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TODAY'S game with Coventry City is an extremely vital match for both Clubs, for victory for either team, not only means another milestone overcome in the great race for promotion, but also a step nearer that goal at the expense of a serious challenger. Our visitors' position in the League Table is superior to ours for they occupy third place and are two points ahead with a match in hand. They are a well balanced side as their goal average shows, for besides possessing a prolific goal scoring forward line, they can also boast of a very formidable defence. In the seventeen matches they have played, 38 goals have been registered against opponents, whilst their citadel has only fallen on sixteen occasions. As we ourselves have enjoyed a highly successful period since the last week in September, first class entertainment should be the fare served today. May our expectations in this respect be rewarded.

The Coventry City Football Club was formed in the year 1883 and consequently celebrated their fiftieth anniversary last season. The formation of the Club came about when the cycle boom was rampant in the city, and it is therefore understandable that the Club was born in a cycle factory by a number of the employees of Singers, a company who hailed from the Birmingham district.

Their first award happened in 1891 when they carried off the Birmingham Junior Cup by defeating Willenhall Pickwick by one goal to nil at Perry Bar, Birmingham, the scene of Aston Villa's many

triumphs. In the year 1894 Singers were elected to the Birmingham and District League, which combination included powerful reserve teams of present day First Division Clubs. With a view to gaining more prominence the name of the Club was changed to its present title four years later.

Still seeking advancement the City joined the old Southern League in 1908, being admitted at the same time as Exeter City and Southend United. In these days the colours of the Club were Oxford and Cambridge blue quarters, but at a later stage they adopted the civic colours of red and green halves, whilst of later years they have again changed, this time to blue and white stripes.

Their League positions in the Southern League were far from good and they spent the season 1914-15 in the Second Division of that Combination. In 1919-20, when competitive football again resumed its serious aspect after the War, the City were elected to the Second Division of the English League, but after indifferent form they were in 1925 sent down to the Third Division (North) and a year later transferred to the Southern Section in which latter they have remained ever since.

Quite a few Internationals have been selected from the Coventry Club, amongst whom will be remembered R. O. Evans, Danny Shea, R. Buckle, J. T. Jones, Billy Riston, George Chaplin, Albert Gray and William Richards, whilst Pat Hendren, the Middlesex and England cricketer, wore their colours in the 1909-10 season.

Next Match, Tuesday, December 25th.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III (Southern)

LUTON TOWN v. BRIGHTON & HOVE A.

KICK-OFF 2-30 p.m.

ADMISSION Ground 1/-. Boys 7d.

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ATTENDANCE BAROMETER.

1933	1934			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Aug. 26	Aug. 25	Northampton Reserves	3140	12255	82	5	10	570	13	4
Aug. 28	Aug. 27	Southend United	11904	3371	553	2	10	87	12	11
Sept. 2	Sept. 1	Charlton Athletic	10475	4088	496	19	10	106	15	11
Sept. 4	Sept. 3	Tottenham Hotspur Reserves	1704	9392	43	5	8	423	11	2
Sept. 9	Sept. 8	Torquay United	2437	11226	63	3	6	528	2	8
Sept. 16	Sept. 15	Southend United Reserves	10072	3140	466	3	10	83	10	4
Sept. 23	Sept. 17	Swansea Town Reserves	1899	2555	66	5	0	66	11	4
Sept. 27	Sept. 22	Cardiff City	728	7233	19	8	11	392	10	0
Sept. 30	Sept. 29	Queens Park Rangers Reserves	8831	4573	410	10	10	133	7	4
Oct. 7	Oct. 6	Chelsea Reserves	2634	7801	70	3	8	367	19	4
Oct. 14	Oct. 20	Bournemouth Reserves	7756	6107	381	11	2	164	19	1
Oct. 21	Oct. 24	Swindon Town	10674	1200	514	13	4	31	15	0
Oct. 28	Oct. 27	Watford	1343	8956	53	4	4	421	12	6
Nov. 4	Nov. 3	Arsenal Reserves	7690	3509	364	11	10	92	17	9
Nov. 11	Nov. 10	Brighton Reserves	2802	11260	74	1	11	557	17	10
Nov. 18	Nov. 17	Tottenham Reserves	6778	3038	311	9	4	80	17	5
Nov. 25	Nov. 24	Bristol City	2453	8936	69	8	3	417	16	6
Dec. 2	Dec. 1	Coventry City	5447	2965	245	10	10	78	12	2
Dec. 9	Dec. 15	Northampton Reserves	1665	2527	43	15	7	67	6	1
Dec. 16		Chelsea Reserves	5984		267	10	10			
		Watford						67	6	1
		Bristol City Reserves								
			106416	114132	4597	7	4	4674	8	8

