



FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

MILLWALL v. LUTON TOWN.

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OFFICIAL NOTES.

ALTHOUGH we are within hail of the end of the season, the question of League Championships still remains open, with the exception of the First Division, where Burnley have established such an advantage that they are in no danger of being deposed. The situation in the Second Division suggests Birmingham and Cardiff City for promotion, but neither club can afford to make a slip, while as regards our own section, Crystal Palace might yet be caught by Swindon or Southampton. Our two matches with the Saints may therefore be invested with the greatest importance, and in this connection it may be recalled that at a critical stage last campaign we had to meet Portsmouth and Crystal Palace, who finished the season first and second in the order named, the Hants club winning the Championship on goal average.

Good Luck, Spurs!!

It appears therefore that interest will be kept at fever heat until the last day, more especially, as far as the clubs in adversity are concerned, for the fight to avoid relegation or the perils of seeking re-election is even more keen than that for the Championship. To the Scotsman the tit-bit of the season is the International between Scotland and England, and our friends over the Border having well and truly trounced us last week end at Hampden Park, and incidentally gained the International Championship, will doubtless aver that the season has been quite a good one. In this country and more especially down South, the Cup Final is the crowning point, and given fine weather we may expect high carnival to reign at Stamford Bridge next Saturday. If the Cup comes South we shall not be winning out of our turn, for it is exactly twenty years ago that the Spurs won the trophy at the expense of Sheffield United. We hope our North London friends will add fresh lustre to their name by overcoming the redoubtable Wolves.

Echo answers why?

Turning from the general to the particular, we are again confronted with the curious in and out form which our men have displayed. After going through March without defeat or even losing a goal, we went down at The Den to Swansea. Those who saw the game will say that the Welsh club deserved their victory and on this point we are agreed; what we cannot quite understand is how our men four days later were able to go to Southend and bring back the full points and then go to Luton and share the spoils. It is true that the Bedfordshire club had several men away on International duty, but even so, it was no mean feat. As it seems to be established that our men play better after a journey, we shall have to adopt the expedient of running them to the Surrey Hills, or to Epping Forest and back, when we have a match at The Den. "Points from Petrol Promotion Positively Provided," will be the standard work of the future. No self-respecting club can afford to be without it.

Goals overdue.

Reduced to cold figures the facts are that during 1921, we have actually gained eleven points when visiting, and when playing at The Den our total bag has been six points for nine and eight games respectively. Further than that a matter for comment is the inability of our men to score goals at The Den. We are always told that forward play is a lost art, and we sigh for the days of J. Gettins and G. O. Smith. Assuming however, the modern player is not the equal of the giants of other days, does that explain why a side

which can score two goals at Grimsby, Plymouth and Southend, should be quite unable to find the net when playing on its own ground? Since scoring four goals against Southend on February 5th, our men have been very shy, and without putting too fine a point upon it we think it about time they broke a long silence. Now then forwards let's hear from you!

The Invalids and others.

Hannaford obtained a goal at Southend, and having broken the ice we hope he will give us a further taste of his quality. That he is the type of man we need we have no doubt, but necessarily if takes some time for a new comer to accustom himself to the play of his colleagues. The news of Keen is reassuring for his knee trouble is yielding to treatment, and he should be about in a few days. On the other hand Sayer has been called up in connection with the recent mobilization order, and we are therefore fortunate in having at our disposal such a capable man as Moule. The Leytonstone man who scored a goal for the Reserves on Saturday, has been a rare asset this season. The news that Broad had quite shaken off the attack of diphtheria which laid him low caused the liveliest satisfaction in club circles. We all wish him a speedy recovery to normal health and strength. Is it too much to hope that he will also recover his football form?

Lines on Luton.

Football memories are notoriously short, so that few people remember that Luton Town to whom we play host to-day were previously members of the Football League. Original members of the Southern League, the Bedfordshire club broke away from that organisation after two seasons and joined the older body, but their experience was not a happy one, and in 1900 they returned to the Southern League, of which they remained members until its absorption by the Football League. During all the years they were connected with the Southern League our guests never had the honour of carrying off the Championship, but they were runners up to Millwall in the first two seasons of the Competition. However, whatever fortune may have befallen Luton, they have always struggled gamely to keep the flag flying, and the fact that they rose superior to losing their place at the end of 1911-2 season is sufficient testimony to the grit of the sportsmen who guided the destinies of the Bedfordshire club.

Snapshot on Simms.

