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So they shouted kick it before it is too late

We know it's easy to say, but harder to create

The fishermen of Grimsby tried to fill up their trawler

But sorry to say we wanted one a trifle smaller

So believe in today and never despair

And trust that the Rangers won't give us more to bear

We hope for the best though it's hidden from view

And that is the spirit that will carry us through

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CLUB NOTES

It has been a very quiet week at Kenilworth Road after our summarily dismissal from the Cup, last Saturday. To lose a match after enjoying at least seventy-five per cent of the play seems an injustice but as it is goals that count and not territorial advantage, and rightly so, then we had to admit defeat as we scored one goal less than our opponents. When that last corner kick was being taken in the last few seconds we had visions of another finish similar to that on the last Cup Tie played on this ground when Lee, Leicester City's centre forward, nodded one in from a corner in the last minute to make the score five goals all. Unfortunately for us the vision soon was dispelled and so we left the ground talking about those last-minute goals of Tommy Kiernan's which nearly pulled the game out of the fire for us, and those four opportunist goals of Tommy Briggs which put paid to our hopes of a long trail in the Cup this year. We saw some good football and a very clean game, well-handled by Mr. Holland, the referee, and with that we must say good-bye to the Cup for another year, except to say that the last time we were dismissed in the Third Round was against Arsenal in season 1933-34, when the "Gunnery" came here and defeated us by the only goal scored by Dunn, their centre forward.

Our early dismissal from the Cup may in itself be really a blessing in disguise for it does enable us now to give our undivided attention to improving our position in the League. The fact that we have obtained only one point out of the last eight has made our position look very precarious and no matter how far we advanced in the Cup, if it was to be at the expense of losing our position in the Second League, then it would not have been worth it. It is a surprising thing that the bottom seven Clubs of the Second Division are already out of the Cup and no doubt have all got the same idea of climbing higher in the Table. The struggle is therefore going to be a very stiff one but we are quite sure our lads will pull us safely out of the danger zone.

Our opponents of today are one of those seven already mentioned so we can expect a very hard fight here this afternoon. Out of their last three away League fixtures Queens Park Rangers have

picked up four points so that we are not approaching our game with them today with the feeling that the points are already as good as in the bag. We feel of course that we shall be on the winning side when the final whistle blows but that it won't be done without a terrific struggle we are the first to admit. It will therefore be fought as keenly as any Cup Tie and as everyone enjoys a good fight you should all have your money's worth today.

Queens Park Rangers have made some drastic changes in their team for today's game compared with the one which did duty for them last Saturday against Everton in the Cup, which the "Toffeemen" won by two clear goals. Like us they are looking for a forward line which will add to their "goals for" column and so their forward line today reads Neary, McEwan, Best, Mills and Wardle, as compared to last week's line up of Wardle, McEwan, Neary, Best and Hudson. Only McEwan therefore keeps his place, and it is noted that they are playing Mills on his return to Loftus Road after being loaned to Torquay United for a spell.

The Stiffs at Norwich today have a difficult match to face for the City Reserves are going great guns these days and are present leaders of Section B of the Combination Tables. In the 25 games they have played so far they have scored 70 goals with only 28 against, so that if our lads come away with any share of the spoils we shall feel they have done very well.

We give a welcome to Iorwerth Hughes on his first appearance in the senior side and trust he has a good game. If he plays as well today as he has been playing in the Reserves so far this season then there will be no need to worry about this last line in the defence, for some of his displays have been very sound.

Do not forget that on Saturday morning next, kick-off 11 a.m., the Army Cadet Force are holding an International Match on this ground between England and Scotland. The players selected to play in this match are between the ages of 16 and 18, and most of them are already on the books of professional clubs and have earned their places in their respective sides after being watched several times. Mr. Percy Stevens, the well-known Luton referee, has kindly agreed to officiate, with Mr. S. A. Ashton of Dunstable as the home linesman. It should prove to be a very enjoyable game.

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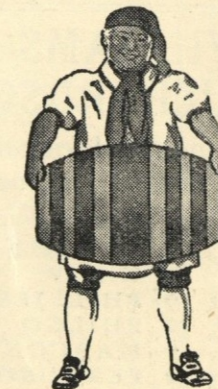
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11 **Wardle** Outside Left
6 **Farrow** Left Half
10 **Mills** Inside Left

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9 **Bast** Centre

5 **Chapman** Centre Half

Allen Goal

Football League—Division II

3 **Aherne, T.** Left Back

6 **Owen** Left Half

10 **Watkins** Inside Left

11 **Waugh** Outside Left

Linesmen—
Blue Flag: Mr. L. W. PARKER (Croxley Green)
Red Flag: Mr. W. C. WEIR (Gillingham)

8 **McEwan** Inside Right

7 **Neary** Outside Right

4 **Hatton** Right Half

2 **Powell** Right Back

Kick - Off 2.45 p.m.

