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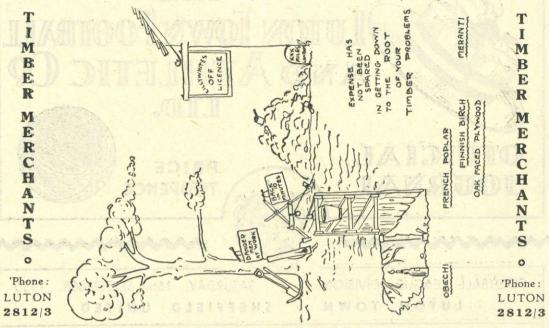
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CLUB NOTES

WHAT a sigh of disappointment went round the ground last Saturday when the final result from Barnsley was announced over the loudspeakers. "Whatever had gone wrong" was an expression most frequently heard and we were thinking the same too. Nothing had "gone wrong" however, it was just one of those occasions when everything one team does "comes off" and the other side, try as they might, cannot make the thing click. A supporter who saw the match said, without prejudice, that it might easily have gone the other way. The goals scored by Barnsley were undeniably very good and very well taken, but the ball seemed to run just right for them somehow whereas our lads just could not obtain that advantage. It was definitely not Luton's day. Barnsley are a very good team and if they can avoid serious injuries will undoubtedly be a big factor in the final struggle for promotion. It is noted that even with three reserves in the team compared with the side which played last Saturday they beat Brentford at Griffin Park on Wednesday last by two clear goals.

We welcome Sheffield United to Kenilworth Road today and a very good match should be witnessed. They have not started off too well this season, having obtained six points from the seven matches so far played. Their home record is very similar to our own, having won one, drawn one, lost two, which is the same as ours, the only difference being in the goals, for they have scored six at home and conceded six, whereas we have scored four and conceded four. The "Blades" away record however is much better reading for them compared with ours. Of the three matches played away, one has been won, one drawn, and one lost, goals "for" four, goals "against" four, whereas we have conceded nine and scored two in the same number of matches. It therefore appears that the United are a well-balanced side and do not give much away. It is worth recalling that they missed promotion last season by the one-hundred-andtwenty-fifth part of a goal. So near and yet so far is a saying which, in this case, is very much to the point. (Point 008 to be exact.) Doncaster Rovers went to Bramall Lane on Monday last and held the United to a goalless draw.

The Reserves' match here last Saturday with Millwall Reserves never rose to great heights, and was most disappointing. Our lads started off as if they were going to score quite a few goals, but gradually the opposition settled down and in the end we never looked like wiping out the one goal deficit.

The game at Swansea on Thursday last, however, was a very different affair, with some very good football from both sides. Our lads did very well to bring away a share of the spoils from Vetch Field, and from the report our side had a much more settled look about it than heretofore this season. We recalled Doug. Gardiner to the Stiffs and there is no doubt he did stiffen the defence as of course we expected he would do. Bob Morton scored a nice goal and will undoubtedly score a good few more if he gets proper support. Jim Pemberton playing at inside left, scored the other.

We welcome back Tommy Kiernan to our fold today. We are not going into the pros and cons of this case, but we do say we are very glad to see him once more wearing the Black and White, and wish him every success.

We have a match here on Wednesday evening next, kick-off 5.45 p.m. when we are hosts to Tottenham Hotspur in our first home Mid-Week League Fixture this season. We played the Arsenal "A" Team last Wednesday evening, and despite the fact that the "Gunners" had only one Amateur in their team compared with six of ours, they only managed to beat us by the odd goal in five, which, we felt, was a very good performance on the part of our youngsters. Laurie Lawton scored a very good goal after beating three men in a lovely dribble. Laurie is just resuming playing after an injury received while training before the season commenced and we now hope to see more of him on the field.

The F.A. Pocket Diary 1950/51 can now be obtained from the Football Association's Official Publishers, The Naldrett Press, 29, George Street, London, W.1, for 2/9 post free. This little book has a little more information in it this year than previously and is very handy to those interested in football.

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B	SUNDERLAND	 BLACKPOOL	
C	WOLVES	 TOTTENHAM	

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Manchester City	7	5	2	0	23	11	12	
Birmingham City	8	5	2	1	11	6	12	
Coventry City	8	5	1	2	11	4	11	
Southampton	8	4	3	1	8	4	11	
Blackburn Rovers	8	5	1	2	13	9	11	
Barnsley	7	4	1	2	20	12	9	
Cardiff City	7	2	4	1	9	7	8	
Doncaster Rovers	7	2	4	1	9	7	8	
Brentford	7	4	0	3	13	13	8	
Hull City	7	3	2	2	15	15	8	
Chesterfield	8	3	2	3	11	15	8	
Leicester City	7	2	2	3	13	13	6	
SHEFFIELD UNITED	7	2	2	3	10	10	6	
West Ham United	7	2	2	3	11	13	6	
Leeds United	7	3	0	4	8	10	6	
Queens Park Rangers	7	2	2	3	9	15	6	
Preston North End	8	2	1	5	10	13	5	
Bury	7	2	1	4	9	14	5	
Notts. County	7	1	2	4	8	11	4	
Grimsby Town	7	0	4	3	10	15	4	
Swansea Town	7	1	1.	5	10	17	3	
LUTON TOWN	7	1	1	5	6	13	3.	

Wednesday, 20th September, 1950

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