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Throughout the length and breadth of the land all true lovers of the great game must be turning their thoughts to the bed of sickness whereon lies one of the finest sportsmen who has graced the Empire's throne. The deep and intimate interest of His Majesty both in the work and the games of his humblest subjects is in itself a tribute to his greatness. All Cottagers and their adherents will join with us in tendering our sympathy to the Royal Family in the period of anxiety which besets them and an earnest prayer for the restoration to health of Britain's King.

From the Board Room.

We are in agreement with the writer who said it was a pity both sides couldn't win when Northampton visited us last Saturday. Our guests put up such a valorous display, especially after the unfortunate accident to their forward, Smith, that we cannot but feel they were unfortunate in going away empty handed. We have ourselves recently had some troubles of this sort ladled out to us and sincerely hope the Cobblers will not lose this excellent player's services for any undue length of time. As will be seen from the next column Lawson added himself to the scoring list with a glorious drive of the kind not seen often enough, after Penn had paved the way to victory.

From the Manager's Office

It gives us much pleasure to report the signature to Amateur Forms of J. O. C. Dudley, the centre half of Great Eastern F.C. (Romford). Dudley who weighs 13st. and stands 6ft. 1in. has been one of the most sought after Amateurs of the season.

Marksman to date:—

Football League and F.A. Cup.		Combination.	
		Allen	9
		Lightbody	4
		Craig	3
		Blake	3
Temple	12	Hammond	3
Price	10	Ferguson	2
Haley	8	Sparke	2
Avey	5	Turner	1
McNab	3	Proud	1
Penn	4	Johnson	2
Oliver	1	Frewin	2
Lawson	1	Bowden	1
Total	44	Total	33

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COTTAGE PIE

By THE PIEMAN.

On referring to the recipe for Cottage Pie of about a month ago I find we were at that time "beaming benevolently on the world at large." A fortnight later someone wanted to know what the devil we were laughing at. In very truth the 'slings and arrows of outrageous Fortune' were making their appearance in bucket-fuls but it is the way of the Cottagers to counter Fortune's attitude—no matter how outrageous her mood—with a serene countenance. Thus is the fickle Goddess disarmed for she is ever appreciative of a smile. A kiss, lightly blown for luck, and she departed in search of prey more prone to gloomy meditation. The Cottagers meanwhile girded up their loins and took the road to ancient Coventry returning later with the old banner still very much unsullied.

A brief reference is made to these events because they indicate the trail which crossed that of our old friend Jno McCartney, who was heading the Luton lads in much the same direction as ourselves. As it was not wide enough to accommodate both a trifling shuffle of the hat decreed that the dispute be settled at Craven Cottage. As to the outcome we do not take a line from the victory over Coventry. The latter were off form, either because they were not *on* form or because they were not allowed to be. Should the second version be the true one then we hope the same prohibitive measures will be exercised today since if Luton are allowed to display the efficiency which has characterised their League performances and which put paid to Southend's Cup aspirations, the Cottagers will have a busy afternoon. However that may be we give our visitors a cordial welcome especially as it is some twenty one

seasons since last we shook hands in the ring. We realise that the straw-plaiters of today are a different proposition to what they were then and leave them to fight it out with our boys whilst we pursue the noble past-time of watching from the several points of vantage to which we betake ourselves.

OLD HANDS.

Luton are essentially a popular club because with them tradition, in the shape of old faces, dies hard. Their chairman, Alderman H. Arnold and the vice-chairman, Mr. E. Gibbs, have been in office for well over 30 years and should we have the privilege of seeing these gentlemen here today, some interesting reminiscences may well be flying about the Cottage Board Room. Both Mr. J. Dean, who was chairman of Fulham's first Board and Mr. Dudley Evans can trace back their directorship at the Cottage for a quarter of a century and Mr. Tom Pearks—although he came on the Board at a more recent date—has been actively associated with the Club for a similar period. These three are now at last beginning to see the fruits of a policy which they personally have long believed in and which, had they been able to inaugurate it earlier, might have obviated the clock being kept back so long.

THE TRANSFER CLAMOUR.

The régime at Craven Cottage has of course seen vast changes from time to time but the Directors now at the helm have clear headed views on the transfer problem. The policy at Fulham admits of but one interpretation and, without in any way making a virtue of necessity, the Cottage administrators have only to point to the eleven players who carried their colours so successfully in the Cup Tie at Coventry to indicate their views.

The whole eleven cost, by way of transfer fees, the vast sum of £925, a figure which, by virtue of one player's absence in the previous League match, when Norwich City were defeated, dropped to under £600. Eight of the players in each case were 'brought out' by the Club and incidentally eight in each case were genuine Londoners. Facts such as these speak louder than any words that can be devised by the gentle Pieman.