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A ARSENAL	HUDDERSFIELD
B BIRMINGHAM	SUNDERLAND
C BLACKPOOL	ASTON VILLA
D NEWCASTLE U.	.....	CHARLTON A.	.....
E WEST BROM.	.....	STOKE CITY	.....
F FULHAM	.....	MANCH. CITY	.....
G MANCH. UN.	.....	CHELSEA	.....
H MIDDLESBRO'	.....	WOLVES	.....
K BOLTON WAN	.....	LIVERPOOL	.....
L DERBY CO'NTY	.....	BURNLEY	.....
M EVERTON	.....	PORTSMOUTH	.....
N WEST HAM U.	.....	SHEFFIELD UN	.....

SECOND LIST

A LEEDS UNITED	.....	TOTTENHAM	.....
B WEDNESDAY	.....	PLYMOUTH AR.	.....
C SOUTHAMPTON	.....	SWANSEA T.	.....
D BARNLEY	.....	GRIMSBY T.	.....
E BLACKBURN R.	.....	LEICESTER C.	.....
F BRENTFORD	.....	BRADFORD	.....
G CARDIFF C.	.....	BURY	.....
H COVENTRY C.	.....	PRESTON N. E.	.....
K HULL CITY	CHESTERFIELD
L SWINDON T.	NOTTS. FOR.
M TORQUAY U.	ALDERSHOT T.
N WALSALL	NORWICH C.

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FIXTURES, 1949-50

FIRST XI Division II

Sat., Aug. 20	West Ham United	...	0 1 H 2 2
Wed., " 24	Coventry City	...	2 0 H 2 0
Sat., " 27	Sheffield United	...	... A 2 2
Mon., " 29	Coventry City	...	0 2 A 0 1
Sat., Sept. 3	Grimsby Town	...	1 1 H 0 0
Wed., " 7	Bradford	...	1 4 A 0 1
Sat., " 10	Queens Park Rangers	...	3 0 A 0 3
" 17	Preston North End	...	... H 1 1
" 24	Swansea Town	...	... A 0 0
Sat., Oct. 1	Leeds United	...	0 0 H 1 0
" 8	Leicester City	...	1 1 H 1 0
" 15	Bury	...	1 3 A 2 5
" 22	Tottenham Hotspur	...	1 1 H 1 1
" 29	Cardiff City	...	3 3 A 0 0
Sat., Nov. 5	Blackburn Rovers	...	2 0 H 5 2
" 12	Brentford	...	0 2 A 0 1
" 19	Hull City	...	... H 0 3
" 26	Sheffield Wednesday	...	0 0 A 1 1
Sat., Dec. 3	Plymouth Argyle	...	3 1 H 1 1
" 10	Chesterfield	...	0 1 A 1 0
" 17	West Ham United	...	1 0 A 0 0
" 24	Sheffield United	...	... H 1 3
Mon., " 26	Southampton	...	1 1 H 1 1
Tues., " 27	Southampton	...	1 1 A 1 2
Sat., " 31	Grimsby Town	...	1 2 A 1 6
Sat., Jan. 7	Grimsby T. (F.A. Cup-3)	...	3 4
" 14	Queens Park Rangers	...	0 0 H
" 21	Preston North End	...	... A
" 28	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...
Sat., Feb. 4	Swansea Town	...	... H
" 11	F.A. Cup—Round 5	...	...
" 18	Leeds United	...	0 2 A
" 25	Leicester City	...	1 1 A
Sat., Mar. 4	Bury	...	1 0 H
" 11	Tottenham Hotspur	...	1 2 A
" 18	Cardiff City	...	3 0 H
" 25	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 4 A
Sat., Apr. 1	Sheffield Wednesday	...	2 1 H
Fri., " 7	Barnsley	...	1 0 H
Sat., " 8	Plymouth Argyle	...	1 1 A
Mon., " 10	Barnsley	...	2 1 A
Sat., " 15	Brentford	...	2 1 H
" 22	Hull City	...	... A
" 29	Chesterfield	...	1 0 H
Tues., May 6	Bradford	...	0 1 H