In many ways Luton have had a remarkable season, and they are especially proud of having reached the third round of the Cup for the first time in the history of the club. Attention has been focussed upon their attack by reason of the fine penetrative ability of Simms, who was spoken of as a likely centre forward for England. He played for the South in the trial game at Tottenham, but against that astute general McCall, he was not able to touch his best form. Incidentally when Luton were put out of the Cup by Preston, McCall proved a rare stumbling block to the Luton centre forward. For all that, on his day Simms is a most dangerous man, and the fact that he is the leading goal scorer in the Third Division gives point to this remark.

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On behalf of the testimonial to the Secretary of the Queen's Park Rangers Football Club, Mr. W. L. Wood, in recognition of his 21 years' service, the Rangers will oppose Chelsea, at Shepherd's Bush, on Monday next, at 6.30 p.m. The first team in each case will turn out.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—DIVISION 3. Goals						
	Plaved	Won	Lost	Dra.	For Agst. Pts.	
Crystal Palace	38	22	7	9	60	30
Southampton	37	18	6	13	62	26
Swindon	35	20	9	6	69	49
Swansea	36	17	7	12	50	39
Queen's Park Rangers	37	19	11	7	57	31
Millwall	38	17	12	9	39	28
Watford	36	17	12	7	50	36
Luton	37	15	13	9	55	32
Merthyr Town	37	14	12	11	55	46
Bristol Rovers	37	16	15	6	58	38
Grimsby Town	37	14	15	8	43	30
Plymouth Argyle	36	8	9	19	29	30
Brighton and Hove	37	13	16	8	40	34
Northampton	37	13	17	7	52	33
Southend United	37	12	17	8	36	32
Norwich City	37	9	14	14	40	48
Portsmouth	36	9	14	13	38	45
Newport County	37	12	19	6	37	30
Exeter City	37	7	15	15	36	29
Reading	38	11	21	6	40	55
Brentford	36	9	18	9	39	56
Gillingham	37	7	20	10	30	68

THE SCORING BOARD.

The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus **A O I** means that the first-named Club has scored **O** and their opponents **I**.

HOME CLUB.	Half-time	AWAY CLUB.	Half-time
A Bradford		v. Arsenal	
B Chelsea		v. Huddersfield	
C Tottenham Hotspur		v. Bradford City	
D Clapton Orient		v. Sheffield Wednesday	
E Port Vale		v. Fulham	
F Rotherham		v. West Ham United	
G Exeter City		v. Southampton	
H Gillingham		v. Queen's Park R.	
J Merthyr		v. Bristol Rovers	
K Swansea		v. Newport County	
L Northampton		v. Norwich City	
M Plymouth		v. Reading	
N Portsmouth		v. Brighton	
P Swindon		v. Grimsby Town	
R Watford		v. Crystal Palace	

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KICK-OFF 3.30 P.M.

MILLWALL (Blue).

Right.		LANSDALE	1	Left.
		FORT	2	
		VOISEY	4	
		KELLY	7	
		A. MOULE	8	
		HANNAFORD	9	
		SUTHERLAND	10	
		MUSGROVE	11	
		SIMMS	14	
		BOOKMAN	12	
		MATHIESON	13	
		LAMB	17	
		TIRRELL	20	
Left.		PARKER	18	
		BAILEY	22	
		Referee—		
		A. L. GRINSTEAD.		
		BUTCHER	15	
		MOLYNEUX	19	
		LENNON	21	
Right.		LUTON TOWN (White).		

Linesmen—R. TREVOR DENE and T. D. HARDING.

Spectators are requested not to cross the field either before or after the play

SATURDAY, April 23rd, at 3.30,

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MONDAY, April 25th, at 5.30,

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FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GROUND	GOALS FOR AG'ST
1920			
Aug. 28	Bristol Rovers	Home	2 0
30	Brentford	Away	0 1
Sep. 4	Bristol Rovers	Away	2 1
6	Brentford	Home	0 0
11	Exeter City	Away	0 4
13	Northampton	Away	2 0
18	Exeter City	Home	2 0
20	Chesham United	Away	5 1
25	Portsmouth	Away	0 0
Oct. 2	Portsmouth	Home	1 0
9	Newport	Away	1 3
11	Queen's Park R. *	Away	0 1
16	Newport	Home	1 0
23	Gillingham	Home	4 0
30	Gillingham	Away	0 0
Nov. 6	Swindon Town	Home	5 0
13	Swindon Town	Away	1 4
15	West Ham †	Home	0 1
20	Watford	(E.C.)	Home 1 0
27	Watford	...	Away 0 1
Dec. 4	Norwich City	(E.C.)	Away 0 2
11	Norwich City	Home	2 0
18	Bulldog F.A.	(E.C.)	Home 7 0
25	Merthyr Town	Home	0 0
27	Merthyr Town	...	Away 1 0
1921			
Jan. 1	Northampton	Home	1 0
8	Lincoln City	(E.C.)	Home 0 3
15	Crystal Palace	...	Home 0 1
22	Crystal Palace	...	Away 2 3
29	Reading	...	(E.C.) Away 1 0
Feb. 5	Southend	...	Home 4 2
12	Brighton	...	Home 0 1
19	Brighton	...	(E.C.) Away 0 1
21	*C. Palace v Q. Pk. R.	Home	4 2
26	Grimsby Town	...	Home 0 1
Mar. 5	Grimsby Town	(E.C.)	Away 2 0
12	Queen's Park R.	...	Home 0 0
19	Queen's Park R.	(E.C.)	Away 0 0
25	Plymouth	...	Away 2 0
26	Swansea	...	Away 0 0
28	Plymouth	...	Home 0 0
Apr. 2	Swansea	...	Home 0 2
6	Southend	...	Away 2 1
9	Luton	...	Away 0 0
16	Luton	...	Home
23	Southampton	(E.C.)	Away
30	Southampton	...	Home
May 7	Reading	...	Home