These amounts are the nett figures after Entertainment Tax has been deducted.

F.A. CUP. ROUND III.

Saturday, January 12th, '1935.

CHELSEA
v.
LUTON TOWN

Kick-Off 2-30 p.m.

ADMISSION

GROUND 1/- Stands Extra.

Reserved and Numbered Tickets at 5/- each for the Grand Stand may be had on application at the Office on the Ground.

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Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Luton Town Football Club and crossed & Co.

Saturday, December 15th, 1934.

PROGRAMME WINNING NUMBERS

10 Mr. H. Sherwood, Flitton Road, Greenfield.

420 Mr. F. H. F. Simpson, 31, Cardigan Street, Luton.

BALL WINNING NUMBER

12460 Mr. R. Toyer, 42, Gillam Street, Luton.

No 2920

CLUB NOTES by "Hatter."

Although hopes were expressed it is exceedingly doubtful whether more than a handful of supporters were confident of bringing back at least one point, let alone two, from the "Den" on Saturday last. The decisive victory by four goals to one was beyond everyone's expectations and deservedly obtained the "Pink-uns" Biscuit. What gives, both Directors and Supporters alike, great enjoyment is the registering of four goals by the forwards, a feat only once previously accomplished this season, and that as far back as September 3rd when Cardiff City were our visitors. It has been the forward line that has given us greatest anxiety, for the defence compares favourably with any other club in the country. Those Supporters who doubted the wisdom of the Directorate in expending large sums of money on the acquisition of new talent, must now have revised their opinions, for the exhibitions of the team recently have confirmed this "launching out." Let us give praise where it is due, and take our hats off to the Board of Directors for their pluck, willingness and foresight. The overdraft at the Bank before the recent transfers, was the largest in the history of the Club, but despite this the Directors decided that greater strength was needed, and although it means personal guarantees, they intend to carry out their earlier promises to the Shareholders and Supporters to the effect that only Second Division football is good enough for Luton. To say that our Supporters do not appreciate these acquisitions would be remarking a falsehood for the Directors believe that they enjoy the confidence of every Supporter.

Although the score at Millwall reflects so handsomely in our favour, the match itself was a ding-dong struggle, for the "Lions" did not acknowledge defeat without giving out a few roars. Although on occasion serious aggression did encroach on the game, it was quickly stopped by the official in charge, who controlled the game exceedingly well under difficulties, for the Millwall spectators frequently demonstrated against him, and the end of the game brought about a regrettable incident. It is not possible to single out any individual player for meritorious play for all gave of their best and the victory was as much to do with excellent team spirit as with personal ability. Fred Roberts played a very fine game on his initial appearance and his clever moves, versatility and deft moves will quickly earn him the golden opinions of Luton spectators.

The Reserves too, gained a couple of London Combination points at the expense of Bristol City. This however was only accomplished after a stirring game for the City were determined not to admit defeat easily and their forwards oftimes led our defence a merry dance. Their weakness was in shooting and it was only on account of this precedence that we achieved victory. The most welcome feature of the game was the exhibition given by Colin Cook and he now seems to have somewhat regained that form that made him such a menace to defences whilst with Chesterfield. His two goals were perfect, an accurate "header" successfully turning to account Joe Taylor's centre, whilst his shot from twenty-five yards out, was placed well out of the goalkeeper's reach. Preedy was magnificent in goal, saving shots from all angles. It was as well he was on form for the backs and halves were not seen to the advantage as in previous games. The forwards were spasmodical, but Joe Taylor enhanced his reputation as a left winger, and in some ways it was a pity he was forced to take the pivotal position in the second half which was caused by Colin Cook being unable to resume owing to concussion developing through a knock received in

the first half, for he was a very dangerous thorn in the flesh of the Bristol defence.