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

Sat., Aug. 20	Reading	...	3 0 A 0 0
Mon., " 22	Millwall	...	... A 1 3
Sat., " 27	Southend United	...	... H 0 0
Wed., " 31	Coventry City	...	... H 4 1
Sat., Sept. 3	Northampton Town	...	3 2 A 3 3
Wed., " 7	Queens Park Rangers	...	5 2 H 1 0
Sat., " 10	Northampton Town	...	5 2 H 1 0
Wed., " 14	Birmingham City	...	2 0 H 0 2
Sat., " 17	Swansea Town	...	0 3 A 1 1
Wed., " 21	Birmingham City	...	3 1 A 2 4
Sat., " 24	Arsenal	...	... H 2 0
Mon., " 26	Coventry City	...	... A 1 1
Sat., Oct. 1	Queens Park Rangers	...	2 1 A 3 2
" 8	Southend United	...	... A 1 0
" 15	Fulham	...	... H 3 1
" 22	Crystal Palace	...	... A 0 1
" 29	Cardiff City	...	... H 0 0
Sat., Nov. 5	Bristol Rovers	...	... A 0 0
" 12	Leyton Orient	...	5 0 H 2 1
" 19	Leicester City	...	... A 0 3
" 26	Bristol Rovers	...	9 0 H 4 5
Sat., Dec. 3	Leyton Orient	...	3 2 A 2 3
" 10	Leicester City	...	... H 0 3
" 17	Reading	...	3 2 H 4 1
Mon., " 24	Arsenal	...	... A 4 2
Tues., " 27	Swansea Town	...	1 1 H 2 0
Mon., Apr. 10	Millwall	...	... H
Sat., " 15	Fulham	...	... A
" 22	Crystal Palace	...	... H
" 29	Cardiff City	...	... A

Combination Cup

Sat., Dec. 31	Northampton Town	2 1 H 0 3
Sat., Jan. 7	Birmingham City	3 2 A 2 5
" 14	Norwich City	2 3 A
" 21	Watford	2 0 H
Sat., Feb. 4	Leicester City	0 0 A
" 11	Birmingham City	3 0 H
" 18	Norwich City	3 1 H
" 25	Ipswich Town	2 2 H
Sat., Mar. 4	Leicester City	1 1 H
" 11	...	...
" 18	Northampton Town	2 1 A
Sat., Apr. 1	Watford	1 0 A
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

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Tottenham Hotspur	25	20	4	1	60	17	44
Sheffield Wednesday	24	13	8	3	44	27	34
Hull City	...	25	14	3	8	49	47
Bury	...	25	12	5	8	47	32
Southampton	...	24	10	9	5	38	28
Sheffield United	...	26	9	11	6	37	38
Leeds United	...	26	9	9	8	29	27
West Ham United	...	25	9	8	8	35	32
Preston North End	...	26	9	7	10	35	34
Grimsby Town	...	25	9	6	10	48	44
Chesterfield	...	26	9	6	11	25	31
Brentford	...	26	8	8	10	24	31
Swansea Town	...	25	9	5	11	33	36
Barnsley	...	25	7	9	9	36	40
Cardiff City	...	24	9	5	10	24	30
Leicester City	...	26	6	10	10	36	43
Blackburn Rovers	...	26	9	3	14	33	41
LUTON TOWN	...	25	5	11	9	24	36
Bradford	...	25	7	6	12	38	48
QUEENS P. RANGERS	...	26	6	8	12	26	34
Plymouth Argyle	...	25	5	8	12	31	45
Coventry City	...	24	5	7	12	31	40

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Fulham	...	24	14	4	6	37	28
LUTON TOWN	...	26	11	7	8	41	37
Millwall Athletic	...	24	11	6	7	41	28
Birmingham City	...	24	11	5	8	50	35
Crystal Palace	...	25	11	5	9	32	33
Arsenal	...	25	11	4	10	49	30
Reading	...	26	10	6	10	46	47
Swansea Town	...	25	10	6	9	45	48
Southend United	...	25	11	3	11	32	34
Cardiff City	...	24	9	6	9	38	35
Coventry City	...	25	8	7	10	40	47
Leicester City	...	26	7	9	10	30	34
Bristol Rovers	...	25	9	5	11	41	54
Queens Park Rangers	...	25	8	5	12	38	41
Northampton Town	...	23	8	4	11	38	45
Leyton Orient	...	26	6	6	14	39	60

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