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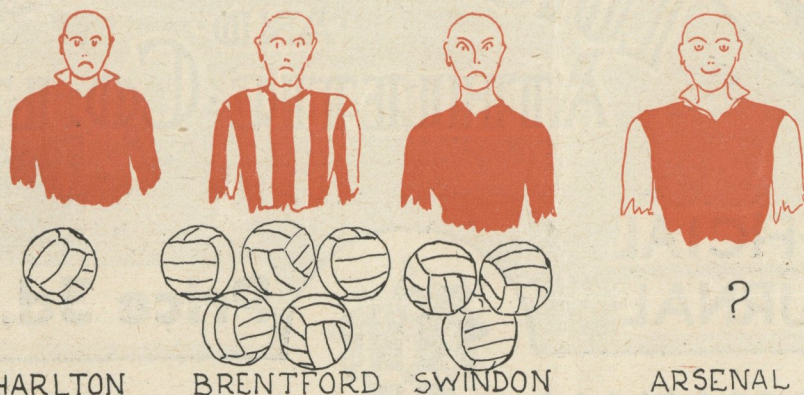
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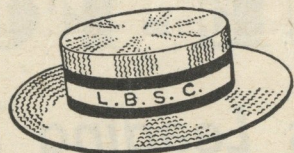
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In 1933 a group of men interested in the amenities available to the Luton Town supporter gathered together to try and devise ways and means of improving on the covered accommodation. A Committee was formed under our President Mr. Philip W. Wright who was and still is a Director of the Luton Town Football Club. Several schemes were planned and it was not long before we saw the wooden terraced steps facing the Grand Stand being taken away to be replaced by concrete steps the whole length of the field and covered with a roof, to be known as the "Bobbers Stand." The next scheme was for suitable Club premises. It was felt an ideal central spot would be in the vicinity of the Football Ground itself and it was found there was room under the Bobbers Stand but that a lot of hard work would be required to clear all the soil, etc. away. The idea seemed a good one, and it was soon being put into operation. Hundreds of loads of soil had to be dug out and carted away but gradually the idea took concrete shape and on the 5th July, 1935 our Club premises were opened by Mr. Philip W. Wright. Our Club Room runs practically the length of the playing pitch, divided into a Card Room, fitted with

28 tables, which we let for Whist Drives at a reasonable fee, and two fully licensed bars which are open seven days a week.

Still not satisfied we next put into operation a scheme for providing cover behind the Oak Road goal, so linking cover between the Grand Stand and the Bobbers Stand. This was carried out and the wooden steps replaced by concrete. The next project we have in mind is to provide cover for the Terraces, but unfortunately cannot get the necessary permission from the authorities to do so. But it will be done as soon as the present shortage of materials has been adjusted. In addition to all this we have provided 12 large Tea Bars in various parts of the Ground were Refreshments at reasonable prices can be obtained at all matches. All this activity has cost close on £20,000 and in addition we have handed over to the Football Club various amounts totalling £8,500. It will therefore be seen that a lot of hard work has been put in behind the scenes to enable all this work to be carried out and our thanks are due to everybody who has made some contribution, large or small, towards this achievement.

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IT is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Albert E. Ansell. He was a great supporter and worker for football. Elected vice-chairman of the Council of the Football Association in October, 1945, he held that office until his death, and was also a vice-president of the F.A.

Mr. Ansell was in close contact with County Football, in 1946 becoming Chairman and President of the County Association. He was a founder of the South Midlands League as well as Chairman and Secretary for some years.

This afternoon our players will be wearing black arm-bands as a token of respect.

CLUB NOTES

IT is with very great pleasure that we have the honour to entertain that very fine Club the Arsenal today in the 6th Round of the F.A. Challenge Cup. It is a draw which has set talking many tongues far beyond the usual reach of the Home Counties, and in the letters of application for tickets we have received it is surprising how many there were saying that some relation found they would be in Luton this week-end and would like to see this match. Dealing with all the applications these last few days has been a colossal task and unfortunately we seem to have again, according to several letters received this week, sent the tickets to anyone but our regular supporters. We sympathise with every one of them who have been unsuccessful, but we have done our best to spread them round as far as possible and more we cannot do. We just cannot do the impossible. If we had had twice as many tickets available there would still have been some people dissatisfied.

