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NOTES FROM THE BOARD ROOM.

The performance of the League team in winning at Southend by 4 goals to 2 was a capital one in every respect, though it serves to emphasise what we have frequently declared, that had the Cottagers been able to produce their normal form with any degree of regularity throughout the season Notts County would not be running away with the championship.

The players were no doubt inspired by the fact that in our short spell in this Division the Kursaal has been a happy hunting ground for us. Tradition was maintained in a very satisfactory manner. The form in attack was particularly pleasing, there being more of the punch about it that has been wanted.

We hope it will be possible to keep up this good play so that the remaining games of the season will be attractive, and make up, to some extent, for the disappointment regarding failure to obtain promotion. The higher the position we can reach on the League chart the more will be the encouragement to anticipate promotion next season.

We entertain this afternoon Luton,

who inflicted a very heavy defeat on us when we visited the Bedfordshire town. Naturally we are anxious to make amends for that, and on present form there should not be any doubt about our ability to do so. The visitors are a good side, however, and they got a point here a year ago.

It is pleasing to note that two of our players have again been selected for honours, and we are all particularly delighted that our captain, Len Oliver, found a place in the International Trial team at Highbury on Wednesday. It was only a season or so ago that we had another half back singled out for distinction, Albert Barrett getting his English cap against Ireland.

It may be regarded as unduly optimistic to hope that Len will go forward to the team to meet Scotland, for the opposition for pieces will be keen, but we know very well that he could rise to a big occasion, and not let the side down. Congratulations also to Hammond, who joins Oliver in the Football Association team to play Norfolk.

THE DIRECTORS.

TALES OF THE COTTAGERS.

By "The Baker's Man."

Will Len Oliver emulate the distinction of his great football friend, Albert Barrett, and gain an International cap? I know well enough what many of the critics would answer to this query, but such an honour is not outside the bounds of possibility. It would not be a precedent for the Football Association to go to the lowest Division of the Football League to make up their team, even against Scotland.

You can take it as assured that the Football Association did not give Len a place in the Rest team against England at Highbury on Wednesday because he is a nice fellow, or because he is skipper of Fulham, or because he was born in that parish, or to make up for his disappointment in not leading his club back into the Second Division, or for any other reason except that they were of the opinion that his football ability justified him having an official trial.

LEN PULLS HIS WEIGHT.

Len fully emphasised this in the game at Highbury. I suppose it will be freely stated again that none of the star players, or any of them for that matter, enhanced their reputation or played up to their club form, or that the Trial served no such purpose at all, but there was no questioning the fact that Oliver pulled his full weight.

The conditions were in no way conducive to the best football, for the muddy surface of the pitch was treacherous, in spite of which there was much good football witnessed, in the first half particularly, when all the goals were scored, three by Dixie Dean (Everton) for England and two by Burgess (Sheffield Wednesday) for the Rest.

HIS CONSTRUCTIVE PLAY.

I hope I may not be regarded as being prejudiced, but there was no

better half back on the field than our representative. He was beaten now and again by Aston Villa's latest star, Houghton, but more often than not Len played a part in helping the Rest attack to material advantage. And no one was more successful in his passing movements.

Oliver played a splendidly constructive game, with occasional judicious back passes that were helpful in making ground. It was from one of his movements that led up to the first goal for the Rest, and the successes of England developed on the other wing. On the whole he compared very favourably with the England man in the same position, Strange (Sheffield Wednesday).

HAMMOND ALSO RECOGNISED.

Oliver may not have the good fortune to gain the great honour of the season, but he worthily upheld the traditions of the old club, and we are all proud of him. He receives another honour on Thursday next, when, with Jim Hammond, he will be in the Football Association team to play Norfolk at Norwich, the game being played in connection with the jubilee of Norfolk County F.A.

In spite of the counter-attraction at Stamford Bridge—Chelsea's replayed Cup tie with Birmingham—there was a good crowd at Highbury, but the 75,000 spectators at the Bridge was amazing for a game in mid week. It certainly indicates that there is no dwindling of public interest in our great game.

CUP FEATURES.

