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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 it 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.

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.

## MILLWALL OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—DIVISION 3. Goals										
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agst.	Pts.			
Crystal Palace ...	38	22	7	9	60	30	53			
Southampton ...	37	18	6	13	62	26	49			
Swindon ...	35	20	9	6	69	49	46			
Swansea ...	36	17	7	12	50	39	46			
Queen's Park Rangers...	37	19	11	7	57	31	45			
Millwall ...	38	17	12	9	39	28	43			
Watford ...	36	17	12	7	50	36	41			
Luton ...	37	15	13	9	55	52	39			
Merthyr Town ...	37	14	12	11	55	46	39			
Bristol Rovers ...	37	16	15	6	58	52	38			
Grimsby Town ...	37	14	15	8	43	50	36			
Plymouth Argyle ...	36	8	9	19	29	30	35			
Brighton and Hove ...	37	13	16	8	40	51	34			
Northampton ...	37	13	17	7	52	65	33			
Southend United ...	37	12	17	8	36	50	32			
Norwich City ...	37	9	14	14	40	48	32			
Portsmouth ...	36	9	14	13	38	45	31			
Newport County ...	37	12	19	6	37	61	30			
Exeter City ...	37	7	15	15	36	48	29			
Reading ...	38	11	21	6	40	55	28			
Brentford ...	36	9	18	9	39	56	27			
Gillingham ...	37	7	20	10	30	68	24			

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

## Millwall v. Luton Town.

KICK-OFF 3.30 P.M.

MILLWALL (Blue).

Right.	LANSDALE 1				Left
	FORT 2		WOODLEY 3		
	VOISEY 4		RIDDELL 5	GRIFFITHS 6	
KELLY 7	A. MOULE 8		SUTHERLAND 10	MUSGROVE 11	
	HANNAFORD 9				
	Referee— SIMMS 14				
BOOKMAN 12	MATHIESON 13		BUTCHER 15	HOAR 16	
	LAMB 17		PARKER 18	MOLYNEUX 19	
	TIRRELL 20		LENNON 21		
Left	BAILEY 22				Right

LUTON TOWN (White).

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## FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.

