



FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

MILLWALL v. LUTON.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH, 1921.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—DIVISION 3. Goals**

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agst.	Pts.
Southampton ...	18	13	1	4	32	10	30
Plymouth Argyle ...	19	12	2	5	26	9	29
Luton ...	19	12	3	4	30	11	28
Portsmouth ...	18	8	1	9	30	17	25
Millwall ...	20	6	5	9	17	14	21
Bristol Rovers ...	17	8	5	4	24	17	20
Queen's Park Rangers ...	19	6	5	8	22	22	20
Aberdare ...	18	7	6	5	28	25	19
Merthyr Town ...	18	9	8	1	20	28	19
Brentford ...	18	5	5	8	18	16	18
Swindon ...	18	7	7	4	28	27	18
Charlton Athletic ...	18	6	6	6	21	27	18
Swansea ...	18	5	6	7	18	17	17
Northampton ...	16	6	6	4	19	27	16
Brighton and Hove ...	18	6	9	3	22	21	15
Newport County ...	18	5	9	4	20	25	14
Watford ...	18	2	6	10	12	19	14
Southend United ...	19	3	10	6	13	26	12
Exeter City ...	18	4	10	4	14	29	12
Gillingham ...	17	4	10	3	14	22	11
Reading ...	17	4	10	3	12	21	11
Norwich City ...	17	1	9	7	15	24	9

**THE SCORING BOARD.**

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

HOME CLUB.	Half-time	AWAY CLUB.	Half-time
<b>A</b> Arsenal	0	v. Oldham Athletic	0
<b>B</b> Chelsea	0	v. Tottenham Hotspur	0
<b>C</b> Clapton Orient		v. Fulham	
<b>D</b> Crystal Palace		v. Leeds United	
<b>E</b> Derby County		v. West Ham United	
<b>F</b> Brentford		v. Bristol Rovers	
<b>G</b> Brighton		v. Norwich City	
<b>H</b> Exeter City		v. Watford	
<b>J</b> Gillingham		v. Swindon	
<b>K</b> Merthyr Town		v. Portsmouth	
<b>L</b> Queen's Park R.		v. Charlton Athletic	
<b>M</b> Reading		v. Aberdare	
<b>N</b> Southampton		v. Northampton	
<b>P</b> Southend		v. Plymouth	
<b>R</b> Swansea		v. Newport County	

TUESDAY, Dec. 27th, at 2.30 p.m.

**Maidstone United.**

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28th, at 2.30 p.m.

**Kent v. Essex Refs.**

ALL PAY.

# OFFICIAL NOTES.

**THE CUP.** To the football enthusiast what a wealth of meaning is contained in these words, what visions do they conjure up, and what a flood of anecdote do they let loose. From Newcastle to Plymouth, from Norwich to Cardiff, we have all been at it during the week, telling of the great games we have witnessed in the past, and canvassing the chances of the clubs in the First Round on January 7th. Poor Father Christmas has certainly been neglected since the draw was made at headquarters on Monday, but the rumour that the old chap is going to ask for an injunction to restrain the F.A. from trespassing on his preserves lacks confirmation. Any letters asking which (Santa) Claus he would rely upon will be ignored!

### Drawn at home.

With the Arsenal, Brentford, Chelsea and ourselves all drawn at home there will be a wide range of matches for the metropolitan enthusiast, and fortunately enough the games are well distributed from a geographical point of view. Last year it may be recalled we were actually the first club out of the hat, but matters were reversed with a vengeance on Monday when we were left to the end. This will be Ashington's first appearance in the Competition proper, a victory over Stalybridge Celtic in the last qualifying round having given them an entry into the select circle. Ashington compete in the Northern Section of the Third Division, and their record of nine points for twelve games, with an adverse goal average of 12-23 is not inspiring. At the same time we are not likely to hold our opponents too cheaply. Do you remember Lincoln City last season?

### Not an unmixed blessing.

We shall have a further opportunity of discussing our Cup tie chances when the Christmas programme is out of the way, and we have settled down on normal lines. As a time of festivity Christmas is welcomed by all, and the football enthusiast eagerly avails himself of the facilities which the holidays offer to enjoy an additional match or two. The players have their own particular view point which they ventilate rather freely at times—not for publication, we need hardly state—and the feelings of those who guide the destinies of a League club may be better imagined than described. Many a team well in the running for the League Championship has had its aspirations shattered by a heavy holiday match list.