Chelsea have ample monetary satisfaction for their Cup defeat. The latter was quite unexpected, for the Pensioners had been much fancied in many quarters to be capable of retaining the Old Tin Pot for London, especially as they had put the holders, Arsenal, out of the run-

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BARRETT 6

PENN 11

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ning. Having held Birmingham at St. Andrew's it was fully anticipated that the Pensioners would be equal to winning at the Bridge.

Their defeat by 3—0 was a shock, and the prospects of what had been regarded as a classic Final, Chelsea v. Everton, will not materialise. Gallant little Exeter fell at home to Sunderland after drawing at Roker, but they have much to be proud of this season; the Ablion accounted for their traditional rivals, the Wolves, it being curious that all away clubs should win in these replayed ties.

LEAGUE POINTS AT SOUTHEND.

It is so long since the League team won away from home that the victory over the United at Southend was very refreshing, though after all only in accordance with precedence at the Kursaal ground. The 4—2 result in our favour was deserved in every respect, for the team played in great fashion under the adverse conditions which prevailed.

The United made a rare fight of it, for after we had got a couple of early goals they persevered successfully and were on terms soon after the second half started. The Cottagers, however, quickly asserted their superiority, and two more goals brought them their just reward. It was, considering the elements—there was plenty of snow and slush—quite a good game.

AVEY INJURED.

Avey figured at centre forward in the game at Southend, but he got a bad knock and it was extremely doubtful if he would be fit enough to play to-day. As a consequence, the leadership of the attack has been in abeyance all the week. What a different team we should have been had this position been a more satisfactory proposition.

This afternoon we receive a visit from Luton, and they may as well know at once that the boys are very

anxious to wipe out the memory of the 5—0 defeat sustained in November. They had the advantage over us last season, drawing the game here and winning at Luton, so that we have something to make up for.

STRAW HATS THE FASHION.

I suppose our visitors will come with a rare flourish of pride. They have a record very similar to our own, for they are an improved side under the management of George Kay, who will be remembered as the old skipper of West Ham United, and, rather strongly fortified in defence, they are certain to be worthy of the best we can put forward. Following the example of the Prince of Wales I quite expect to see a galaxy of brand new straw hats.

The following is the League record of Luton this season:—

Home.

Won:—v. Southend 2—1, v. Newport 3—1, v. Fulham 5—0, v. Torquay 3—1, v. Norwich 1—0, v. Watford 4—1, v. Bristol R. 4—1, v. Gillingham 4—1, v. Swindon 4—0.

Drawn:—v. Brentford 1—1, v. Brighton 2—2, v. Walsall 0—0.

Lost:—v. Bournemouth 2—3, v. Crystal Palace 1—3.

Away.

Won:—v. Coventry 2—1, v. Brentford 1—0, v. Southend 2—0.

Drawn:—v. Exeter 1—1, v. Swindon 0—0, v. Bournemouth 0—0.

Lost:—v. Crystal Palace 1—5, v. Brighton 0—2, v. Watford 0—1, v. Bristol R. 1—5, v. Exeter 1—3, v. Gillingham 0—4, v. Q. P. Rangers 1—3, v. Thames 0—1, v. Notts County 0—1, v. Torquay 1—1, v. Newport 1—3.

In the First Round of the F.A. Cup, Luton drew at home with Clapton Orient 2—2, and won the replay 4—2, this game being played at Highbury in consequence of the Orient ground being closed. In the Second Round they were beaten at Watford 1—3.

RESERVES KEEP IT UP.

Well done the Reserves. Despite failures away from home they are proving all conquerable at the Cottage, and Crystal Palace were well beaten a week ago, the Reserves thus completing a double success.

OUR GOAL SCORERS.

The goals of the Cottagers in League and Combination matches so far this season have been scored as follows:—

Football League:—Hammond 11, Temple 8, Penn 7, Watkins 7, Avey 5, Haley 5, Barrett 3, Price 3, Thompson 2, Allen 1, Finch 1, Proud 1, Oliver 1, W. Dowden 1, Opponents 3. Total 59.