The history of the Arsenal Football Club makes interesting reading. In 1886 the foundation stone was laid of what is now so magnificent a structure. There was no money in the kitty, and as a game of football cannot be played without a ball a subscription list was started by Mr. Davis Danskin for the purpose of having sufficient money with which to buy one. By means of penny contributions the sum of 5s. 6d. was gathered to which Mr. Danskin added 5s. from his own pocket. This half-guinea was the financial foundation of the Club. To see the very fine piece of architecture now comprising the Stadium it seems impossible that this great Club started from such a small beginning, but if you read the Arsenal Official Handbook from which this is taken you will find it quite true. At that time, so says the Handbook, "there was no sartorial unanimity among the players, for there is evidence that as each player had to supply his own attire there was considerable variety in colour and style." Far different from the very smart colours of today.

The Arsenal's fame began with the appointment in 1925 of the late Mr. Herbert Chapman, who at once made his presence and skill known. Until then the Arsenal had not enjoyed any outstanding success, but in season 1925/26 besides being among the last eight in the F.A. Cup, finished second place in the League with a record number of points for a London First Division Club. In the preceding season they had finished in 20th place! In 1927 they reached the Final for the first time in their history only to be beaten by Cardiff City by an only goal. 1928 saw them in the Semi-Final again only to be beaten by Blackburn Rovers at Leicester, again by an only goal.

During the next two years such great players as David Jack, Edris Hapgood, Herbert Roberts, Charles Jones, John Lambert, Alex James, Cliff Bastin, etc. were acquired, and with this wealth of talent the Arsenal glory really began. April, 1930, saw them win the F.A. Cup for the first time, beating Huddersfield Town by two clear goals, 1930-31 won the League Championship, 1931-32 saw them just miss the double by being beaten in the F.A. Cup Final by Newcastle United 2 goals to one, and in the League finished second place to Everton. 1932/33 they won the League Championship for the second time, but, dare we mention it, were beaten by Walsall in the Cup. Season 1933/34 saw them win the Championship again, for the third time in four seasons, but in that season suffered a terrible blow. On 6th January, 1934, Mr. Chapman died after a very short illness. That was eighteen years ago and still the name of Herbert Chapman is known throughout the football world, and within the portals of the Arsenal Stadium itself, there is a catch of the breath every time his name is mentioned. He was a truly great man. Season 1934/35 the Arsenal again won the League Championship, this being the third year in succession, a record only being achieved on one other occasion and that by Huddersfield Town 1924/25/26 period, when they were being managed by Herbert Chapman. 1935/36 saw them again on the green sward at Wembley when they beat Sheffield United by 1 goal to nil, and they have appeared again since then in the 1949/50 season, when they beat Liverpool by two clear goals. The League Championship was won again in 1937/38 and again in 1947/48, and the Table to date this season shows them second only to Manchester United one point in arrears, and with two points lead over Portsmouth in third place.

The fact that we are playing the Arsenal in the F.A. Cup is of itself sufficient attraction, but with them hoping to achieve that elusive double, especially in view of their present position in the League this game today has stirred the imagination of the football fraternity. It goes without saying that we shall today see one of the most thrilling games seen on this ground and if we win we shall in all modesty be allowed to congratulate ourselves for without a doubt the Arsenal are still a great side. Our lads are playing well today and with confidence. They always play better against a good footballing side—here is their chance to make a name for themselves. May they take it, but whatever happens we feel sure the winners will find themselves at Wembley this year. What a pity we cannot both be there.

Providing that no replay of today's match is necessary we shall be playing Doncaster Rovers here next Wednesday, March 12th, in a Division II game. Kick-off 3 p.m.

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3 Smith Left Back

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Stockings Blue and White Hoops

Streten
Goal

5 Owen (Capt.)
Centre Half

9 Goring
Centre



5 Daniel
Centre Half

Swindin
Goal

F.A. CUP—Round 6

3 Aherne
Left Back

6 Watkins
Left Half

10 Stobbart
Inside Left

11 Mitchell
Outside Left

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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.

