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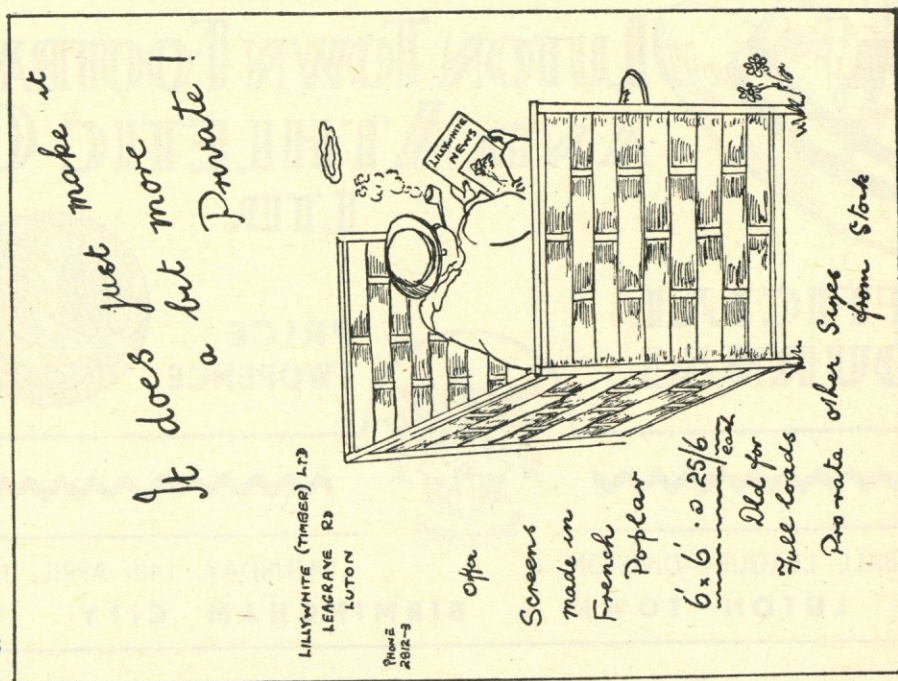
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And the Grimsby result has taken away quite a load  
From all our tried and worried minds  
But Oh! only just in the space of time  
Still we were not the only ones to feel hurt and resentful  
And feel that all the future would be black and uneventful  
So let us rise and smile again before we feel like smiling  
Not wait for luck to come to us, but set about compiling  
Just look back on years for happy memories to tell  
Then anticipate the future that has happy times as well  
We learn to know these hindrances and prove how long they last  
And in the end we are happier for the knowledge of the past  
Today's game should excite the "Hatters" crowd  
And hope the end will make us confident and proud  
We do know that the Boys have got the will  
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**CLUB NOTES**

At long last there are signs of the storm abating and that the old ship will safely carry through. Last Saturday's results as far as we were concerned were just what the Doctor ordered, and although we are not yet definitely out of the storm we can at last see the silver lining and all should be well. We always felt that the lads themselves had it in them to get away from the bottom but there is so much that can go wrong in this game that there was always present a big "IF." However the position now is much brighter and if we can defeat Birmingham City today then we should not only lay a bogey as far as the City are concerned (we have not defeated them at Kenilworth Road since the war) but should make our position secure against any further anxiety this season. It has been a worrying time for us all, but as every Club has its "ups" and "downs" let us hope we have seen the last of our "downs" and that we can now look forward to a long period of "ups."

Last Saturday our lads played just the right type of football for the occasion and all the way through always seemed to have the game in hand. It must have been galling to the Grimsby lads to find that no matter how they tried they just could not break through a cast iron defence and try as they might after Jacky Taylor had scored the all-important first goal to wipe out this deficit it just was not good enough to break through. And when Jim Pemberton took full advantage of another opportunity to put us two up and the result virtually certain, then Grimsby seemed to accept as inevitable a return to the Third Division which they left at the end of the 1925/26 season. They took their defeat in a most sporting manner and we were very sorry it had to be us to give them practically the coup de grace. We sincerely trust their stay in the Third Division will be of short duration.

We are very pleased to welcome "The Blues" once more to Kenilworth Road, and no doubt we shall witness a most interesting match today. After only two seasons in the senior league they had the misfortune to find themselves back in the Second Division this season, but they have found it a most satisfactory return so far for not only did they reach the Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup but have been near the top all the season and their hopes of a return to senior status is still very bright. Certainly if they win here today those hopes will be further justified.

We have a very busy programme before us to complete the season, and the following is a list of the matches which will be played at Kenilworth Road between now and then.