### Wait and see.

Fortunately we have two games at The Den, for after to-day's engagement we welcome Newport on Monday, travelling back to Wales with them for the return on Tuesday. It is very refreshing to find Luton challenging the leaders, for the Bedfordshire club has not always enjoyed the best of fortune, indeed one can recall the time when it was a difficult matter to keep the flag flying. However it is to be hoped that those times are finished with for ever, and that Mr. Green and the able band of Directors who control the club will be freed from the carking cares which come from a depleted exchequer. Whether Luton will gain promotion is another matter. Their chances are being confidently canvassed in certain quarters, but with half the season before us it seems premature to hazard an opinion.

### Lines on Luton.

If Luton succeed they will not be exactly strangers to the Second Division, for they spent in that Competition the three seasons immediately prior to 1900-1, when they rejoined the Southern League, of which by the way they were one of the original members. It cannot be denied that as constituted to day Luton has a powerful side, and the attack is sufficient to command respect in any circle. Many internationals in one line might lead to a display of professional jealousy—we have known this happen even with footballers—but Simms, Bookman

and Mathieson manage to get along splendidly and the position which Luton occupies is ready confirmation of the fact. Hoar, who took his benefit when Swansea were at Luton last month, is second to Simms as far as goal scoring is concerned, England's centre forward having already got into double figures. Our old player, Bassett, went to Luton from Watford during the close season, and may be seen in action against us. Bailey also was with us.

### News of Newport.

Boxing Day is usually a red letter day at The Den, and it behoves those who wish to see the game in comfort to secure their place early. Given fine seasonable weather we expect to have our accommodation severely taxed, and if we have such a gate we trust the team will rise to the occasion and show our patrons that goal scoring is not altogether a lost art. Newport have an able custodian in Cooper, the old Barnsley man, who has rendered such signal service to the Welsh club, while Flanders, the left back, is the player who figured in the team in pre-war days and has now returned from Mansfield. Griffin, his partner, was with the club last season, and the same remark applies to Groves, Walker, and the Captain, E. Edwards, of the intermediate line. The attack is still led by Devlin, who was principal scorer for the club last season, and the only new comer to the line is Fred Price who usually figures at outside right. However, he played as a half back occasionally when with Port Vale.

### Touching Thompson.

Our latest recruit has been playing the game from his youth up and due credit must be given to the energetic body of men who train up the West Ham school boys in the way they should go. Thompson was in the school team in 1911-12 when they won the English Shield and five other trophies, so that he has a fine collection of medals for the season. Though barely sixteen at the outbreak of the war he managed to get into the Navy where he served as a stoker for four years, and on being demobbed he joined the Custom House Club. At the outset of the present season Thompson played a few games for Charlton but he was Wimbledon's player and when appearing for that club in a Cup-tie against Redhill, he scored five goals. As he has only just attained his majority Thompson should have many years at the game.

### Diary for the Week.

- Monday v. Newport, Div. III—2.30 p.m.
- Tuesday v. Maidstone—2.30 p.m.
- Wednesday Kent v. Essex Referees.
- Thursday West Ham Boys v. Shenfield Boys.  
In Aid of Mayor of Poplar's Fund for unemployed.
- Saturday v. Charlton, Div. III—2.30 p.m.

Cup-tie prices will be the same as for ordinary League matches, with the exception that there will be no half-price for boys.

On Thursday, December 29th, 1921, a Schoolboy Charity Match will be played at the Den, between Poplar Training School (Shenfield) and West Ham. Mr. Jack Jones, M.P., will kick-off at 2 p.m.

THE DIRECTORS  
SEND  
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
TO ALL  
FRIENDS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

### LONDON COMBINATION.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Pts.
Fulham ...	20	8	5	7	29	22	23
The Arsenal ...	19	8	4	7	30	23	23
Crystal Palace ...	22	10	9	3	30	45	23
Clapton Orient ...	19	9	6	4	37	19	22
Chelsea ...	17	8	5	4	21	13	20
Brentford ...	19	8	9	2	34	34	18
Tottenham Hotspur ...	17	7	6	4	27	30	18
Queen's Pk. Rangers ...	21	6	10	5	24	25	18
Millwall ...	17	8	3	23	23	17	
Charlton Athletic ...	20	4	8	8	23	31	16
West Ham United ...	18	4	10	4	24	28	12

