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Crystal Palace, our League III opponents today, should have visited us, in the ordinary way, on Saturday last, but F.A. Cup requirements necessitated our presence elsewhere, and accordingly the "Glaziers" visit had to be deferred.

Indirectly our Cup Tie engagement materially assisted a co-League Club, Exeter City, who have been very badly hit financially the last two or three years, had to compensate the Palace on account of an F.A. Cup Tie in a previous round. Fortunately for them their League opponents of Saturday last, Millwall, were also engaged in a Cup Tie, and so it proved an opportune day for a re-arrangement of the League fixture between the Palace and themselves. Their good fortune, however, ended here for the Palace trounced the Devonshire team to the tune of six goals to nil. Anyhow, if through our own good fortune we have been able to assist a less fortunate club, then we are very glad indeed, for we, too, have had our anxious financial moments, and realise only too well what it means when the red light does begin to appear.

The Crystal Palace Club was formed in the year 1905 but prior to this the trading company that was responsible for the building known as the Crystal Palace decided to form a professional club. They were, however, forbidden to do so by the Football Association, on account of their using the ground on which the Final Tie of the English Cup was played.

A separate company was then formed and application made to join the League and become tenants of the famous ground. This application met with success.

Since that time, however, the "Glaziers" have had many changes of venue. From the Crystal Palace they moved in 1915 to Herne Hill whilst 1919 saw them playing at the Nest. Soon afterwards they made their way to Selhurst Park, where they now have a ground capable of accommodating 73,000 spectators.

In the season 1920-21 the Palace were champions of the Third Division, with the consequent elevation to Division II. They remained in the higher sphere until 1925, when relegation again necessitated their appearance in the Third Division. Since then they have repeatedly endeavoured to stage a "come back" but the nearest they have reached to this objective was in 1930-31 when they were runners-up to Notts County with a total of 51 points.

This season the Palace are once more one of the aspirants for the League Championship, and their team contains a good blend of youth and experience. Their overwhelming victory over Exeter on Saturday last will give them confidence for today's game. When the two teams met at Selhurst early in the season, a keenly contested game resulted in the Palace being victorious by two goals to one, so another "needle" match should result this afternoon.

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Saturday, January 19th, 1935.

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CLUB NOTES by "Hatter,"

In my previous notes I commenced by re-iterating the word "bravo" three times on account of the decisive victory over Chelsea. I repeat today "Bravo, bravo, bravo" for the display of the Boys at Turf Moor on Saturday. We were beaten as everyone knows, and we do not begrudge Burnley their victory. The game was very keenly contested, and if the ball had run a little more in our favour, a different result would have appeared. The day was bitterly cold and the ground was exceedingly wet, the weak sun that appeared in the morning being sufficient to melt the snow of the day previous and so cause a treacherous top dressing. Coupled with this, we lost the toss and had to face a strong wind. The game opened very evenly, each goal being visited in turn, but after eight minutes play a movement on our right was intercepted by the Burnley right back, who cleared with a huge kick which, aided by the wind, dropped in our penalty area but to the left of the goal. The ball was chased by Smith, the Burnley centre forward, and in spite of being hampered by Tom Smith and Billy Thayne as well as Joe Coen, who had left the goal, he managed to tap the ball goalwards and it slowly rolled over the line. In some ways it was a very freak goal, and would not come off once in a thousand times, but this happened to be the thousandth. This did not dishearten our team and several concerted movements were made by the forwards and eventually George Stephenson dribbled his way into the centre of the field and rammed home a great shot from twenty-five yards range.

From thence ensued a ding-dong struggle and what opportunities presented themselves came our way. Fred Roberts was given a splendid opening by Jack Ball, and put in a great shot, only to see the Burnley keeper effect a marvellous save. Five minutes from the interval the movement was repeated and Roberts took the ball to the goal area line before shooting at the left hand bottom corner. Again did the Burnley custodian bring the house down with a marvellous save.

On the resumption with the wind in our favour it looked as if we might win, but it was not to be. After at least a dozen throw-ins on the right wing, the ball was kicked goalwards, Joe Coen went down for the ball, and appeared to have it covered but whether he was impeded by a player or whether the ball hit a bump and rose awkwardly, I could not say, but Joe, as well as the rest of us, had the mortification of seeing it hit his shoulder and bounce into the net. Seven minutes later a movement on the Burnley right resulted in a centre, but although the ball was headed out, from the mix up that ensued the ball found the back of our net for the third time.

Next Match, Saturday, February 2nd.