FIRST LIST

F.A. CUP—ROUND 6

A BLACKBURN	.....	BURNLEY	.....
B PORTSMOUTH	.....	NEWCASTLE	.....
C SHEFFIELD UN.	.....	CHELSEA	.....
LEAGUE MATCHES			
D ASTON VILLA	.....	TOTTENHAM	.....
E BLACKPOOL	.....	FULHAM	.....
F DERBY CO'	.....	PRESTON	.....
G HUDDERSFIELD	.....	BOLTON W	.....
H LIVERPOOL	.....	MIDDLESBRO'	.....
K SUNDERLAND	MANCH. UN.
L WOLVES	STOKE CITY
M BARNLEY	ROTHERHAM
N BURY	BRENTFORD

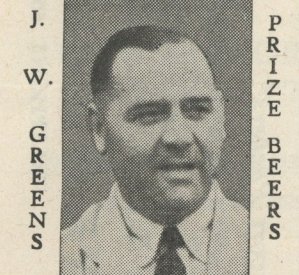
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E SWANSEA T.	NOTTS. FOR.
F WEST HAM	BIRMINGHAM
G BOURNEM'UTH	ALDERSHOT
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D READING	PLYMOUTH
E SOUTHEND	WATFORD
F TORQUAY	SWINDON
G CHESTER	MANSFIELD
H CREWE ALEX.	GRIMSBY T.
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FIXTURES, 1951-52

FIRST XI Division II

				1950/51	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 18	Swansea Town	...	3	1	H 2 2
Mon., " 20	Sheffield United	...	1	2	A 0 3
Sat., " 25	Bury	...	1	4	A 1 0
Wed., " 29	Sheffield United	...	0	0	H 2 1
Sat., Sept. 1	Leicester City	...	1	3	A 3 3
Wed., " 5	Barnsley	...	1	6	A 2 1
Sat., " 8	Notts. County	...	1	1	H 6 0
" 15	Queens Park Rangers	...	1	1	A 0 0
" 22	Blackburn Rovers	...	1	1	H 1 1
" 29	Hull City	...	3	5	A 2 1
Sat., Oct. 6	Notts. Forest	...	...	...	A 0 2
" 13	Brentford	...	2	0	H 0 2
" 20	Doncaster Rovers	...	2	5	A 1 1
" 27	Everton	...	...	...	H 1 1
Sat., Nov. 3	Southampton	...	1	1	A 3 2
" 10	Sheffield Wednesday	...	...	...	H 5 3
" 17	Leeds United	...	1	2	A 1 1
" 24	Rotherham United	...	...	...	H 1 1
Sat., Dec. 1	Cardiff City	...	1	2	A 0 3
" 8	Birmingham City	...	1	1	H 2 4
" 15	Swansea Town	...	2	0	A 3 0
" 22	Bury	...	4	2	H 2 1
Tues., " 25	West Ham United	...	1	2	A 0 3
Wed., " 26	West Ham United	...	1	1	H 6 1
Sat., " 29	Leicester City	...	0	2	H 1 2
Sat., Jan. 5	Notts. County	...	2	2	A 4 5
" 12	Charlton A. (F.A. Cup-3)	...	...	...	H 1 0
" 19	Queens Park Rangers	...	2	0	H 0 1
" 26	Blackburn Rovers	...	0	1	A 1 2
Sat., Feb. 2	Brentford (F.A. Cup-4)	...	...	...	H 2 2
Wed., " 6	Brentford (F.A. Cup-4 Replay)	...	...	...	A 0 1
" 9	Hull City	...	1	2	H 1 1
" 16	Notts. Forest	...	...	...	H 3 3
Mon., " 18	Brentford (Cup-4 2nd Replay)	...	...	...	H 3 2
" 23	Swindon F.A. Cup-5	...	...	...	H 3 1
Sat., Mar. 1	Brentford	...	0	1	A 3 3
" 8	Arsenal F.A. Cup-6	...	...	...	H
Wed., " 12	Doncaster Rovers	...	3	1	H
" 15	Everton	...	...	...	A
" 22	Southampton	...	0	1	H
" 29	Sheffield Wednesday	...	...	...	A
Sat., Apr. 5	Leeds United	...	2	3	H
" 12	Rotherham United	...	...	...	A
Mon., " 14	Coventry City	...	1	1	H
Tues., " 15	Coventry City	...	1	4	A
Sat., " 19	Cardiff City	...	1	1	H
" 26	Birmingham City	...	0	3	A
Sat., May 3	Barnsley	...	1	1	H