Northampton gave us a respite here last Saturday from Cup warfare and a fright as well. Their first half goal was the just reward of enterprise and caught our left flank napping. The Cottagers, however, provided thrills galore and should have scored more than the two goals which ultimately rewarded their persistence. The chief thing to mitigate against this was over-elaboration of the cunning stuff, which gave the opposition more time to act.

Mid Week Mutterings

By The Oldest Inhabitant.

We understand our contributor suffered from severe shell shock at the battle of Waterloo. This explains a lot.

The transfer bogey is again to the fore. According to report a 1st Division Club was recently informed that ten thousand would not buy a certain 2nd Division player. Fulham incidentally are one of the 10,000.

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The Village team being short of a goalkeeper, commandeered the village Idiot. After he had let the 26th shot by, the irate captain sarcastically suggested he might try to stop the next one. "Stop 'un?" replied the amazed Village Idiot, "What's th' blinking net for?"

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LOVER OF OLD MUSIC.—The song "Poor ole' Joe" was extremely popular about 25 years ago. The manager however objects—not unreasonably—to its inclusion in our musical programme now.

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	2		3		
STEELE		OLIVER		LAWSON	
4		5		6	
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7	8	9	10	11	

Referee:
Mr. J. W. LEWINGTON (Croydon).

Linesmen:—
Messrs. A. E. HILLS (Red Flag)
and F. A. PLUCK (White Flag).



NEXT HOME MATCHES:
SATURDAY, DEC. 15th.
v. LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV. III.
THURSDAY, DEC. 20th
v. SOUTHEND UNITED
LONDON COMBINATION.

		LUTON TOWN			
L		ABBOTT			R
	ROE		KINGHAM		
	15		21		
BEDFORD		RENNIE		BLACK	DALY
12		14		19	16
FRASER	YARDLEY	FULTON			
17	13	18			
	HARRIS				
	20				

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Our Biography Corner.



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SIDNEY BIRD.

Height 5ft. 10½in. Weight 12st. 4lbs.

Bird hails from Lemington on Tyne where he first saw the light in 1907. He commenced his football career in earnest with the Scotswood Club for whom he played at centre-half as an amateur during season 1925-26 being persuaded to sign pro forms after a couple of months. It was from Scotswood that Fulham secured his services in October 1927.

Physically well equipped for a full back Bird prefers this position to centre half and his play for the Cottagers certainly justifies such preference. Besides, as he puts it, "it's so much easier." All the same Sidney is a hard worker and a strong tackler, who is acquiring more pace and polish with every game he plays. He is quick to scent danger and ready to relieve an awkward situation by timely and sometimes wholly unexpected intervention.

Our Friends the Enemy.

Instituted in 1885 Luton Town were one of the first members of the old Southern League, being runners-up the first two seasons of this organisation's existence, viz.: 1894-5 and 1895-6. Their history will be given more in detail in our issue of next Saturday when they visit us for a League fixture. Below are some particulars of the players expected to do duty today:—

H. ABBOT (G.) Has given some brilliant exhibitions. Second season. Previously with Portsmouth and Nelson. 5ft. 10in. 12st.

R. KINGHAM (R.F.B.) A Harpenden lad in his 3rd season who is rapidly acquiring experience. 5ft. 11in. 11st. 7lb.

B. HARRIS (L.F.B.) Recently secured from Sheffield Utd., and a distinct acquisition.

J. R. BLACK (R.H.B.) Gained Junior Scottish International honours before serving with Sunderland, Nelson, Accrington and Chesterfield. Luton developed him as a half-back. 5ft. 8½ins. 11st. 7lb.

J. FULTON (C.H.B.) A rare 'sticker' who came to Luton from Kilburnie. 5ft. 9½in. 11st. 10lb.

T. DENNIS (L.H.B.) A success at half but really a wing forward. Four seasons with Notts Forest from Newhall Swifts. 5th season with Luton. 5ft. 9½ins. 11st. 7lb.

J. DALY (O.R.) A fast and clever recruit from Northampton. Gained a 2nd Division Championship medal with Notts Co. 5ft. 8½in. 10st. 7lb.

J. YARDLEY (I.R.) Equal with Rennie as chief marksmen last season. A native of Erin whom Luton secured from Clapton Orient. 5ft. 7½ins. 12st.

A. RENNIE (C.F.) A Glasgow man who came to Luton as a centre-half but took up his new position last season with striking success. 5ft. 10in. 12st.