Spectators are asked to note that the League III games with Gillingham and Northampton which have had to be postponed from January 12th, and December 8th, respectively on account of F.A. Cup Ties have been re-arranged at Luton as follows:—

Wednesday, January 16th, Gillingham
Easter Tuesday Northampton

The game with Gillingham on Wednesday, January 16th, is conditional that no replay of our Cup Tie with Chelsea is necessary, in which case it will be played on the Wednesday of the following week, January 23rd.

GOAL SCORERS

Third Division	London Combination
S. Bell ... 7	C. Cook ... 10
J. T. Ball ... 5	D. C. Hutchison ... 8
G. Stephenson ... 5	J. T. Taylor ... 6
G. S. Martin ... 4	G. Stephenson ... 4
T. Bell ... 3	H. Hackett ... 3
W. Brown ... 1	A. Rennie ... 3
C. Cook ... 1	L. Murphy ... 2
A. Rennie ... 1	W. Pease ... 2
F. Roberts ... 1	W. Beck ... 1
C. J. Russell ... 1	J. Burke ... 1
	F. W. Kean ... 1
	G. S. Martin ... 1
	C. J. Russell ... 1
29	43

LETTER to the EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Allow me to thank you for your reply to my letter in last Saturday's programme.

I do not agree with all your remarks, but this is only natural seeing that every person has a mind of his own.

I am sorry that I cannot help you at present with your improvements, when one has been out of employment for three years it takes time to recover, and no matter how willing one is to help Home must come first, but you can rest assured that I will help by attending all the games possible.

I shall not be with your team during the holidays but I wish you success and good luck in the F.A. Cup Competition.

Yours,

NORTHERNER.

(Many thanks for your further letter. It is the difference of opinion among spectators, regarding the merits and demerits of respective players and also the interpretation of the points of the game that makes football so popular amongst partisans. It is all the more pleasing however, to receive a communication from a supporter who whilst not in agreement with one's expressed opinions can however appreciate the views of that party. I am very sorry you have been so long unemployed and no one appreciates the fact more than myself that after such a long period of depression it does take an exceedingly long time before one recuperates. However, I entirely agree with you that Home must take prior claim over every other circumstance. I am sorry you will not be with us over Christmas, but hope you have a good (but not too good mind) time over the festive season. Many thanks also for your good wishes for the Cup Tie.—Editor.)

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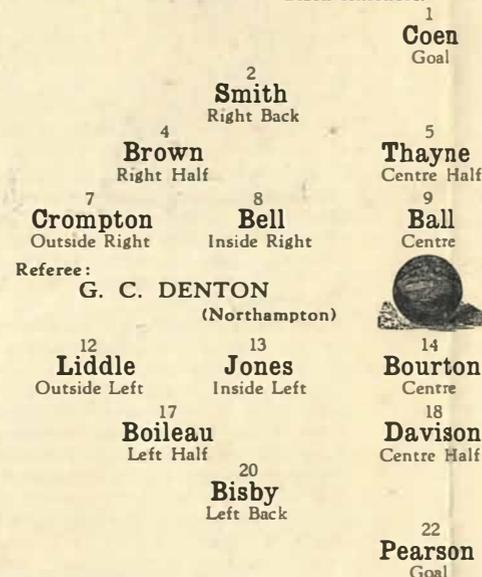
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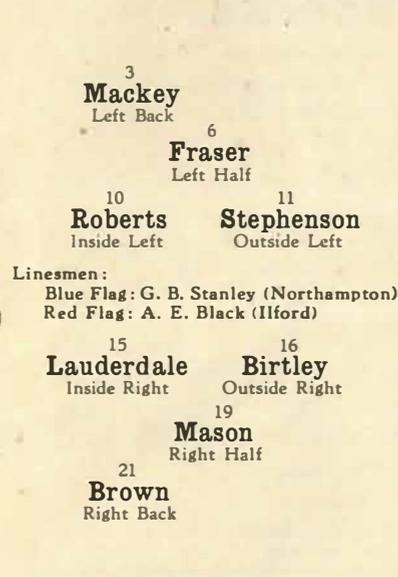
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To-Days Half-Time Scores

