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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1950.

## Editor's News and Views

By A. H. ("Jack") GIBBONS

Good Afternoon, Everybody.

I know all our patrons will have shared our disappointment at the result of the League XI's fixture with Bury at Gigg Lane last Saturday when the Bees lost 2-1. Defeated? Yes. Disgraced? Certainly not; for the reports that reached me have been in the same vein: that the Bees outplayed and outmanoeuvred their opponents except in hitting the back of the net. The Bees' lead of 1-0 at half-time should have been by a larger margin and although Bury came more into the game later in the second half there seemed little danger of our losing our hold on the game. Alf Jefferies, who has played so well in recent weeks, failed to judge a free kick (taken in gathering gloom) and the ball found

our net via his hand. Bury's decider three minutes from the end resulted from the second of two corners and so bad was the light that little could be done in the scramble that followed to account for the ball again finding our net. W. A. Clarke, reporting the match in Monday's "Sporting Chronicle & Athletic News," captioned his report with "Luminous Jerseys were Needed at Bury" and then wrote . . . "From what I saw from my perch in the Press box, you can record for future reference that Brentford are a better side than their League position implies and that their defeat was undeserved, unjust as far as football ability is concerned, and perhaps catastrophic towards hopes of retaining Second Division status," and later ". . . If speed

and methodical passing won matches Brentford would be sitting pretty. They had Bury beaten in both these phases. . . .” Whilst we are all very much alive to the warning *re* retaining Second Division status, we are confident that the standard of football now being played by the Bees with the necessary finish to the work will ensure a steady rise in the League Table. But scoring opportunities must be put to account, for therein lies our revival *and* survival.

To-day's opponents, Luton Town, are in a similar position to us and the outcome of this game can have far-reaching consequences. Let it be full of good football from both teams (plus goals from Brentford—forgive me, Luton) and may the better team win.

#### OUR GAME v. Q.P.R.

This was a good, clean and entertaining game, although there were all the thrills and tension of a local derby, both teams are to be congratulated on the grand sporting spirit displayed throughout the game. The Bees were two up at the interval through a well-taken header by Billy Dare and a brilliant back-heel by Jackie Goodwin from a pass by Johnny Paton. Our boys were well on top during this half and should have had more than two goals in the Rangers' net by half-time. Q.P.R. fought back well after the interval and the Bees were hard pressed to keep their goal intact, until a fine passing movement left Addinal with an easy goal to reduce the arrears. The last 15 minutes found the Bees back in control and the game ended on a high note with the Bees pressing hard to increase their lead.

#### THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION

The Combination XI met Portsmouth Reserves at Griffin Park last

Saturday and registered a 4-0 victory. This is their tenth successive game without defeat and those of you who have witnessed their displays both Home and Away during this period will, I know, readily agree that the policy of insisting on football being played in the right spirit and in the manner in which it was intended it should be played has been worth while. Their position to date is that of tying for fifth place with the 'Spurs with 25 points each, which serves to indicate that if they can maintain their present high standard, then they can be in at the death for Combination honours. Their performance in beating Portsmouth so decisively and deservedly has brought forth many letters of commendation for their display. Congratulations, lads, and Well Done. Garneys (2), Coote (1) and Bristow (1) were our scorers. To-day they are away to West Ham United.

#### THE "A" TEAM

The "A" Team, who prior to last Thursday week when they met Fulham at Craven Cottage, had lost only one match in the nine previously played, slipped badly to the "Cottagers" by a 5-2 defeat. Our side, including four young amateurs, some of whom found the occasion just a little too much for them. However, they will, I am sure, come again. Our scorers were Francis and Corr. On Wednesday last they met Crystal Palace on Southall Football Club's ground and after a hard-fought game were beaten 3-1.

Prior to Wednesday's game they were still third in the Mid Week League, Charlton and Portsmouth holding first and second positions.

#### THE JUNIORS

On Saturday last Brentford Juniors defeated Tottenham Hotspur Juniors by 5 goals to 2 at

Walthamstow Football Ground in the third round of the London Minor Cup. John Low (3), A. Eagles (1) and J. Reay (1) were our scorers. Their victory was as gratifying as it was deserved. John Low, the Juniors' 16-year-old centre forward, 5ft. 10in. and well built, is certainly a prospect in the making. He has scored 20 goals in five games for the Juniors. Well Done, Juniors. A grand performance and Keep It Up. Last Saturday week in a League match the Juniors won by 22 goals to 0 and the week previous, playing the R.A.F. (Kensington) were winning 7-0 when the match was abandoned at half-time due to fog. Again, Congratulations, Everybody.