April 18	Wed.	Combination Cup. v. Norwich City Reserves. Kick-off 6 p.m.
" 21	Sat.	Seaward Trophy. Luton Schoolboys v. Watford Schoolboys. Kick-off 11 a.m.
		Combination Cup. v. Ipswich Reserves. Kick-off 3 p.m.
" 23	Mon.	London Mid-Week League. v. Crystal Palace "A." Kick-off 6 p.m.
" 25	Wed.	Combination Cup. v. Coventry Reserves. Kick-off 6 p.m.
" 28	Sat.	League II. v. Coventry City. Kick-off 3 p.m.
May 2	Wed.	Combination League. v. Bristol Rovers Reserves. Kick-off 6 p.m.
" 3	Thurs.	Referees of Bedfordshire Annual Match.
" 5	Sat.	Metropolitan League. v. Twickenham. Kick-off 3 p.m.
" 9	Wed.	County Youth Cup Final (under 16s). Vauxhall Minors v. Langley Rangers. Kick-off 6.30 p.m.
" 12	Sat.	Festival of Britain Celebrations. Luton Town v. Ayr United. Kick-off 3 p.m.
" 14	Mon.	Festival of Britain Celebrations. Luton Town v. Schiedam V.V. Kick-off 3 p.m.

In addition to these home matches and the various Leagues fixtures away, we have arranged to send a strong side to play at Biggleswade on Tuesday evening to play a South Midlands Representative XI in the S. L. Smith Benefit Match, kick-off 6.30 p.m., a team to play at Leatherhead on Saturday, April 28th and to Desborough Town (date yet to be arranged) both in connection with their Festival of Britain Celebrations, and a fairly strong side to Bedford on Saturday, May 12th to play Bedford Town in the Bedfordshire County Professional Trophy Competition. In addition to these we have yet to arrange a postponed Mid-Week League fixture with Southend United to be played at Kenilworth Road. In the remaining five weeks of the extended Football Season therefore there is still a busy programme. We trust the weather will not complicate matters.

Saturday, April 21st, 1951

SEAWARD TROPHY ○ KICK-OFF 11 a.m.

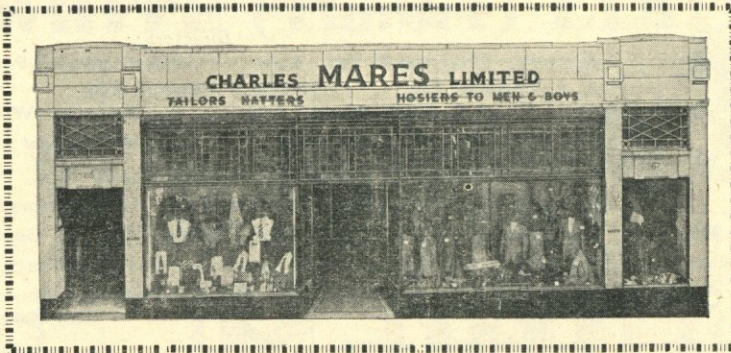
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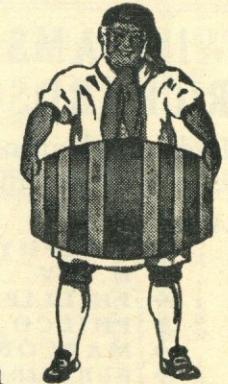
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**Football League—Division II**

3 Lake Left Back

6 Shanks Left Half

10 Davie Inside Left

11 Pemberton Outside Left

Linesmen—

Red Flag: Mr. L. H. FREAKE (West Croydon)

Orange Flag: Mr. R. A. CLARK (Greenford)

8 Higgins Inside Right

7 Berry Outside Right

4 Dorman Right Half

2 Green Right Back

Kick-Off 3 p.m.

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TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCORES

NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

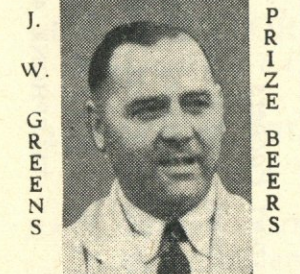
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FIXTURES, 1950-51

Table of fixtures for Division II, 1949/50, listing dates, clubs, and scores.

Table of reserve fixtures and combination cup fixtures, listing dates, clubs, and scores.

LEAGUE TABLES, 1950-51

Table showing league tables for Division II, with columns for Pld., Won, Drn., Lost, For, Agst., and P.

COMBINATION CUP—Section III

Table showing combination cup results for Section III, with columns for Pld., Won, Drn., Lost, For, Agst., and P.

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday, April 18th, 1951

COMBINATION CUP

Luton Town Res. v. Norwich City Res.

Kick-Off 6 p.m.

Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission

Saturday, April 21st, 1951

COMBINATION CUP

Luton Town Res. v. Ipswich Town Res.

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