The half-time scores are given in two lists. Copy the first list and then watch the Board for the second list, which will be given immediately.

FIRST LIST		SECOND LIST	
A	Aston Villa v. Blackburn R.	A	Southampton v. Bury
B	Chelsea v. Middlesbrough	B	Swansea T. v. Norwich C.
C	Derby County v. Arsenal	C	Aldershot v. Exeter City
D	Everton v. Birmingham	D	Brighton & Hove v. Millwall
E	Grimsby T. v. Sheffield Wed.	E	Bristol Rovers v. Gillingham
F	Huddersfield T. v. Stoke C.	F	Cardiff City v. Bristol City
G	Leicester City v. Portsmouth	G	Charlton Ath. v. Reading
H	Sunderland v. Liverpool	H	Crystal Palace v. Northampton
K	Tottenham H. v. Leeds Utd.	K	Queens Park R. v. Bournemouth
L	Barnsley v. Fulham	L	Southend U. v. Clapton Orient
M	Oldham A. v. West Ham U.	M	Swindon Town v. Newport Co.
N	Sheffield Utd. v. Brentford	N	Torquay U. v. Watford

NOTE—The Letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0—1 means that the first-named Club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

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First of all—to everyone—The Compliments of the Season. May these be the worst of our days.

There is a little matter we should like to clear up. It is in relation to the notes that appeared a fortnight ago regarding the proposed Club underneath the "Bob Stand." The Council of the Supporters Club wish it to be understood that they are not interested in this idea in any way whatsoever. They do not wish to steal other people's thunder and so ask for this to be distinctly understood.

The "draw" was made on Thursday for the Christmas Competition but of course particulars cannot be given here on account of space—or lack of it.

Our next big show will not be until February, when we hope to put on a tremendous programme.

May the "boys" get six points during the season.

BOB STAND NOTES

The Committee first of all wish to extend to all their most sincere wish for a Merry Christmas. May everyone have a good time.

The Christmas Draw again this year was a huge success and although final figures are not yet available we shall be disappointed if the profit has not topped the £200 mark. In connection with this scheme our first word must be to the local tradesmen. From time to time notes have appeared in the local press criticising their lack of support to the Club. It is our great pleasure to report that the tradesmen have responded both nobly and generously to our request for prizes, so much so that we had 140 available for distribution. This is really marvellous and the only thing we can say is "Thank you very much." Our next word of thanks is to all purchasers of tickets—those who were fortunate—congratulations to those who were not—better luck next time but you have some consolation in knowing your money went to a good cause.

As intimated last Saturday we are forming a Bob Stand Club. This is what the excavations mean under the Bob Stand, and we hope that the Room will be ready early in the New Year. A hearty invitation is accorded to all supporters to enrol as members of the Club. The subscription is merely nominal at 1/2 per season, and intending members are asked to send their name and address, together with 1/2d, to the Hon. Secretary Bobbers Stand Club, c/o 84, Kenilworth Road, Luton. Supporters are asked to kindly note that **only members** will be allowed the use of the Club Room.