H. WOODS (I.L.) A Lancastrian previously with Norwich, S. Shields, Newcastle and Arsenal. Captained the side last season with success. 5ft. 9in. 11st. 7lb.

L. BEDFORD (O.R.) A tricky player, of the dapper type, from Walsall. Also seen service with Wednesday and Nelson. 5ft. 5½ins. 10st. 5lb.

Figures, Facts & Facers.

TWENTY ONE YEARS AGO.

"—The stern joy which warriors feel
In meeting foemen worthy of their steel."

With these words Tityrus in "The Athletic News" of twenty one seasons ago forsook mere prose for verse in referring to Fulham's historic Cup Tie meeting with the all-conquering Manchester United of those days. With promotion to the 1st Division in sight the Cottagers' task in reaching the semi-final of 1908 was no light one and it is curious to reflect that their first round victims—to the tune of 8-3 on an ice-bound ground at Luton—were today's visitors. Norwich City followed suit in the 2nd round by the narrower margin of 2-1 and Fulham duly reported 'all present' at Manchester City's old Hyde Road enclosure on a storm swept, rain sodden day in February.

Manchester contained an abnormal amount of water—even for Manchester—and our backs, facing a young hurricane in the first half, had as much of the rush and bustle of Cup football as even the two hardened worthies of those days could desire. The gallant Cottagers however, fought their redoubtable opponents to a 1-1 draw and gained a well deserved victory by 3-1 in the replay.

Thus the stage was set at Craven Cottage for the 4th Round—immediately preceding the Semi-Final in those days—and mere words are insufficient to describe the enthusiasm which prevailed when Manchester United, the irresistible 1st Division champions of that year, were defeated 2-1 on March 7th. If ever a team concentrated on the work in hand, to the exclusion of all other thoughts, it was Messrs. Skene Ross, Lindsay, Collins, Morrison, Goldie, Millington, Dalrymple, Harrison, Fraser and Mouncher, the last two but one being the goal scorers. But here the writer—who saw all the Ties—prefers

to let the curtain fall. The strain of battling so far for both Cup and promotion had already taken its toll of the players and the side—still further below strength—which succumbed 6-0 to Newcastle United in the Semi-Final at Liverpool on March 28th, contained limping men and a goalie hors-de-combat by virtue of the burly Appleyard's attentions. Its achievements however will always be remembered so long as football is played at old Craven Cottage.

Dec. 15th. A 'Football' match in 1793.

Programme of Music

Fulham Borough Prize Band.

Conductor: Mr. J. A. PORTS.

- 1 March "Blaze Away" Holzmann
- 2 Valse "Mistakes" Lynton
We make mistakes when we worry
All over nothing at all;
We make mistakes that bring heart aches
And the tear drops fall like raindrops:
We make mistakes and feel sorry
When we've made someone blue;
But I made the greatest mistake of all
When I said "Good-bye" to you.
- 3 Fox Trot "The Dance of the Blue Danube" Fisher
- 4 Valse "Laugh, Clown Laugh" Fiorito
- 5 Song "My Pet" Ager
My pet, how I love her! my pet, speaking
of her
Say, I bet there's nobody like my pet.
Why pet with another? my pet pets no
other
And I pet with nobody but my pet.
She's so refined, sweet and kind, perfect
gem!
Has she got "it?"—lots of "it?"—oh,
baby! she's got "them."
My pet told me cutely I'm set absolutely!
So I pet with nobody but my pet.
- 6 Selection "Communityland" Ord Hume
(By Request)

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The winning ball number on Dec. 1st was 9987. Mr. W. Hayter, 117, Nowell Rd. Barnes

RESULTS FOR SEASON 1928—29.

FIRST TEAM.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground	For.	Agt.
1928				
Aug. 25	Gillingham	A	2	2
Sept. 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	5	2
" 5	Crystal Palace	A	1	2
" 8	Bournemouth and B. A.	A	0	1
" 10	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	2	2
" 15	Queen's Park Rangers	A	1	2
" 22	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	6	1
" 26	Woking F. C. (Friendly)	A	5	0
" 29	Watford	A	6	2
Oct. 6	WALSALL	H	5	1
" 8	CHELSEA Pro. C. F.	H	2	3
" 13	Newport County	A	3	3
" 15	KINGSTONIANS	H	11	2
" 20	L.C.C.			
" 20	MERTHYR TOWN	H	4	0
" 27	Southend United	A	1	0
Nov. 3	EXETER CITY	H	0	0
" 10	Brighton and Hove A.	A	0	2
" 17	NORWICH CITY	H	2	1
" 24*	Coventry City F.A. Cup	A	4	1
Dec. 1	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	2	1
" 8*	LUTON TOWN F.A. Cup	H		
" 15	LUTON TOWN	H		
" 22	Brentford	A		
" 25	TORQUAY UNITED	H		
" 26	Torquay United	A		
" 29	GILLINGHAM	H		
Jan. 5	Plymouth Argyle	A		
" 12*	Charlton Athletic	A		
" 19	BOURNEMOUTH & B. A.	H		
" 26*	QUEEN'S PARK R.	H		
Feb. 2	Bristol Rovers	A		
" 9	WATFORD	A		
" 16*	Walsall	A		
" 23	NEWPORT COUNTY	H		
Mar. 2*	Merthyr Town	A		
" 9	SOUTHEND UNITED	H		
" 16	Exeter City	A		
" 23*	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H		
" 29	SWINDON	H		
" 30	Norwich City	A		
April 1	Swindon	A		
" 6	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	A		
" 13	Northampton Town	A		
" 20	COVENTRY CITY	H		
" 27	Luton Town	A		
May 4	BRENTFORD	H		