## SECOND TEAM FIXTURES.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GROUND	GOALS FOR AG'S†	DATE.	OPPONENTS	GROUND	FOR AG'S†
1920				A'g. 28	Thornycrofts...	SL	Away 4 1
A'g. 28	Bristol Rovers	Home	2 0	30	Chatham ...	SL	Home 4 0
30	Brentford ...	Away	0 1	Sep. 4	Brentford ...	LC	Home 6 0
Sep. 4	Bristol Rovers	Away	2 1	9	Clapton Orient	LC	Away 2 2
6	Brentford ...	Home	0 0	11	Queen's Park R.	LC	Home 1 1
11	Exeter City	Away	0 4	13	Tottenham ...	LC	Home 1 0
13	Northampton	Away	2 0	18	Brentford ...	LC	Away 3 0
18	Exeter City ...	Home	2 0	25	Chelsea ...	LC	Home 2 1
20	Chesham United	Away	5 1	27	Chelsea ...	LC	Away 0 0
25	Portsmouth ...	Away	0 0	Oct. 2	Boscombe ...	SL	Away 3 2
Oct. 2	Portsmouth ...	Home	1 0	4	Watford ...	SL	Home 6 1
9	Newport ...	Away	1 3	9	Thornycrofts...	SL	Home 1 1
11	Queen's Park R. *	Away	0 1	13	Watford ...	SL	Away 1 2
16	Newport ...	Home	1 0	16	Norwich City	SL	Away 1 1
23	Gillingham ...	Home	4 0	18	Clapton Orient	LC	Home 1 1
30	Gillingham ...	Away	0 0	23	Crystal Palace	LC	Away 0 1
Nov. 6	Swindon Town	Home	5 0	27	Chatham ...	SL	Away 2 0
13	Swindon Town	Away	1 4	30	Crystal Palace	LC	Home 2 1
15	West Ham †	Home	0 1	Nov. 6	Gillingham ...	SL	Away 0 1
20	Watford ... (E.O.)	Home	1 0	8	Tottenham ...	LC	Away 0 3
27	Watford ...	Away	0 1	13	West Ham ...	LC	Home 1 2
Dec. 4	Norwich City... (E.C.)	Away	0 2	17	Brighton ...	SL	Away 0 1
11	Norwich City	Home	2 0	18	R. Div. v. T. Div. Police	Home	0 1
18	Bulldog F.A. (E.C.)	Home	7 0	20	Queen's Park R.	LC	Away 1 3
25	Merthyr Town	Home	0 0	Dec. 6	Tottenham ...	LC	Home 2 1
27	Merthyr Town	Away	1 0	13	Norwich City	SL	Home 6 0
1921				18	Maidstone ...	F	Away 6 2
Jan. 1	Northampton	Home	1 0	25	Charlton Athletic	SL	Away 1 1
8	Lincoln City... (E.C.)	Home	0 3	27	Crystal Palace	LC	Home 0 1
15	Crystal Palace	Home	0 1	28	Essex Rfs. v. Kent Rfs.	Home	1 0
22	Crystal Palace	Away	2 3	30	Fulham ...	LC	Away 1 2
29	Reading ... (E.C.)	Away	1 0	Jan. 1	Chelsea ...	LC	Away 0 3
Feb. 5	Southend ...	Home	4 2	8	Clapton Orient	LC	Away 1 0
12	Brighton ...	Home	0 1	15	Luton ...	SL	Away 3 2
19	Brighton ... (E.C.)	Away	0 1	22	Brentford ...	LC	Home 4 0
21	*C. Palace v Q. Pk. R.	Home	4 2	29	Gillingham ...	SL	Home 0 1
26	Grimsby Town	Home	0 1	31	West Ham ...	LC	Home 1 0
Mar. 5	Grimsby Town (E.C.)	Away	2 0	Feb. 5	Queen's Park R.	LC	Away 1 0
12	Queen's Park R.	Home	0 0	7	Southampton	SL	Home 1 0
19	Queen's Park R. (E.C.)	Away	0 0	12	West Ham ...	LC	Away 0 1
25	Plymouth ...	Away	2 0	14	Portsmouth ...	SL	Home 1 0
26	Swansea ...	Away	0 0	17	Harlesden v. Co-operative	Home	0 1
28	Plymouth ...	Home	0 0	19	Luton ...	SL	Home 1 0
Apl. 2	Swansea ...	Home	0 2	19	Deptford v Greenwich Schs.	Home	3 2
6	Southend ...	Away	2 1	26	West Ham ...	LC	Away 0 0
9	Luton ...	Away	0 0	28	Queen's Park R.	LC	Home 0 3
16	Luton ...	Home		Mar. 3	Met. & E.L.R. v New X Loco	Home	1 1
23	Southampton (E.C.)	Away		5	The Arsenal ...	LC	Home 2 0
30	Southampton	Home		7	Southampton	SL	Away 0 3
May 7	Reading ...	Home		12	Brentford ...	LC	Away 1 1
				14	Brighton ...	SL	Home 0 1
				19	Chelsea ...	LC	Home 2 1
				25	Charlton Athletic	SL	Home 1 1
				26	The Arsenal ...	LC	Home 3 0
				28	Crystal Palace	LC	Away 1 1
				29	Stones' Deptford Works v. Charlton Works	Home	4 1
				31	Fulham ...	LC	Away 2 3
				Apr. 4	Clapton Orient	LC	Home 2 1
				7	The Arsenal ...	LC	Away 2 0
				9	Fulham ...	LC	Home 2 1
				14	Portsmouth ...	SL	Away
				16			Away
				18	Tottenham ...	LC	Away
				23	Fulham ...	LC	Home
				25	Boscombe ...	SL	Home

† Professional Charity Fund.

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

## SECOND TEAM FIXTURES—continued.

Apr. 28	Ramsgate ...	F	Away		
30	The Arsenal ...	LC	Away		
May 2	Reading ...	SL	Home		
7	Reading ...	SL	Away		

SL—Southern League LC—London Combination.