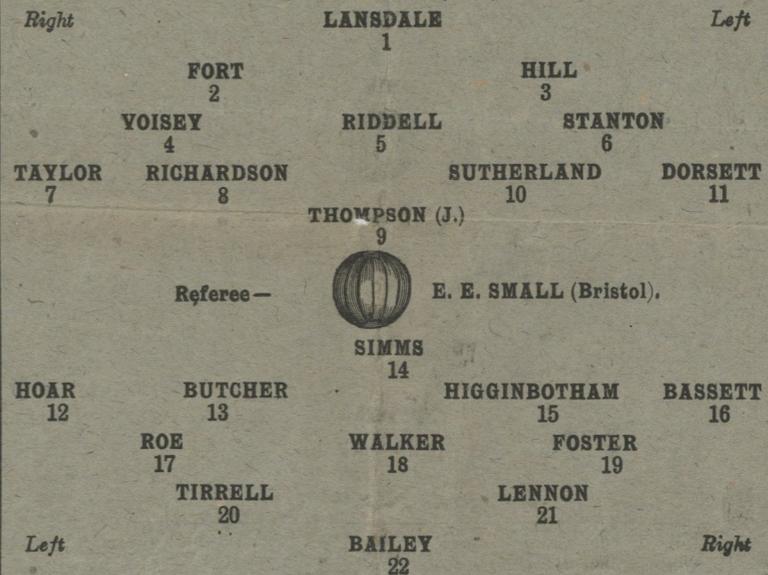
### SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—ENGLISH SECTION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bristol City Res. ...	18	10	5	3	41	28	23
Plymouth Arg. Res. ...	17	9	4	4	41	20	22
Southampton ...	17	8	4	5	36	23	21
Boscombe ...	14	8	5	1	16	23	17
Charlton Ath. ...	13	6	4	3	23	17	15
Bath City ...	16	6	7	3	24	23	15
Exeter City Res. ...	15	4	4	7	20	19	15
Portsmouth Res. ...	14	5	4	5	18	19	15
Gillingham Res. ...	13	5	4	4	21	21	14
Luton Town Res. ...	15	7	8	0	17	18	14
Watford Res. ...	17	6	9	2	26	28	14
Guildford United ...	13	5	5	3	18	16	13
Millwall Res. ...	13	5	6	2	20	17	12
Reading Res. ...	13	5	6	2	18	20	12
Brighton Res. ...	15	4	7	4	25	31	12
Swindon Res. ...	11	4	4	3	18	16	11
Southend United Res. ...	14	5	8	1	20	32	11
Bristol Rovers Res. ...	14	4	7	3	19	36	10
Norwich City Res. ...	14	3	8	3	13	27	9

## Millwall v. Luton Town.

KICK-OFF 2.30 P.M.

### MILLWALL (Red).



### GOAL SCORERS

Football League

- Walters .. 5
- Richardson .. 3
- Hopper .. 2
- Sutherland .. 2
- Hannafor .. 1
- Stanton .. 1
- Thompson, J. .. 1
- Voisey .. 1
- Opponents .. 1

### GOAL SCORERS

London Com.

- Moule .. 5
- Richardson .. 3
- Sayer .. 3
- Dempsey .. 2
- Hannafor .. 2
- Hobby .. 2
- McGovern .. 2
- Bearton .. 1
- Duffus .. 1
- Gomm .. 1
- Sutherland .. 1

Southern L'gue.

- McGovern .. 5
- Hannafor .. 4
- Moule .. 3
- Keen .. 2
- Bearton .. 1
- Dempsey .. 1
- Gallagher .. 1
- Musgrove .. 1
- Sayer .. 1
- Sutherland .. 1

LUTON TOWN.  
Linesmen—T. W. CURTIS and E. J. BILLENNESS.

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

Boxing Day, Monday, Dec. 26th, at 2.30

FOOTBALL LEAGUE!

# NEWPORT COUNTY

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES.

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES.

