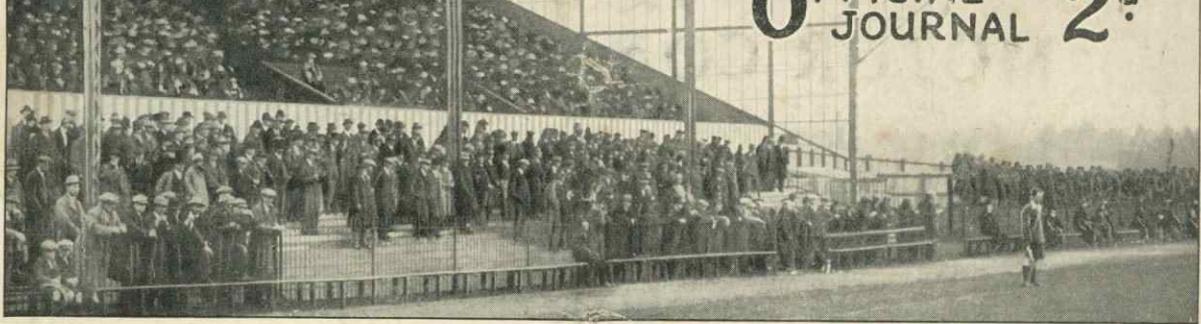


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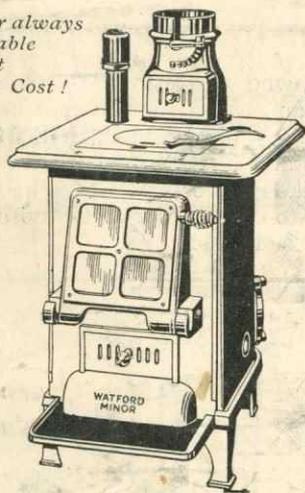
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### Hertfordshire v. Bedfordshire

**T**O-DAY we play our League match of the year, when our neighbours from Bedfordshire appear at Vicarage Road. Luton always have a very large following when they visit Watford, and as they are at present in that coveted position at the head of the League table, they are certain to have more followers than in previous years.

Luton have yet to win at Vicarage Road, and although we shall be without our captain and our centre-forward, we say with any amount of confidence that with ordinary luck we shall send them home empty-handed.

The rivalry between these two clubs is as keen as one would wish to see, and we are pleased to say that all the stiff encounters between these two sides have always been fought in a truly clean and sporting spirit. What we want to see is a really hard ding-dong 'ninety minutes' struggle of first-class football, and if the Luton defenders will allow our team to play this type of game, then we are confident as to the final result.

The mere fact that Luton are at the head of the table will give them an abundance of confidence, but the "Blues" will step into the playing arena just as confident; so may the best team win, and may we have a good gate, a good game, and a good win, then we shall all be smiling at Vicarage Road.

We hope our supporters will not forget to let our team know they are playing at home, for we are sure the "Straw hatters" will encourage their side all they can. We ask our players to go all out and save their ground record, and secure two points, which will help us up the League table very nicely.

### An Unfortunate Accident

Our match with Bristol Rovers resulted in a win for the "Blues" by the only goal scored, this falling to the foot of McPherson, who after scoring the all-important goal had the misfortune to "pull the muscle" of his right thigh, which made him a passenger for the remainder of the game.

This is a further stroke of bad luck for us, as he will not be ready in time for duty for to-day's game, and at the time of writing the Management are in a bit of a quandary as to how to arrange the forward line to oppose Luton.

Watford fully deserved to win last Saturday, for they were a far superior side to the Bristolians, and played with much more method; in fact, their footwork at times was really pretty, and if Holland's penalty shot had taken effect, it would have eased the minds of our defenders as well as officials. However, "all's well that ends well," so we had better leave well alone.

### How they Played

Hewett, who was restored to his usual place in the first team, was a far different goalkeeper than the one we saw play against Fulham, and he made many fine and clever saves in a very clean and workmanlike manner. We hope he will repeat the exhibition to-day. Prior and Davison were a very sound pair of backs.

The half-backs were very sound and satisfactory. Barson, playing to orders, refused to tackle when there appeared to be any danger, thereby giving the referee no chance of penalising him. Barson can afford to keep out of a tackle, for his placing of the ball and the use he makes of it are simply wonderful—he puts his brains to their best use whenever he has possession. Frank Smith was simply great, and played a really wonderful game throughout. We do not recollect him ever playing a better game for the "Blues" and we hope he keeps it up. Fuller, who returned to left half after a few weeks' absence through injury, played a very sound game, and completed a trio that was the real strength of the side.

