	Coventry City	...	A 1 1
" " 22	Tottenham Hotspur	1 1	H 1 1	Sat., Oct. 1	Queens Park Rangers	2 1	A 3 2
" " 29	Cardiff City	3 3	A 0 0	" " 8	Southend United	...	A 1 0
Sat., Nov. 5	Blackburn Rovers	2 0	H 5 2	" " 15	Fulham	...	H 3 1
" " 12	Brentford	...	0 2 A 0 1	" " 22	Crystal Palace	...	A 0 0
" " 19	Hull City	...	H 0 3	" " 29	Cardiff City	...	H 0 0
" " 26	Sheffield Wednesday	0 0	A 1 1	Sat., Nov. 5	Bristol Rovers	...	A 0 0
Sat., Dec. 3	Plymouth Argyle	3 1	H 1 1	" " 12	Leyton Orient	5 0	A 2 1
" " 10	Chesterfield	0 1	A 1 0	" " 19	Leicester City	...	A 0 3
" " 17	West Ham United	1 0	A 0 0	" " 26	Bristol Rovers	9 0	H 4 5
" " 24	Sheffield United	...	H	Sat., Dec. 3	Leyton Orient	3 2	A 2 3
Mon., " 26	Southampton	1 1	H	" " 10	Leicester City	...	H 0 3
Tues., " 27	Southampton	1 1	A	" " 17	Reading	3 2	H 4 1
Sat., " 31	Grimsby Town	1 2	A	Mon., " 24	Arsenal	...	A
Sat., Jan. 7	Grimsby T. (F.A. Cup-3)	...	H	Tues., " 27	Swansea Town	1 1	H
" " 14	Queens Park Rangers	0 0	H	Mon., Apr. 10	Millwall	...	H
" " 21	Preston North End	...	A	Sat., " 15	Fulham	...	A
" " 28	F.A. Cup-Round 4	...	A	" " 22	Crystal Palace	...	A
Sat., Feb. 4	Swansea Town	...	H	" " 29	Cardiff City	...	A
" " 11	F.A. Cup-Round 5	...	H	Combination Cup			
" " 18	Leeds United	0 2	A	Sat., Dec. 31	Northampton Town	2 1	H
" " 25	Leicester City	1 1	A	Sat., Jan. 7	Birmingham City	3 2	A
Sat., Mar. 4	Bury	1 0	H	" " 14	Norwich City	2 3	A
" " 11	Tottenham Hotspur	1 2	A	" " 21	Watford	2 0	H
" " 18	Cardiff City	3 0	H	" " 28			
" " 25	Blackburn Rovers	1 4	A	Sat., Feb. 4	Leicester City	0 0	A
Sat., Apr. 1	Sheffield Wednesday	2 1	H	" " 11	Birmingham City	3 0	H
Fri., " 7	Barnsley	1 0	H	" " 18	Norwich City	3 1	H
Sat., " 8	Plymouth Argyle	1 1	A	" " 25	Ipswich Town	2 2	H
Mon., " 10	Barnsley	2 1	A	Sat., Mar. 4	Leicester City	1 1	H
Sat., " 15	Brentford	2 1	H	" " 11			
" " 22	Hull City	...	A	" " 18	Northampton Town	2 1	A
" " 29	Chesterfield	1 0	H	Sat., Apr. 1	Watford	1 0	A
Tues., May 6	Bradford	0 1	H	Fri., " 7	Ipswich Town	0 0	A
				Sat., " 8	Coventry City	1 0	H
				To be arranged	Coventry City	2 2	A

LEAGUE TABLES, 1949-50 (Up to and including Saturday, 17th December)

LEAGUE DIVISION II											FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"										
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.		Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.						
Tottenham Hotspur	21	17	3	1	54	15	37	Fulham	...	22	13	4	5	36	26	30					
Sheffield Wednesday	20	11	6	3	39	25	28	Millwall Athletic	...	23	10	6	7	39	27	26					
Hull City	21	12	3	6	41	39	27	Swansea Town	...	23	10	6	7	44	41	26					
SOUTHAMPTON	20	8	8	4	31	24	24	Arsenal	...	23	11	3	9	47	26	25					
Sheffield United	22	7	10	5	31	32	24	Birmingham City	...	22	10	5	7	45	32	25					
Bury	21	9	5	7	41	29	23	LUTON TOWN	...	24	9	7	8	35	35	25					
Chesterfield	22	9	5	8	22	25	23	Crystal Palace	...	23	10	5	8	31	32	25					
Preston North End	22	8	7	7	30	26	23	Reading	...	23	9	5	9	40	42	23					
West Ham United	21	8	6	7	29	28	22	Southend United	...	22	10	3	9	28	30	23					
Cardiff City	20	8	4	8	22	23	20	Coventry City	...	23	7	7	9	34	42	21					
Blackburn Rovers	22	9	2	11	32	34	20	Bristol Rovers	...	22	8	5	9	38	50	21					
Barnsley	21	7	6	8	33	36	20	Cardiff City	...	22	7	6	9	34	34	20					
Leeds United	22	6	8	8	22	26	20	Queens Park Rangers	...	23	8	4	11	38	40	20					
LUTON TOWN	21	5	10	6	20	24	20	Leicester City	...	23	6	8	9	25	30	20					
Swansea Town	21	7	5	9	26	30	19	Northampton Town	...	21	6	4	11	36	45	16					
Brentford	22	6	7	9	18	27	19	Leyton Orient	...	23	5	6	12	32	50	16					
Grimsby Town	21	7	4	10	38	40	18														
Leicester City	22	4	9	9	32	37	17														
Bradford	21	6	5	10	31	43	17														
Coventry City	20	5	6	9	29	34	16														
Queens Park Rangers	22	4	7	11	20	30	15														
Plymouth Argyle	21	4	6	11	27	41	14														

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