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GEO UNDFOR AGT	GOALS FOR AGT	DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GEO UNDFOR AGT	GOALS FOR AGT	DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GEO UNDFOR AGT	GOALS FOR AGT
1921 A.g. 27 31	Northampton Watford	H A	0 0	1921 A.g. 27 29	Huddersfield (d.t.) Reading Bristol Rovers Bristol Rovers (E.C.)	A H H A	0 3	1922 Jan. 7	Charlton A.	H	1
Sep. 3 5	Northampton Watford	A H H A	3 0	Sep. 3 5	Brentford Brentford Plymouth A. Plymouth A.	H A H A	0 0	14	Bristol Rovers	H	1
10	Merthyr	(E.C.)	4 0	10	Bath City	H	0	16	West Ham	A	1
14	Gillingham	(E.C.)	1 3	15	Queen's Park R.	H	0	19	Chelsea	A	1
17	Merthyr	(E.C.)	1 1	17	Arsenal	H	1	21	Southampton	H	1
24	Portsmouth	(E.C.)	2 2	21	Watford	H	1	23	Clapton Orient	H	1
Oct. 1	Portsmouth	(E.C.)	0 0	22	Brighton Res. v Barry (S.L. Cham., 20-21)	A	0	Feb. 4	Brentford	H	1
8	Southend	(E.C.)	2 0	24	Portsmouth	H	1	6	Crystal Palace	H	1
10	Charlton Ath. L.P.C.F.	H H A	0 1	26	Watford	H	0	11	Arsenal	H	1
15	Southend	(E.C.)	1 1	Oct. 3	Portsmouth	H	0	13	West Ham	H	1
17	Chelsea	(E.C.)	3 0	10	Southend	H	0	18	Norwich City	H	1
22	Swansea	(E.C.)	0 0	15	Brentford	H	1	23	Charlton A.	A	1
29	Swansea	(E.C.)	0 0	22	Queen's Park R.	H	0	25	Norwich City	A	1
31	Fulham	(E.C.)	0 4	24	Tottenham	H	0	Mar. 2	Arsenal	A	1
Nov. 5	Exeter City	(E.C.)	1 0	31	Boscombe	H	0	4	Reading	H	1
12	Exeter City	(E.C.)	0 1	Nov. 5	Crystal Palace	H	0	6	Exeter City	H	1
14	Fulham v. Crystal Pal.	(E.C.)	0 0	7	Queen's Park R.	H	0	11	Reading	A	1
19	Swindon	(E.C.)	0 1	10	Clapton Orient	H	0	13	Queen's Park R.	H	1
26	Swindon	(E.C.)	1 1	12	Fulham	H	0	16	Fulham	A	1
Dec. 3	Southampton	(E.C.)	0 1	16	Guildford	H	0	18	Bristol Rovers	A	1
10	Gillingham	(E.C.)	1 0	19	Swindon Town	H	0	20	Charlton A.	H	1
17	Luton	(E.C.)	0 0	21	West Ham	H	0	23	Bath City	A	1
24	Luton	(E.C.)	0 1	22	L.C.C. Trams v. Portsmouth Trams	H	0	25	Fulham	H	1
26	Newport	(E.C.)	0 0	24	North v. South Railway Police	H	0	27	Luton	H	1
27	Newport	(E.C.)	0 0	26	Swindon Town (abandoned)	H	0	29	Exeter City	A	1
31	Charlton Ath.	(E.C.)	0 1	28	Charlton A.	H	0	Apr. 1	Maidstone	A	1
1922 Jan. 7	Ashington	(E.C.)	4 2	3	Southampton	H	0	3	Bristol City	H	1
14	Charlton Ath.	(E.C.)	0 0	5	Charlton A.	H	0	5	Southend	H	1
21	Southampton	(E.C.)	0 0	10	Gillingham	H	0	8	Chelsea	H	1
28	Crystal Pal. (E.C.)	(E.C.)	0 0	17	Chelsea	H	0	10	Bristol City	A	1
Feb. 1	Crystal Pal.	(E.C.)	0 0	10	Tottenham	H	0	14	Plymouth	A	1
Feb. 4	Queen's Park R.	(E.C.)	2 0	17	Chelsea	H	0	15	Crystal Palace	A	1
11	Norwich City	(E.C.)	4 0	24	Tottenham	H	0	17	Plymouth	H	1
18	Norwich City	(E.C.)	4 0	26	Maidstone	H	0	20	Chelsea	A	1
25	Norwich City	(E.C.)	4 0	27	Kent v. Esser Refs.	H	0	22	Crystal Palace	H	1
				28	Fulham	H	0	26	Luton	A	1
				29	Shenfield Boys v. West Ham Boys	H	0	29	Brighton	A	1
				31	Brentford	H	0	May 1	Tottenham	A	1
								4	Clapton Orient	A	1
								6	Brighton	A	1
									Boscombe	A	1
									(to arrange)	A	1
									Swindon Town	A	1

E.C.—English Cup Date. L.F.A.—London F.A. Challenge Cup.  
L.P.C.F.—London Professional Charity Fund.

s l—Southern League.

l c—London Combination.

Swansea T-25