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CLUB NOTES

IT looks as if we shall have to wait another twelve months at least before we have the opportunity of again trying to beat this "hoodo" which Birmingham City seem to cast on us here at Kenilworth Road. We were hoping to beat the spell last Wednesday evening, but hard though our lads tried they just could not penetrate the "Blues" very strong defence, and when David Sexton became little more than a passenger early in the second half there did not seem much chance of saving the game after that. David is suffering from badly torn ligaments for which an operation was found necessary, and which was performed yesterday afternoon. He is doing as well as can be expected but will be out of the game for at least two months. Sid Owen was another casualty which prevents him playing today—Thursday his leg was so painful he could not even bend it. J. Pye suffered a leg injury early in the game which prevents him turning out this afternoon and Bernard Streten was another of the more seriously injured for after the match his left arm was so badly swollen it looked as if a balloon had been tied to it, but it is responding to treatment and we are hoping to see him between the sticks again this afternoon. In addition Bert Mitchell failed in a fitness test yesterday morning and this aggravated the position considerably. To have so many players on the injured list so early in the season is indeed a grievous blow and is a headache for the Manager who has to pick three teams every Saturday. However we are sure the lads on show this afternoon will do their utmost to justify their selection. Therefore taking the whole game through we did well to hold the City to one goal, for undoubtedly they are a good all-round side and on this showing will take some beating. To obtain three points from their first two games of the season, both away from home, is a splendid beginning to one's hopes of promotion.

We welcome again to Kenilworth Road this afternoon Rotherham United, their second visit here. On their first visit last November they were very strong challengers to the leaders, but eventually found the pace too hot for them and finished next to ourselves. They held us to a draw of one goal each here, but they admitted they were lucky to get away with it for their goal was scored by Bob Morton when passing back to his goalkeeper. When we visited them this last April we won by a single goal scored by Bert Mitchell. This season so far they have held Birmingham to a one goal draw at Rotherham, but lost to Notts. County at Nottingham last Thursday by the odd goal in three, which was not at all a bad performance. Rotherham also have got their injuries problem for we were told yesterday that three of their first team players are on the injured list—Gibson, centre half, Shaw, centre forward, and White, outside left—and cannot appear here this afternoon.

Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously on Wednesday evening last, to the Lynmouth Relief Fund. The sum of £61/6/1 and two farthings, was collected, and this together with the one hundred guineas, donated by the Directors, must make a nice little contribution towards the

THE COVERMAN—Sid Owen, Capt.

Sydney William Owen, was first capped for Birmingham Schoolboys, in 1936, Gil Merrick the present Birmingham City and English International goalkeeper playing in the same team. While on two weeks leave from Italy, in 1945, played one game as an amateur for Birmingham City and was immediately offered terms. In his next game, the first as a professional, played against Tottenham Hotspur, at St. Andrew's, finishing on the winning

Mayor's appeal. The Mayor wishes to state he is very grateful for this ready response, particularly to the gentleman who placed a ten shilling note in one of the collecting boxes. Our thanks also to the Luton Band for forfeiting this collection towards their Funds and to their collectors for agreeing to do this for us. Altogether a very nice gesture all round and which we are sure will be much appreciated by the unfortunate victims of the catastrophe.

There was a much better attendance to our Public Practice Match this year, and as a result the following Charitable Organisations have benefited to the sum of £16-5-6 each compared with £8-13-6 last year.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney; The National Sports Development Fund of the Central Council of Physical Recreation; Bedfordshire Association of Boys' Clubs; Christ Church, Luton; National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; The Referees' Association Benevolent Fund; Bedfordshire Football Association Accident and Benevolent Fund; Papworth Village Settlement; National Society for Cancer Relief; Charterhouse Rheumatism Clinic; The British Empire Cancer Campaign; The Football League Secretaries' and Managers' Association; St. John's Ambulance Brigade; St. Albans Diocesan Police Court Mission; The Mariner's Friend Society; The National Children's Home.

There are many more we should very much liked to have included, for we have received some heartrending appeals, but the Directors feel this is already a very comprehensive list of good causes and to increase it would result in all of them receiving a correspondingly smaller sum, so they decided to leave it as shown above. The whole of the proceeds of the Practice Match is donated without any deduction whatsoever by the Club for expenses incurred, so that those of you who attended that day had the double satisfaction of seeing a good match and feeling the money was going to a good cause.

We are running for the first time in the history of the Club a Youth XI in addition to our other three teams, and as many of you know this young team will be playing in the Luton, South Beds. and District Youth Football League, 14-18 Division. Most of our Home Fixtures will be played on the Skefko Sports Ground, Sundon, for which we are greatly indebted to the Skefko Ball Bearing Co. for the privilege.