* F.A. Cup Dates.

COMBINATION TEAM.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground	For.	Agt.
1928				
Aug. 25	Swansea Town	A	1	3
" 30	SWANSEA TOWN	H	4	1
Sept. 6	READING	H	3	1
" 8	Queen's Park Rangers	A	0	2
" 13	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	2	0
" 22	Watford	A	2	1
" 27	WEST HAM UNITED	H	2	1
Oct. 4	LEICESTER CITY	H	1	0
" 6	Millwall	A	2	5
" 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H	3	1
" 13	St. Alban's F.C. (Friendly)	A	3	3
" 20	Chelsea	A	0	4
" 25	BRENTFORD	H	1	3
" 27	ALDERSHOT (Friendly)	H	0	1
Nov. 1	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	4	2
" 3	Luton Town	A	3	5
" 8	PORTSMOUTH	H	1	3
" 17	Coventry City	A	0	2
" 22	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	1	3
Dec. 1	Clapton Orient	A	1	2
" 6	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H	3	1
" 15	Arsenal	A		
" 20	SOUTHEND UNITED	H		
" 26	West Ham United	A		
1929				
Jan. 5	Cardiff City	A		
" 10	CARDIFF CITY	H		
" 17	QUEEN'S PARK R.	H		
" 23	Southampton	A		
" 26	Guildford (Friendly)	A		
" 31	WATFORD	H		
Feb. 9	Leicester City	A		
" 14	MILLWALL	H		
" 23	Crystal Palace	A		
" 28	CHELSEA	H		
Mar. 9	Brentford	A		
" 14	LUTON TOWN	H		
" 23	Portsmouth	A		
" 29	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
" 30	COVENTRY CITY	H		
April 1	Reading	A		
" 6	Charlton Athletic	A		
" 11	CLAPTON ORIENT	H		
" 29	Brighton & Hove A.	A		
" 30	ARSENAL	H		
May 4	Southend United	A		

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A	Northfleet	v.	Charlton
B	Crystal Palace	v.	Bristol Rov.
C	Watford	v.	Merthyr
D	Brentford	v.	Plymouth
E	Norwich	v.	Newport
F	Torquay	v.	Exeter
G	Northampton	v.	Q.P.R.
H	Coventry	v.	Gillingham
J	Bradford	v.	Millwall
K	Chelsea	v.	Tottenham
L	Clapton O.	v.	Southampton
M	Arsenal	v.	Manchester U
N	Derby County	v.	West Ham U.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV. III.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agt.	P.
Plymouth A.	17	10	4	3	35	18	24
LUTON TOWN	16	10	3	3	38	25	23
Queens Park R.	16	8	7	1	26	19	23
Coventry C.	16	8	5	3	29	15	21
FULHAM	16	8	4	4	40	22	20
Northampton T.	17	7	5	5	39	24	19
Boscombe	16	7	4	5	29	23	18
Charlton Ath.	15	6	5	4	29	26	17
Walsall	16	7	3	6	30	31	17
Watford	16	8	1	7	25	29	17
Swindon Town	17	7	3	7	31	33	17
Southend Utd.	16	5	6	5	24	27	16
Crystal Palace	16	7	2	7	23	32	16
Torquay Utd.	16	7	1	8	30	31	15
Bristol Rovers	16	6	2	8	24	27	14
Newport County	16	3	6	7	24	30	12
Brentford	16	4	4	8	16	23	12
Brighton & H.A.	16	4	3	9	21	28	11
Exeter City	16	3	5	8	22	31	11
Gillingham	16	4	3	9	17	27	11
Merthyr Town	16	4	3	9	18	36	11
Norwich City	16	4	1	11	19	32	9

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