#### BILLY POINTON

It is with great regret that I have to inform you that Billy Pointon will not play football again. Although he has only been with Brentford approximately 12 months he has made himself very popular with all with whom he has come in contact. He has had recurring knee trouble and, following specialist advice, and to avoid serious complications to the knee and leg, must hang up his boots for the last time. A real clubman in every sense of the word, conscientious in training and his play, Bill will be missed at Griffin Park. He will, however, remain with us until the expiration of his contract when, I believe, he intends to return to Hanley near Stoke, his home town. Meanwhile he is assisting Dave Richards and Jack Cartmell in the Medical Room. Thanks for your whole-hearted efforts, Bill, and rest assured you will not be forgotten at Griffin Park.

#### F.A. CUP

Brentford, as you all know, have been drawn away to Stockport County in the Third Round of the

F.A. Cup due to be played on Saturday, 6th January, 1951. A further announcement regarding tickets for this match will be made in future programmes.

#### THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Man. City	20	11	6	3	49	31	28
Coventry	21	12	3	6	45	24	27
Blackburn	21	11	4	6	34	30	26
Barnsley	21	10	5	6	49	28	25
Southamp'n	21	10	5	6	32	33	25
Birmingham	21	10	4	7	32	28	24
Preston	21	10	3	8	40	30	23
Hull City	20	8	7	5	38	30	23
Cardiff	20	6	10	4	22	19	22
West Ham	20	9	3	8	34	36	21
Doncaster	20	7	7	6	27	29	21
Sheff. Utd.	20	7	6	7	37	32	20
Leeds Utd.	20	7	5	8	28	27	19
Leicester	20	6	6	8	31	31	18
Notts C.	20	6	6	8	28	28	18
Q.P.R.	20	7	4	9	33	44	18
Bury	20	6	4	10	25	32	16
Swansea	20	7	2	11	30	40	16
Chesterfield	21	4	8	9	23	36	16
Brentford	21	6	4	11	27	48	16
Grimsby	20	4	6	10	35	49	14
Luton	20	3	6	11	21	35	12

#### CONVERSATION PIECE

*Involving our Vice-President, Mr. Vic(e) Oliver, Billy Sperrin and "Yours Truly," Jackie Gibbons.*

J.G.: Now "Sparrer." before you get caught up with our Vice-President, try and remember to be nice and respectful to him and don't pass any remarks about his hair.

B.S.: Wot hair?

J.G.: There now, that's just what I'm getting at; you know how upset Vic gets about that little subject.

B.S.: Little's right!

V.O.: Is that so, Mr. Barrer—allow me to inform you that I'm very photogenic.

B.S.: What's that mean, Boss?

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- Name the current Olympic soccer champions. 3 points
- Which Midland club plays at (a) The Hawthorns, and (b) the Baseball Ground? 3 points each
- £30,000 Trevor Ford is now a Sunderland player. What were his two previous League clubs? 3 points each
- Name the two Second Division clubs (at that time) who have reached the F.A. Cup Final since the war. 3 points each

### GETTING HARDER

- Which Brentford player appeared in all 42 League matches last season? 4 points
- Who won the only international so far played between England and Jugoslavia? 4 points
- Which Football League club was promoted at the end of the 1946-47 season, relegated in 1947-48, and promoted again in 1949-50? 4 points
- Can you name last season's F.A. Cup Final referee? 6 points

11. Which club finished as runners-up in the Third Division (South) six seasons in succession? 6 points

12. Bulwer Lytton wrote his famous historical romance "The Last Days of Pompeii" in the clubhouse on the ground of which London club? 6 points

### KNOW THE LAWS?

13. Can a player be ruled offside directly from (a) a corner kick; (b) a penalty kick; and (c) a throw-in? 4 points each

14. A player is sent off before a game commences. Can another man take his place? 5 points

### IN THE NEWS

15. Which amateur club reached the Semi-Final of the London Challenge Cup this season? 4 points

16. What had the rival centre halves in common in last Wednesday's England-Wales international? 5 points

17. By playing in this same match, Iorwerth Hughes of Luton Town and Wales achieved the rare distinction of having gained both amateur and full international honours. Name another Luton goalkeeper who did likewise for England last season. 5 points

### WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?

18. What is the maximum weight of a football at the start of the game—12 ozs., 14 ozs., or 16 ozs.? 4 points

19. When did the present offside ruling come into operation—the season of 1921-22, 1925-26, or 1933-34? 4 points

20. Where was the first F.A. Cup Final played—Kennington Oval, Lillie Bridge or Crystal Palace? 4 points

(Answers on page 11)

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J.G. : Mr. Oliver means he photographs well.

V.O. : Thank you, Jackie. Now, "Sparrer," the boys tell me you have done some acting in your time.

B.S. : Ho, yus!

V.O. : Blimey, where have I heard that before? Where did you learn, in Repertory?

B.S. : In what?