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

				1950/51	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	...	A 0 0
Wed., " 22	West Ham United	...	...	...	H 3 3
Sat., " 25	Portsmouth	...	...	...	H 0 3
Thurs., " 30	West Ham United	...	...	...	A 1 5
Sat., Sept. 1	Ipswich Town	...	...	...	H 1 2
Wed., " 5	Bristol City	...	...	...	H 5 2
Sat., " 8	Arsenal	...	1	1	A 5 6
Wed., " 12	Brighton & Hove A.	...	...	...	H 2 3
Sat., " 15	Brighton & Hove A.	...	...	...	A 4 4
Wed., " 19	Bournemouth & B.	...	...	...	A 0 1
Sat., " 22	Swindon Town	...	...	...	A 1 1
Wed., " 26	Arsenal	...	1	2	H 2 2
Sat., Oct. 3	Swindon Town	...	...	...	H 3 3
Wed., " 6	Southampton	...	...	...	H 4 1
" 13	Watford	...	...	...	H 2 3
" 20	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	...	A 2 1
" 27	Bristol Rovers	...	5	0	A 2 7
Sat., Nov. 3	Bristol Rovers	...	...	...	A 3 2
" 10	Southampton	...	...	...	H 2 3
" 17	Norwich City	...	...	...	A 1 1
" 24	Watford	...	...	...	A 2 6
Sat., Dec. 1	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	...	H 3 2
" 8	Bristol Rovers	...	4	5	A 3 2
" 15	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...	...	H 0 0
" 22	Portsmouth	...	...	...	A 1 2
Tues., " 25	Charlton Athletic	...	...	...	H 3 0
Wed., " 26	Charlton Athletic	...	...	...	A 2 1
Sat., " 29	Ipswich Town	...	...	...	A 1 1
Sat., Jan. 5	Norwich City	...	...	...	A 1 0
" 19	Bristol City	...	...	...	A 0 1
Wed., Feb. 27	Bournemouth & B.	...	...	...	H 2 1
Combination Cup					
Sat., Jan. 26	Northampton Town	7	0	H	5 3
Sat., Feb. 2	Northampton Town	4	1	A	1 1
" 9	Norwich City	4	4	A	1 1
" 16	Ipswich Town	0	3	A	1 3
Sat., Mar. 1	Watford	1	1	H	0 2
" 8	Birmingham City	1	2	A	
" 15	Leicester City	1	0	H	
" 22	Norwich City	2	1	H	
" 29	Watford	2	2	A	
Sat., Apr. 5	Coventry City	1	1	H	
Fri., " 11	Birmingham City	6	0	H	
Sat., " 12	Coventry City	1	1	A	
Mon., " 14	Leicester City	2	2	A	
Sat., " 19	Leicester City	2	2	A	
" 26	Ipswich Town	2	3	H	

LEAGUE TABLES, 1951-52

Up to and including March 1st, 1952

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Notts Forest	32	14	10	8	60	49	38
Sheffield Wed.	32	15	7	10	80	57	37
Leicester City	32	14	8	10	63	49	36
Cardiff City	31	14	8	9	50	39	36
Birmingham City	32	14	8	10	47	41	36
Leeds United	31	14	8	9	46	42	36
Rotherham Utd.	32	14	6	12	64	58	34
Everton	32	13	8	11	50	48	34
Sheffield United	32	14	5	13	70	58	33
Brentford	31	12	9	10	39	38	33
Southampton	33	12	9	12	47	59	33
Notts County	32	14	4	14	61	54	32
West Ham United	32	12	8	12	51	62	32
LUTON TOWN	31	10	11	10	57	54	31
Blackburn Rovers	32	14	3	15	42	47	31
Barnsley	31	10	10	11	48	33	30
Swansea Town	32	10	10	12	58	57	30
Doncaster Rovers	32	9	9	14	41	49	27
Coventry City	32	11	5	16	44	62	27
Bury	32	10	6	16	51	55	26
Hull City	32	8	8	16	45	54	24
Queens Park Rangers	32	7	10	15	41	70	24

COMBINATION CUP—Section III

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Norwich City	5	3	2	0	13	5	8
Ipswich Town	5	3	1	1	7	5	7
Leicester City	5	3	1	1	8	6	7
Birmingham City	5	2	2	1	12	8	6
Watford	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
LUTON TOWN	5	1	2	2	8	10	4
Northampton Town	5	1	1	3	6	10	3
Coventry City	5	0	0	5	2	11	0

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday, March 12th, 1952

Subject to no F.A. Cup
Tie replay being necessary

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

LUTON TOWN
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