We must be a little sympathetic towards the forward line, for up to the time of McPherson's injury they were a very lively lot, and we feel sure that but for this unfortunate incident our team would have retired winners by a much larger margin than one goal. Holland, in spite of missing the penalty, was about the pick of the five, although Chapman was a very close second. We should like to see Chapman finish his clever work a little better, then he would be the ideal winger. McPherson again proved what a dangerous marksman he is, and the sooner he is fit, the better for the "Blues." Daniels and Moule were not quite up to their usual standard, but here let it be said that McPherson's injury disorganised the whole line.

### Barson's Severe Sentence

Arising out of the unfortunate incident at the Watford v. Fulham match on September 29th, when Barson was sent off the field, the Football Association informed the Club on Tuesday morning, that "For his conduct in this match Frank Barson is suspended for the remainder of the season."

The severity of the sentence, which deprives the man and his family of the means of livelihood for seven months, will appear to all our supporters as drastic indeed. While yielding to none in our desire to maintain clean methods on the field of play, no impartial observer at this match, could, by any stretch of imagination, make the sentence fit the crime (if any). An appeal has been lodged, so we must leave the matter there for the moment.

### Our Injured Players

Frank McPherson's injured thigh is doing very nicely. He will soon be back in harness again, as also will Jack Warner and Arthur Woodward. Both these players are now in full training.

### Supporters' Club News

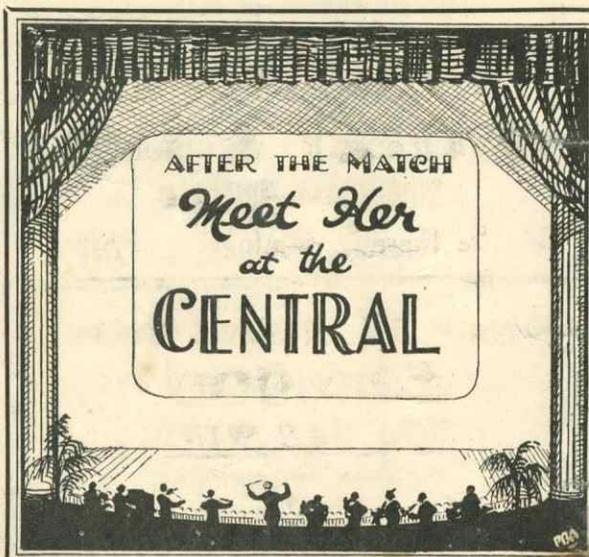
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17 MILLAR Left Half	18 FULTON Centre Half	19 BLACK Right Half	
20 RICHARDS Left Back	21 KINGHAM Right Back		
	22 ABBOTT Goal		

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<b>A</b> —Bristol Rovers v. Brentford .....	<b>G</b> —Queens P. R. v. Bournemouth .....
<b>B</b> —Crystal Palace v. Charlton A. ....	<b>H</b> —Swindon T. v. Norwich C. ....
<b>C</b> —Fulham v. Merthyr T. ....	<b>K</b> —Torquay U. v. Brighton & H. ....
<b>D</b> —Gillingham v. Exeter City .....	<b>L</b> —Walsall v. Coventry City .....
<b>E</b> —Newport C. v. Northampton .....	<b>M</b> —Tottenham H. v. Grimsby .....
<b>F</b> —Plymouth A. v. Southend U. ....	<b>N</b> —Oldham Athletic v. Chelsea .....

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			F.	A.
Aug. 25	Crystal Palace	Away	0	3
" 27	Coventry City	Away	1	2
Sept. 1	SWINDON TOWN	HOME	3	2
" 5	COVENTRY CITY	HOME	4	2
" 8	Torquay United	Away	0	5
" 13	St. Albans City (Friendly)	Away	1	4
" 15	GILLINGHAM	HOME	5	1
" 22	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0	2
" 29	FULHAM	HOME	2	6
Oct. 6	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	2	3
" 13	BRISTOL ROVERS	HOME	1	0
" 20	LUTON TOWN	HOME		
" 27	Brentford	Away		
Nov. 3	BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE	HOME		
" 10	Merthyr	Away		
" 17	SOUTHEND UNITED	HOME		
" 24	English Cup (1st Round)			
Dec. 1	BRIGHTON AND HOVE	HOME		
" 8	Norwich City	Away		
" 15	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	HOME		
" 22	Northampton	Away		
" 25	Newport County	Away		
" 26	NEWPORT COUNTY	HOME		
" 29	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME		
Jan. 5	Swindon Town	Away		
" 12	Exeter City	Away		
" 19	TORQUAY UNITED	HOME		
" 26	Gillingham	Away		
Feb. 2	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	HOME		
" 9	Fulham	Away		
" 16	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	HOME		
" 23	Bristol Rovers	Away		
March 2	Luton Town	Away		
" 9	BRENTFORD	HOME		
" 16	Bournemouth & Boscombe	Away		
" 23	MERTHYR	HOME		
" 29	WALSALL	HOME		
" 30	Southend United	Away		
April 1	Walsall	Away		
" 6	EXETER CITY	HOME		
" 13	Brighton & Hove Albion	Away		
" 20	NORWICH CITY	HOME		
" 27	Charlton Athletic	Away		
May 4	NORTHAMPTON	HOME		

2nd TEAM—LONDON COMBINATION.