The Semi-Final of the Household Brigade Senior Cup will be played here Wednesday, March 18th between Guards Depot (Caterham) v. 1st Battalion Welsh Guards (Worley) Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

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Sweet Adeline,
Well let me tell you she's a pal of mine,
she's divine,
That's just why I'm going back to see
my little Adeline,
I'll write a letter and I'll add a line,
To tell her that I'm going to make her
mine,
The bells will chime for me and my
Sweet Adeline.
5 Fox Trot "Song of the Dawn" Ager
Dawn is breaking, and a new day is
born!
The world is singing the song of the
dawn.
Birds are waking, hear them welcome
the morn,
They're sweetly singing the song of the
dawn.
Yesterday the skies were grey, 'look'
this morn'ing they're blue
The smiling sun tells ev'ryone, "Come
and start life anew."
Sing Hallelujah, for the dark night is
gone!
The world is singing the song of the
dawn.
6 Fox Trot "My Baby just cares for Me" Donaldson
7 Comedy Two Step "Gorgonzola" Leslie Sarony
Gorgonzola, gorgonzola, three cheers for
the green, white and blue!
Gorgonzola, gorgonzola, it's good for me
and also good for you.
When met with in its wild state it will
fly into a rage,
They had one at the Zoo once but it
broke out of its cage.
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RESULTS FOR SEASON 1930—31.

FIRST TEAM.

SECOND TEAM.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	For.	Agt.
Aug. 30	WATFORD ...	H	3	2
Sept. 1	COVENTRY CITY ...	H	0	1
" 6	Notts County ...	A	1	6
" 8	BRENTFORD ...	H	1	0
" 13	CLAPTON ORIENT ...	H	2	2
" 17	Brentford ...	A	1	0
" 20	Thames ...	A	0	4
" 27	NORWICH CITY ...	H	1	0
Oct. 4	Queen's Park Rangers ...	A	2	0
" 6	Thames (London Cup) ...	A	1	2
" 11	WALSALL ...	H	5	2
" 18	Crystal Palace ...	A	2	5
" 25	SOUTHEND UNITED ...	H	1	0
" 30	ILFORD (London Cup) ...	H	1	3
Nov. 1	Luton Town ...	A	0	5
" 3	BRENTFORD ...	H	5	2
" 8	BRISTOL ROVERS ...	H	6	2
" 15	Newport County ...	A	3	1
" 22	GILLINGHAM ...	H	1	1
" 29*	WIMBLEDON, F.A. Cup ...	H	1	1
Dec. 3*	Replay ...	A	6	0
" 6	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. ...	H	0	1
" 13*	HALIFAX TOWN ...	H	4	0
" 17	Torquay United ...	A	1	3
" 20	NORTHAMPTON TOWN ...	H	4	2
" 25	Swindon ...	A	1	4
" 26	SWINDON ...	H	6	2
" 27	Watford ...	A	2	2
Jan. 3	NOTTS COUNTY ...	H	3	0
" 10*	PORTSMOUTH, E.C. ...	H	0	2
" 14	Exeter City ...	A	2	3
" 17	Clapton Orient ...	A	0	2
" 24*	THAMES ...	H	4	2
" 31	Norwich City ...	A	1	0
Feb. 7	QUEEN'S PARK R. ...	H	1	2
" 14*	Walsall ...	A	0	2
" 21	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	H	2	2
" 28*	Southend United ...	A	4	0
Mar. 7	LUTON TOWN ...	H		
" 14	Bristol Rovers ...	A		
" 21*	NEWPORT COUNTY ...	A		
" 28	Gillingham ...	A		
April 3	BOURNEMOUTH & B. A. ...	H		
" 4	EXETER CITY ...	H		
" 6	Bournemouth & B. A. ...	A		
" 11	Brighton & Hove A. ...	A		
" 18	TORQUAY UNITED ...	H		
" 25*	Northampton Town ...	A		
May 2	Coventry City ...	A		