These lads of course like to play on the Town Ground whenever possible and so we have arranged for them to play here on three Monday evenings at the beginning of the season as follows: September 8th, v. Limbury Old Boys; September 15th, v. Vauxhall Colts; September 29th, v. Beechwood Youth Club. On the other Monday evening, September 22nd, Dunstable Town will be our visitors in a Metropolitan League Fixture. Further details of these four matches will be announced later but we hope to see a goodly attendance to give encouragement to these youngsters' efforts.

side 8 goals to nil. Immediately after that game returned to Italy and during the rest of the time he was there played for the Combined Services XI, against B.A.O.R., in Florence, Trieste and Klagenfurt. Returned home 1946 to resume with Birmingham City, and was transferred to Luton 6th June, 1947. Has been chosen twice to captain the England 'B' Team while with Luton, as well as playing against the Olympic Games side. Toured with Football Association, in Australia, May to July, 1951. Can certainly be included amongst the first six best centre halves in the country today.

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A	ARSENAL	SUNDERLAND
B	BLACKPOOL	BOLTON W
C	CARDIFF C.	WEDNESDAY
D	CHARLTON	WOLVES
E	CHELSEA	.....	PORTSMOUTH	.....
F	DERBY CO'	.....	ASTON VILLA	.....
G	LIVERPOOL	.....	STOKE CITY	.....
H	MANCH. CITY	.....	MANCH. UN.	.....
K	MIDDLESBRO'	.....	PRESTON	.....
L	NEWCASTLE	.....	TOTTENHAM	.....
M	WEST BROM.	.....	BURNLEY	.....
N	BARNLEY	.....	SWANSEA T.	.....

SECOND LIST

A	BIRMINGHAM	.....	FULHAM	.....
B	BLACKBURN	.....	EVERTON	.....
C	BURY	.....	WEST HAM	.....
D	HULL CITY	.....	BRENTFORD	.....
E	LEEDS UNITED	.....	PLYMOUTH	.....
F	LINCOLN C.	.....	DONCASTER	.....
G	NOTTS. CO'TY	.....	NOTTS. FOR.	.....
H	SHEFFIELD UN.	.....	HUDDERSFIELD	.....
K	SOUTHAMPTON	.....	LEICESTER C.	.....
L	ALDRSHOT	.....	COLCHESTER	.....
M	BRISTOL CITY	.....	BRIGHTON	.....
N	CRYSTAL PAL.	.....	NEWPORT	.....

THIRD LIST

A	GILLINGHAM	MILLWALL A.
B	IPSWICH T.	READING
C	LEYTON O.	BOURNEM'UTH
D	NORTHANTS	SOUTHEND
E	QUEEN'S P. R.	COVENTRY
F	SHREWSBURY	EXETER CITY
G	SWINDON T.	NORWICH C.
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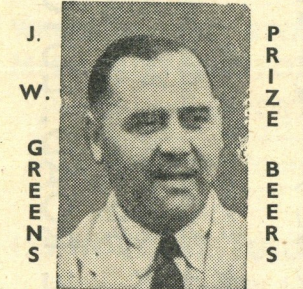
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FIXTURES 1952-3

FIRST XI Division II

			1951/52	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 23	Plymouth Argyle	...	A 1 2	
Wed., .. 27	Birmingham City	...	H 0 1	
Sat., .. 30	Rotherham United	...	H 1 1	
Wed., Sept. 3	Birmingham City	...	1 3 A	
Sat., .. 6	Fulham	...	...	A
Wed., .. 10	Swansea Town	...	2 2 H	
Sat., .. 13	West Ham United	...	6 1 H	
Thurs., .. 18	Swansea Town	...	3 0 A	
Sat., .. 20	Leicester City	...	3 3 A	
Sat., .. 27	Notts County	...	6 0 H	
Sat., Oct. 4	Southampton	...	3 2 A	
Sat., .. 11	Huddersfield	...	...	A
Sat., .. 18	Sheffield United	...	2 1 H	
Sat., .. 25	Barnsley	...	2 1 A	
Sat., Nov. 1	Lincoln City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 8	Hull City	...	2 1 A	
Sat., .. 15	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 1 H	
Sat., .. 22	Nottingham Forest	...	0 2 A	
Sat., .. 29	Everton	...	1 1 H	
Sat., Dec. 6	Brentford	...	3 3 A	
Sat., .. 13	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 4 H	
Sat., .. 20	Plymouth Argyle	...	...	H
Fri., .. 26	Leeds United	...	2 1 H	
Sat., .. 27	Leeds United	...	1 1 A	
Sat., Jan. 3	Rotherham United	...	1 0 A	
Sat., .. 10	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...
Sat., .. 17	Fulham	...	...	H
Sat., .. 24	West Ham United	...	0 3 A	
Sat., .. 31	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...
Sat., Feb. 7	Leicester City	...	1 2 H	
Sat., .. 14	Notts. County (5)	...	4 5 A	
Sat., .. 21	Southampton	...	2 1 H	
Sat., .. 28	Huddersfield (6)	...	...	H
Sat., Mar. 7	Sheffield United	...	0 3 A	
Sat., .. 14	Barnsley	...	4 2 H	
Sat., .. 21	Lincoln City	...	...	A
Sat., .. 28	Hull City	...	1 1 H	
Fri., April 3	Bury	...	1 0 A	
Sat., .. 4	Blackburn Rovers	...	1 2 A	
Mon., .. 6	Bury	...	2 1 H	
Sat., .. 11	Nottingham Forest	...	3 3 H	
Sat., .. 18	Everton	...	3 1 A	
Sat., .. 25	Brentford	...	0 2 H	
Sat., May 2	Doncaster Rovers	...	1 1 A	