Aug. 25	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME	1	1
Sept. 1	West Ham	Away	1	4
" 8	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	HOME	0	1
" 15	Reading	Away	1	3
" 22	FULHAM	HOME	1	2
" 29	Cardiff City	Away	1	4
Oct. 6	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	HOME	2	2
" 13	Southampton	Away	3	4
" 17	MILLWALL	HOME	4	4
" 20	Coventry City	Away		
" 27	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	HOME		
Nov. 3	Brighton Orient	Away		
" 10	BRIGHTON AND HOVE	HOME		
" 17	Arsenal	Away		
" 24	SOUTHEND UNITED	HOME		
Dec. 1	Swansea	Away		
" 8	CHELSEA	HOME		
" 15	Brentford	Away		
" 22	LUTON TOWN	HOME		
" 25	PORTSMOUTH	HOME		
" 26	Portsmouth	Away		
" 29	Crystal Palace	Away		
Jan. 5	WEST HAM	HOME		
" 12	Tottenham Hotspur	Away		
" 19	READING	HOME		
" 26	Fulham	Away		
Feb. 2	CARDIFF CITY	HOME		
" 9	Queen's Park Rangers	Away		
" 16	SOUTHAMPTON	HOME		
" 23	COVENTRY CITY	HOME		
March 2	Millwall	Away		
" 9	Charlton Athletic	Away		
" 16	CLAPTON ORIENT	HOME		
" 23	Brighton and Hove Albion	Away		
" 29	ARSENAL	HOME		
April 1	LEICESTER CITY	HOME		
" 2	Leicester City	Away		
" 6	Southend United	Away		
" 13	SWANSEA	HOME		
" 20	Chelsea	Away		
" 27	BRENTFORD	HOME		
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Queen's Park Rangers	10	5	1	4	15	12	14
Plymouth Argyle	11	6	3	2	23	14	14
Swindon Town	11	6	3	2	21	17	14
Coventry City	10	4	2	4	14	10	12
Brentford	10	4	2	4	14	10	12
Southend United	10	4	2	4	18	16	12
Crystal Palace	10	5	3	2	16	14	12
Fulham	10	4	3	3	31	18	11
Northampton	11	3	3	5	19	18	11
Charlton Athletic	9	4	3	2	17	17	10
Bournemouth	10	4	4	2	14	16	10
Newport County	10	2	3	5	17	17	9
Torquay United	10	4	5	1	17	17	9
WATFORD	10	4	5	1	14	20	9
Walsall	10	4	5	1	17	24	9
Merthyr Town	10	3	5	2	14	23	8
Brighton & Hove Albion	10	2	5	3	12	16	7
Bristol Rovers	10	2	6	1	14	19	7
Exeter City	10	2	6	2	14	19	6
Norwich City	10	2	7	1	13	20	5
Gillingham	10	1	7	2	7	19	4

### London Combination

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Southend United	10	8	1	1	31	15	17
Chelsea	11	7	2	2	32	13	16
Cardiff City	11	7	3	1	29	14	15
Arsenal	11	7	3	1	24	11	15
Fulham	10	7	3	0	20	15	14
Tottenham Hotspur	11	7	4	0	23	15	14
Queen's Park Rangers	12	6	4	2	30	26	14
West Ham United	11	6	4	1	32	13	13
Portsmouth	9	5	3	1	15	11	11
Leicester City	10	5	4	1	22	17	11
Luton Town	12	5	6	1	21	29	11
Charlton Athletic	10	4	4	2	19	21	10
Clapton Orient	11	4	5	2	14	17	10
Crystal Palace	10	4	5	1	14	20	9
Coventry City	10	4	5	1	13	21	9
Brentford	12	2	5	5	18	20	9
Millwall Athletic	10	3	6	1	17	31	7
Brighton & Hove Albion	10	3	6	1	12	29	7
Swansea Town	12	3	8	1	18	29	7
Southampton	12	3	8	1	25	41	7
Reading	10	2	7	1	13	23	5
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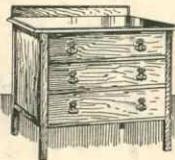
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