† Professional Charity Fund.

* London Challenge Cup. E.C. English Cup Dates.

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES—continued.

Apr. 28	Ramsgate	...	F	Away
30	The Arsenal	...	L C	Away
May 2	Reading	...	S L	Home
7	Reading	...	S L	Away

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES.

DATE.	OPPONENTS	GROUND	FOR AG'S
Aug 28	Thornycrofts...	S L	Away 4 1
30	Chatham	...	Home 4 0
Sep. 4	Brentford	L C	Home 6 0
9	Clapton Orient	L C	Away 2 2
11	Queen's Park R.	L C	Home 1 1
13	Tottenham	...	Home 1 0
18	Brentford	...	Away 3 0
25	Chelsea	...	Home 2 1
27	Chelsea	...	Away 0 0
Oct. 2	Boscombe	...	Away 3 2
4	Watford	...	Home 6 1
9	Thornycrofts...	S L	Home 1 1
13	Watford	...	Away 1 2
16	Norwich City	S L	Away 1 1
18	Clapton Orient	L C	Home 1 1
23	Crystal Palace	L C	Away 0 1
27	Chatham	...	Away 2 0
30	Crystal Palace	L C	Home 2 1
Nov. 6	Gillingham	...	Away 0 1
8	Tottenham	...	L C Away 0 3
13	West Ham	...	L C Home 1 2
17	Brighton	...	S L Away 0 1
18	R. Div. v. T. Div. Police	...	Home 0 1
20	Queen's Park R.	L C	Away 1 3
Dec. 6	Tottenham	...	L C Home 2 1
13	Norwich City	S L	Home 6 0
18	Maidstone	...	F Away 6 2
25	Charlton Athletic	S L	Away 1 1
27	Crystal Palace	L C	Home 0 1
28	Essex Rfs. v. Kent Rfs.	...	Home 1 0
30	Fulham	...	L C Away 1 2
Jan. 1	Chelsea	...	L C Away 0 3
8	Clapton Orient	L C	Away 1 0
15	Luton	...	S L Away 3 2
22	Brentford	...	L C Home 4 0
29	Gillingham	...	S L Home 0 1
31	West Ham	...	L C Home 1 0
Feb. 5	Queen's Park R.	L C	Away 1 0
7	Southampton	S L	Home 1 0
12	West Ham	...	L C Away 0 1
14	Portsmouth	...	S L Home 1 0
17	Harlesden v. Co-operative	...	Home 0 1
19	Luton	...	S L Home 1 0
19	Deptford v Greenwich Schs.	...	Home 3 2
26	West Ham	...	L C Away 0 0
28	Queen's Park R.	L C	Home 0 3
Mar. 3	Met. & E.L.R. v New X Loco	...	Home 1 1
5	The Arsenal	...	L C Home 2 0
7	Southampton	S L	Away 0 3
12	Brentford	...	L C Away 1 1
14	Brighton	...	S L Home 0 1
19	Chelsea	...	L C Home 2 1
25	Charlton Athletic	S L	Home 1 1
26	The Arsenal	...	L C Home 3 0
28	Crystal Palace	L C	Away 1 1
29	Stones' Deptford Works v. Charlton Works	...	Home 4 1
31	Fulham	...	L C Away 2 3
Apr. 4	Clapton Orient	L C	Home 2 1
7	The Arsenal	...	L C Away 2 0
9	Fulham	...	L C Home 2 1
14	Portsmouth	...	S L Away
16			Away
18	Tottenham	...	L C Away
23	Fulham	...	L C Home
25	Boscombe	...	S L Home