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

			1951/52	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 23	Bristol Rovers	...	2 7 H	5 1 0
Thurs., .. 28	Queens Park Rangers	...	...	A
Sat., .. 30	Watford	...	1 1 A	
Wed., Sept. 3	Brighton & Hove A.	...	2 3 H	
Sat., .. 6	Southend United	...	...	H
Thurs., .. 11	Leyton Orient	...	...	A
Sat., .. 13	Bournemouth & B.	...	0 4 A	
Wed., .. 17	Leyton Orient	...	...	H
Sat., .. 20	Aldershot	...	...	H
Sat., .. 27	Leicester City	...	...	A
Wed., Oct. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion	...	4 4 A	
Sat., .. 4	Bristol City	...	5 2 H	
Wed., .. 8	Swindon Town	...	1 1 A	
Sat., .. 11	Swansea Town	...	...	H
Wed., .. 15	Swindon Town	...	3 3 H	
Sat., .. 18	Ipswich Town	...	1 1 A	
Sat., .. 25	Crystal Palace	...	...	H
Sat., Nov. 1	Brentford	...	...	A
Sat., .. 8	Brentford	...	...	H
Sat., .. 15	Southend United	...	...	A
Sat., .. 22	Queens Park Rangers	...	...	H
Sat., .. 29	Bristol City	...	0 1 A	
Sat., Dec. 6	Bournemouth & B.	...	2 1 H	
Sat., .. 13	Crystal Palace	...	...	A
Sat., .. 20	Bristol Rovers	...	3 2 A	
Thurs., .. 25	Aldershot	...	...	A
Sat., .. 27	Ipswich Town	...	1 2 H	
Sat., Jan. 3	Watford	...	2 1 A	
Sat., .. 10	Swansea Town	...	...	A
Sat., .. 17	Leicester City	...	...	H
Sat., .. 24	Leicester City	...	...	H
Sat., Jan. 31	Watford	...	0 2 H	
Sat., Feb. 7	Coventry City	...	1 1 A	
Sat., .. 14	Coventry City	...	2 2 H	
Sat., .. 21	Leicester City	...	2 4 A	
Sat., .. 28	Leicester City	...	...	A
Sat., Mar. 7	Northampton Town	...	5 3 H	
Sat., .. 14	Ipswich Town	...	1 3 A	
Sat., .. 21	Norwich City	...	1 1 A	
Sat., .. 28	Watford	...	1 2 A	
Fri., April 3	Norwich City	...	6 2 H	
Sat., .. 4	Ipswich Town	...	4 0 H	
Sat., .. 11	Northampton Town	...	1 1 A	
Sat., .. 18	Birmingham City	...	3 3 H	
Sat., .. 25	Birmingham City	...	3 3 A	
To be arranged	Leicester City	...	1 1 H	

League Table, 1951-52
FINAL POSITIONS

LEAGUE DIVISION II	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield Wed.	42	21	11	10	100	66	53
Cardiff City	42	20	11	11	72	54	51
Birmingham City	42	21	9	12	67	56	51
Notts Forest	42	18	13	11	77	62	49
Leicester City	42	19	9	14	78	64	47
Leeds United	42	18	11	13	59	57	47
Everton	42	17	10	15	64	58	44
LUTON TOWN	42	16	12	14	77	78	44
ROTHERHAM U.	42	17	8	17	73	78	42
Brentford	42	15	12	15	54	55	41
Sheffield United	42	18	5	19	90	76	41
West Ham United	42	15	11	16	67	77	41
Southampton	42	15	11	16	61	73	41
Blackburn Rovers	42	17	6	19	54	63	40
Notts County	42	16	7	19	71	68	39
Doncaster Rovers	42	13	12	17	55	60	38
Bury	42	15	7	20	64	68	37
Hull City	42	13	11	18	60	70	37
Swansea Town	42	12	12	18	72	76	36
Barnsley	42	11	14	17	59	72	36
Coventry City	42	14	6	22	59	82	34
Queens Park Rangers	42	11	12	19	52	81	34

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday, 3rd September

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