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FIXTURES 1934-5

FIRST XI		Division III (Southern)		F. A.	
Sat..	Aug. 25	Southend United	3 1	H	1 1
Mon..	27	Cardiff City	4 0	A	0 1
Sat..	Sept. 1	Bristol Rovers	1 0	A	1 1
Mon..	3	Cardiff City	3 1	H	4 0
Sat..	8	Charlton Athletic	2 1	H	1 2
Sat..	15	Crystal Palace	2 2	A	1 1
Sat..	22	Queens Park Rangers	4 2	H	1 1
Sat..	29	Torquay United	1 0	A	2 6
Sat..	Oct. 6	Swindon Town	2 3	H	2 0
Sat..	13	Aldershot	0 0	A	1 0
Sat..	20	Exeter City	2 4	A	2 1
Sat..	27	Bristol City	3 0	H	1 1
Sat..	Nov. 3	Bournemouth	3 4	A	3 2
Sat..	10	Watford	2 1	A	2 1
Sat..	17	Clapton Orient	1 1	A	1 1
Sat..	24	Millwall	(2 3)	H	2 3
Wed..	28	A. I. K. (Stockholm, Sweden)		H	2 3
Sat..	Dec. 1	Reading	1 4	A	0 1
Sat..	8	Doncaster Rovers		H	2 4
Sat..	15	Millwall	(0 4)	A	2 1
Sat..	22	Coventry City	0 1	H	
Tues..	25	Brighton & Hove A.	1 2	H	
Wed..	26	Brighton & Hove A.	1 1	A	
Sat..	29	Southend United	1 0	A	
Sat..	Jan. 5	Bristol Rovers	2 2	H	
Sat..	12	Gillingham	4 2	H	
Sat..	19	Charlton Athletic	0 2	A	
Sat..	26	Crystal Palace	2 1	H	
Sat..	Feb. 2	Queens Park Rangers	1 2	A	
Sat..	9	Torquay United	10 2	H	
Sat..	16	Swindon Town	1 3	A	
Sat..	23	Aldershot	1 1	H	
Sat..	Mar. 2	Exeter City	3 2	H	
Sat..	9	Bristol City	0 0	A	
Sat..	16	Bournemouth	2 0	H	
Sat..	23	Watford	1 0	A	
Sat..	30	Clapton Orient	2 0	H	
Sat..	April 6	Gillingham	1 1	A	
Sat..	13	Reading	3 1	H	
Fri..	19	Newport County	2 1	A	
Sat..	20	Northampton Town	3 1	A	
Mon..	22	Newport County	1 1	H	
Sat..	27				
Sat..	May 4	Coventry City	2 2	A	

RESERVE FIXTURES		London Combination		F. A.	
Sat..	Aug. 25	Watford	2 3	A	1 1
Mon..	27	Tottenham Hotspur	1 3	H	3 1
Sat..	Sept. 1	Southend United	2 0	H	3 1
Mon..	3	Tottenham Hotspur	2 6	A	1 5
Sat..	8	Southampton	0 1	A	3 0
Sat..	15	Charlton Athletic	1 0	H	6 0
Mon..	17	Leicester City	0 2	H	3 0
Sat..	22	Crystal Palace	2 1	A	1 2
Sat..	29	Chelsea	5 0	H	2 4
Wed..	Oct. 3	Brighton & Hove A.	0 2	A	0 3
Sat..	6	Queens Park Rangers	1 3	A	1 1
Sat..	13	Clapton Orient	(4 0)	A	3 1
Sat..	20	Arsenal	0 2	H	1 2
Wed..	24	Brighton & Hove A.	4 1	H	2 1
Sat..	27	Bournemouth	1 0	A	0 0
Sat..	Nov. 3	Northampton Town	3 3	H	3 0
Sat..	10	Reading	0 3	A	1 4
Sat..	17	Brentford	0 2	H	2 2
Sat..	24	Fulham	0 2	A	0 2
Sat..	Dec. 1	Coventry City	1 0	A	1 3
Sat..	8	Millwall	0 2	A	3 1
Sat..	15	Bristol City	7 1	H	3 1
Sat..	22	Portsmouth	0 2	A	
Tues..	25	West Ham	2 2	A	
Wed..	26	West Ham	1 2	H	
Sat..	29	Watford	5 3	H	
Sat..	Jan. 5	Southend United	1 0	A	
Sat..	12	Leicester City	0 4	A	
Sat..	19	Southampton	1 0	H	
Sat..	26	Charlton Athletic	2 2	A	
Sat..	Feb. 2	Crystal Palace	3 1	H	
Sat..	9	Chelsea	0 7	A	
Sat..	16	Queens Park Rangers	0 2	H	
Mon..	25	Clapton Orient	(2 0)	H	
Sat..	Mar. 2	Arsenal	1 3	A	
Sat..	9	Bournemouth	6 2	H	
Sat..	16	Northampton Town	1 0	A	
Sat..	23	Reading	0 4	H	
Sat..	30	Brentford	0 7	A	
Sat..	April 6	Fulham	2 2	H	
Sat..	13	Coventry City	1 5	A	
Fri..	19	Swansea Town	0 1	A	
Sat..	20	Millwall	5 2	H	
Mon..	22	Swansea Town	1 0	A	
Sat..	27	Bristol City	0 2	A	
Sat..	May 4	Portsmouth	0 3	H	