V.O. : In Repertory.

B.S. : No, we ain't got one of those. I did mine in the garden.

J.G. : "Sparrer," Mr. Oliver did not mean conservatory.

B.S. : Oh!

V.O. : Perhaps you went through R.A.D.A.

B.S. : No, Mr. Oliver, I was in the Infantry, went through Belgium.

J.G. : "Sparrer," not Radar, R.A.D.A.; it means Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

V.O. : Yus—sorry, yes, of course.

J.G. : Wouldn't you like to be famous. like our Vice-President. "Sparrer"?

*(Slight pause whilst Vic Oliver polishes his fine head of skin.)*

B.S. : Yes, I suppose so, but I wouldn't want those jokes of his.

V.O. : Is that so! My jokes are bright and clean, sometimes brilliant and glittering with humour.

B.S. : All is not Gorgonzola that smells!

V.O. : Jackie, remove this under-sized piece of humanity, please.

J.G. : "Sparrer," don't be unkind to the cheese.

B.S. : Which cheese?

V.O. : Funny guy! Perhaps you don't know that I played football for Brentford long before you were born.

B.S. : That's very probable, you're old enough! But what position did you play?

V.O. : I'd rather not say.

B.S. : Oh, go on. At centre forward?

V.O. : No, not exactly.

B.S. : At half back?

V.O. : No, but you're getting close.

B.S. : I get it, at full back?

V.O. : No.

B.S. : Well, what were you then?

V.O. : I was Brentford's biggest draw-back.

J.G. : I can well understand that, and time hasn't changed you a bit.

V.O. : My dear Mr. Ribbons, I know quite a lot about football.

J.G. : All right. What's a football made of?

V.O. : Pig-skin.

B.S. : You should know!

J.G. : "Sparrer," don't be rude! Well, Mr. Vice-President, what's the pig-skin for?

V.O. : To hold the pig together!

B.S. : Fall in the firing squad!

J.G. : Quiet, "Sparrer." No, I'm sorry, Vic, that just won't do. You're impossible.

V.O. : No I'm not; please give me a chance in the club.

J.G. : But what in the world could you do?

V.O. : I could blow up the footballs.

B.S. : He's certainly got enough "hot air" for that job.

J.G. : Hush, "Sparrer." I don't think I could fit you in, Vic; I'm sorry.

V.O. : Couldn't I be one of your assistants?

J.G. : Assuming you were my assistant, how would you talk to the boys before a game?

V.O. : Well, I would say, "Listen lads, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah," and then I would say, "Now get in there and—"

B.S. : Firing squad, Take Aim—

V.O. :—"and blah, blah, blah," and then I would say—

B.S. : Firing squad—FIRE—and don't for the love of mike miss him!

J.G. : Well, that's this week's chat, everybody. Keep smiling and cheerio for now until Boxing Day from Vic, "Sparrer" and "Yours Truly," Jackie Gibbons.

## BRENTFORD SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

### BRENTFORD HANDBOOK

The Second Handbook of the Brentford Football Supporters' and Social Club will be on sale to-day, price 6d. Articles by: H. W. Dodge, President of Brentford Football Club; Ernald Gifford, Sports Editor, *Brentford and Chiswick Times*; and Notes on Players and Officials. Don't forget your copy.

### THIRD ROUND CUP DRAW

All Members wishing to obtain their Cup Ticket for the match at Stockport on 6th January, 1951, should write to the Asst. Hon. General Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Tyler, 2, Coningsby Cottages, South Ealing, W.5, as soon as possible, enclosing Membership Card. Applications will be dealt with in strict rotation.

### GRAND CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

A Grand Christmas Whist Drive will be held at the Ealing Town Hall, Victoria Hall, on Thursday, 21st December, 1950. Admission 2/-. Tickets obtainable from Mr. Masters, 10, Graham Avenue, Ealing, or the Supporters' Huts. Please obtain tickets early to avoid disappointment.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Social Section wish to announce that no further applications can be accepted for the Children's Christmas Party at the Ealing Town Hall, on 5th January, 1951, as over 300 children have been accepted. The closing date was 25th November.

### BERTRAM MILLS' CIRCUS, OLYMPIA

Tickets have now been received for this grand show. Prices are 6/- and 8/- for January 4th, 10th, 17th and 24th, 1951, at 8.15 p.m. Members wishing to book any of the above seats please send their P.O. or Cheque to: Hon. Social Secretary, Mr. A. Pulham, c/o 771, London Road, Hounslow.