* F.A. Cup Dates.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	For.	Agt.
1930				
Aug. 30	Charlton Athletic ...	A	0	3
Sept. 6	WATFORD ...	H	3	1
" 10	Brentford ...	A	1	2
" 13	Clapton Orient ...	A	2	3
" 18	BRENTFORD ...	H	2	0
" 20	PORTSMOUTH ...	H	2	3
" 27	Arsenal ...	A	0	7
Oct. 4	CARDIFF CITY ...	H	4	1
" 11	Queen's Park Rangers ...	A	2	1
" 18	CHELSEA ...	H	3	1
" 25	Crystal Palace ...	A	3	1
Nov. 1	READING ...	H	2	2
" 8	Brighton & Hove A. ...	H	2	1
" 15	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ...	H	3	3
" 22	Southampton ...	A	1	2
Dec. 6	Southend United ...	A	1	0
" 13	Luton Town ...	A	0	0
" 20	Millwall ...	A	5	0
" 25	SWANSEA TOWN ...	H	1	2
" 26	Swansea Town ...	A	1	0
" 27	CHARLTON ATHLETIC ...	H		
1931				
Jan. 3	Watford ...	A	0	3
" 10	Coventry City ...	A	0	0
" 17	CLAPTON ORIENT ...	H	1	3
" 24	PORTSMOUTH ...	A	2	0
" 31	ARSENAL ...	H	1	1
Feb. 2	LEICESTER CITY ...	H	4	1
" 7	Cardiff City ...	A	1	2
" 14	QUEEN'S PARK R. ...	H	7	2
" 21	Chelsea ...	A	0	2
" 28	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	H	4	0
Mar. 5	ROYAL AIR FORCE (F) ...	H	2	1
" 7	Reading ...	A		
" 14	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. ...	H		
" 16	WEST HAM UNITED ...	H		
" 21	Tottenham Hotspur ...	A		
" 26	SOUTHAMPTON ...	H		
April 4	West Ham United ...	A		
" 6	COVENTRY CITY ...	H		
" 11	SOUTHEND UNITED ...	H		
" 25	MILLWALL ...	H		
" 27	LUTON TOWN ...	H		
May 2	Leicester City ...	A		

Half Time Scores.

A	Bournemouth	v	Newport C.
B	Clapton O.	v	Brighton
C	Coventry C.	v	Southend U.
D	Norwich C.	v	Northampton
E	Notts C.	v	Exeter C.
F	Queen's P. R.	v	Brentford
G	Swindon T.	v	Bristol R.
H	Thames	v	Torquay U.
I	Walsall	v	Crystal P.
J	Watford	v	Gillingham
K	Bristol C.	v	Burnley
L	Charlton A.	v	Tottenham H.
M	Everton	v	Reading
N	W. Bromwich	v	Millwall
P	Cardiff C.	v	Southampton
R	Plymouth A.	v	Bradford
S	Arsenal	v	Huddersfield
T	Blackpool	v	Chelsea
U	Sheffield U.	v	West Ham U
V	Blackburn R.	v	Aston Villa

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV. III.

P. W. L. D. For Agt. P.

Notts County	..31..20..	4..	7..	81..35..47
Northampton T.	..31..15..	9..	7..	60..39..37
Brighton & H.A.	..30..13..	6..	11..	50..36..37
Brentford	.....31..15..10..	6..	70..	51..36
Crystal Palace	..30..15..10..	5..	78..	56..35
Southend U.	.....30..16..11..	3..	60..	49..35
FULHAM	.....31..14..11..	3..	59..	57..34
Torquay U.	.....32..14..12..	6..	63..	65..34
Luton Town	.....31..13..11..	7..	50..	43..33
Swindon T.	.....31..15..13..	3..	64..	64..33
Bournemouth	..31..11..10..	10..	57..	57..32
Coventry City	..30..13..13..	4..	60..	48..30
Queen's P. R.	..31..13..15..	3..	62..	55..29
Gillingham	.....31..10..12..	9..	47..	56..29
Exeter City	.....30..10..12..	8..	54..	66..28
Bristol R.	.....32..10..14..	8..	57..	76..28
Watford	.....31..10..15..	6..	55..	60..26
Walsall	.....31.. 9..15..	7..	63..	75..25
Clapton Orient	..28..10..13..	5..	43..	54..25
Thames	.....31..10..17..	4..	42..	75..24
Norwich City	..31.. 7..18..	6..	37..	60..20
Newport C.	.....31.. 8..20..	3..	55..	90..19