LEAGUE TABLES

LEAGUE III (Southern)		Pld.		Won		Lost		Dn.		For		Agst.		P.	
Charlton Athletic	...	18	11	4	3	42	25	25							
Reading	...	17	11	4	2	44	18	24							
Coventry City	...	17	9	4	4	38	16	22							
Crystal Palace	...	17	8	4	5	35	29	21							
Brighton & Hove A.	...	17	8	5	4	29	16	20							
LUTON TOWN	...	18	7	5	6	29	23	20							
Bristol City	...	17	9	6	2	20	20	20							
Watford	...	17	8	6	3	32	23	19							
Northampton	...	17	8	6	3	25	25	19							
Millwall	...	18	8	7	3	26	28	19							
Newport County	...	18	8	8	2	28	39	18							
Cardiff City	...	19	7	8	4	26	37	18							
Torquay United	...	17	8	8	1	33	33	17							
Swindon Town	...	17	6	7	4	35	34	16							
Clapton Orient	...	17	6	8	3	26	27	15							
Exeter City	...	17	5	8	4	28	32	14							
Gillingham	...	18	4	8	6	24	33	14							
Bristol Rovers	...	17	4	7	6	24	37	14							
Queens Park Rangers	...	17	4	8	5	17	27	13							
Bournemouth	...	17	5	10	2	21	31	12							
Aldershot	...	17	4	9	4	18	29	12							
Southend United	...	18	3	11	4	24	42	10							

LONDON COMBINATION		Pld.		Won		Lost		Dn.		For		Agst.		P.	
Crystal Palace	...	24	13	6	5	55	37	31							
Arsenal	...	21	14	5	2	59	25	30							
Brentford	...	23	12	6	5	39	27	29							
Portsmouth	...	22	11	5	6	44	29	28							
Leicester City	...	22	11	5	6	41	29	28							
Tottenham Hotspur	...	19	12	5	2	59	26	26							
Watford	...	23	10	8	5	40	46	25							
LUTON TOWN	...	22	10	8	4	43	33	24							
Reading	...	22	10	9	3	43	38	23							
Queens Park Rangers	...	21	9	7	5	29	32	23							
Chelsea	...	20	8	6	6	36	33	22							
Coventry City	...	20	10	9	1	40	35	21							
Fulham	...	22	9	10	3	28	27	21							
Brighton & Hove A.	...	21	10	10	1	36	43	21							
Swansea Town	...	19	7	7	5	30	25	19							
Clapton O.	...	22	9	12	1	44	50	19							
Charlton Athletic	...	23	7	11	5	43	49	19							
West Ham United	...	22	9	12	1	36	45	19							
Northampton	...	21	9	11	1	26	39	19							
Bournemouth	...	19	5	7	7	23	32	17							
Southampton	...	22	4	13	5	21	40	13							
Bristol City	...	21	5	13	3	36	57	13							
Millwall	...	20	2	10	8	22	53	12							
Southend United	...	21	3	14	4	19	42	10							

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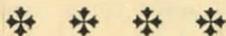
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