C. W. TYLER, *Hon. General Secretary.*

### Answers to Soccer Quiz WERE YOU RIGHT?

1. Len Duquemin (Tottenham Hotspur).
2. Stanley Matthews (Blackpool).
3. Sweden.
4. (a) West Bromwich Albion and (b) Derby County.
5. Aston Villa and Swansea Town.
6. Burnley in 1946-47 (promoted same season) and Leicester City in 1948-49.
7. Ron Greenwood.
8. Jugoslavia won 2—1 in Belgrade in May, 1939.
9. Doncaster Rovers.
10. Henry Pearce of Luton.
11. Plymouth Argyle—1921-22 to 1926-27 inclusive.
12. Fulham.
13. (a) No; (b) Yes; and (c) No.
14. Yes.
15. Hendon.
16. Both Leslie Compton and Ray Daniel are Arsenal players.
17. Bernard Streten.
18. 16 ozs.
19. 1925-26.
20. Kennington Oval.

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### FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division II.

1950		Result
Aug. 19—Luton Town	A	L 0-2
" 21—Blackburn Rovers	A	L 2-3
" 26—Leeds United	H	L 1-2
" 30—Blackburn Rovers	H	W 3-2
Sept. 2—West Ham United	A	W 2-1
" 6—Barnsley	A	W 3-2
" 9—Swansea Town	A	W 2-1
" 13—Barnsley	H	L 0-2
" 16—Hull City	A	L 0-3
" 23—Doncaster Rovers	A	D 1-1
" 30—Preston North End	A	L 2-4
Oct. 7—Coventry City	A	L 0-4
" 14—Manchester City	A	L 0-4
" 21—Birmingham City	A	W 2-1
" 28—Cardiff City	A	D 1-1
Nov. 4—Notts County	A	L 1-3
" 11—Grimsby Town	A	L 2-7
" 18—Leicester City	A	D 0-0
" 25—(1) Chesterfield	D	D 2-2
Dec. 2—Queen's Park Rangers	A	W 2-1
" 9—(2) Bury	L	L 1-2
" 16—Luton Town	A	A
" 23—Leeds United	A	A
" 25—	A	A
" 26—Southampton	H	A
" 30—West Ham United	H	A
1951		
Jan. 1—		
" 6—(3)		
" 13—Swansea Town	A	A
" 20—Hull City	H	A
" 27—(4)		
Feb. 3—Doncaster Rovers	A	A
" 10—(5)		
" 17—Preston North End	H	A
" 24—(6) Coventry City	A	A
Mar. 3—Manchester City	A	A
" 10—Birmingham City	A	A
" 17—Cardiff City	H	A
" 23—Sheffield United	H	A
" 24—Notts County	A	A
" 26—Sheffield United	A	A
" 31—Grimsby Town	A	A
April 7—Leicester City	A	A
" 14—Chesterfield	H	A
" 21—Queen's Park Rangers	A	A
" 28—Bury	A	A
May 5—Southampton	A	A

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION League—Section B

1950		Result
Aug. 19—Norwich City	H	W 2-1
" 23—Aldershot	H	W 3-2
" 26—Chelsea	A	D 0-0
" 30—Swindon Town	A	W 3-2
Sept. 2—West Ham United	H	L 0-1
" 6—Bristol City	A	W 2-1
" 13—Aldershot	H	L 2-4
" 16—Swindon Town	A	L 0-1
" 20—Charlton Athletic	A	L 0-2
" 23—Brighton & Hove A.	A	W 1-0
" 25—Tottenham Hotspur	A	L 1-2
" 30—Chelsea	H	L 1-4
Oct. 4—Tottenham Hotspur	H	D 0-0
" 7—Bristol City	A	D 1-1
" 14—Plymouth Argyle	H	D 1-1
" 21—Bournemouth & Bos.	A	W 2-1
" 28—Southampton	H	W 2-1
Nov. 11—Watford	H	W 2-0
" 18—Ipswich Town	A	W 5-3
" 25—Charlton Athletic	A	Aban.
Dec. 2—Plymouth Argyle	D	D 3-3
" 9—Portsmouth	A	W 4-0
" 16—West Ham United	A	A
" 23—Brighton & Hove A.	H	A
" 25—Ipswich Town	H	A
" 26—Southampton	A	A
" 30—Portsmouth	A	A
1951		
Jan. 6—Watford	A	A
" 13—Bournemouth & Bos.	H	A
" 20—Norwich City	H	A
" 27—Tottenham Hotspur	H	A
Feb. 3—Brighton & Hove A.	H	A
" 10—Tottenham Hotspur	A	A
" 24—Arsenal	H	A
Mar. 3—Chelsea	A	A
" 10—Queen's Park Rangers	A	A
" 17—Southend United	A	A
" 23—Crystal Palace	A	A
" 24—Southend United	H	A
" 26—Crystal Palace	H	A
" 31—Arsenal	A	A
April 7—Chelsea	H	A
" 14—Queen's Park Rangers	A	A
" 21—Brighton & Hove A.	A	A

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