LONDON COMBINATION
Luton Town Res. v. Crystal Palace Res.
KICK-OFF 3 p.m. (S. 93)

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from being daunted by these reverses, we put extra pressure but without result although Aston rattled the cross bar with the goalkeeper beaten.

So we made our exit from the Cup, and in our failure congratulated Burnley on their success. In passing it behoves us to congratulate Mr. Mee, the referee. He controlled the game exceedingly well and I venture to suggest that if all other officials had his capabilities there would be no clamour against the refereeing of matches.

Today we return to our League engagements and in the Palace have formidable opponents, who, like ourselves, fancy their chances for the Championship. We should like to put a spoke in their wheel especially after the set back we received at Selhurst Park earlier in the season. The composition of the team has not been definitely selected at the moment but Tom Smith's scholastic duties require his presence elsewhere. Tom Mackey will, however, once again be available.

On Saturday next the first team visit Shepherds Bush for the return game with Queens Park Rangers whilst the Reserves entertain the young "Glaziers." For this match it is hoped that we shall once again be able to play Patrick McCorkill who made such a successful debut at Charlton on Saturday last.

GOAL SCORERS

Third Division		London Combination			
S. Bell	...	15	C. Cook	...	13
J. T. Ball	...	12	D. C. Hutchison		8
G. Stephenson	...	5	J. T. Taylor	...	7
G. S. Martin	...	4	A. Rennie	...	5
F. Roberts	...	4	L. Murphy	...	4
T. Bell	...	3	G. Stephenson	...	4
W. Crompton	...	2	H. Hackett	...	3
W. Brown	...	1	G. S. Martin	...	2
C. Cook	...	1	W. Pease	...	2
A. Rennie	...	1	W. Beck	...	1
C. J. Russell	...	1	J. Burke	...	1
			F. W. Kean	...	1
			P. McCorkill	...	1
			C. J. Russell	...	1

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League III (Southern)

3 Mackey
Left Back6 Fraser
Left Half10 Roberts
Inside Left11 Stephenson
Outside LeftLinesmen:
Blue Flag: A. R. BAYLIS (Hounslow)
Red Flag: L. A. MARTIN (Romford)15 Manders
Inside Right16 Carson
Outside Right19 Turner
Right Half21 Owens
Right Back22 Dur
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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

A
B
C
D
E
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SECOND LIST

A
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NOTE—The Letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—
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The "boys" had hard luck at Turf Moor on Saturday. With a bit of luck the score would have reversed, but the ball did not just run our way. However we can take defeat and congratulate Burnley on their victory. May they now go forward to further success.

Now a word about our next social event. This will be on Wednesday, February 20th, and will be in the nature of a "Popular" Dance. This is at the request of the ladies on the Council and is being supported by the Social Committee. Prices will be 1/6 on the night. Double Tickets (if purchased before the dance) will be 2/6. Can we rely on **your** support.

We hope to stage two big shows in March. The one on March 20th will be a Concert with Leonard Henry and Webster Booth as the star attractions. Several local artistes have offered their support.

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TONIGHT'S BEDTIME STORY

Herbert, our hero, had a brainwave the other day. In his youth he was a good mouth organ player and he sent in to say that when the Club Room was finished he would be pleased to get one and come along at nights and help to entertain the members. You see it was like this, he met one of those "dismal Desmonds" who could only see people "going to the dogs" when they came to a match and being taken home on a stretcher paralytic. "That wasn't his idea of the Club at all" said Herbert. "When he went to a match he went to see football, not to drink beer, but it was going to be fine to know of a place where real supporters could meet and talk of old times, current matches, how to help the Club and if it happened to be too cold, to know there was a place handy to have a "nip" to throw off an attack of the "flu" or worse, so that his wife couldn't grumble at his turning out the next week." "It's a good job I don't meet one every day" he said, "for I've vowed for every one I hear that is trying to pour cold water on the scheme I'm going to get a hundred for it." And he is well on his first hundred. Has he got your name? If not send it to "Herbert," C/o The Football Club, with 1/2 and you can enjoy all the fun.

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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	2
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	1
Sat., "	10	Watford	2	1	H	2	2
Sat., "	17	Clapton Orient	1	1	A	1	1
Sat., "	24	Millwall	(2	3)	H	2	1
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	1
Sat., "	15	Millwall	(0	4)	A	4	1
Sat., "	22	Coventry City	0	1	H	4	0
Tues., "	25	Brighton & Hove A.	1	2	H	4	0
Wed., "	26	Brighton & Hove A.	1	1	A	1	4
Sat., "	29	Southend United	1	0	A	3	3
Sat., Jan.	5	Bristol Rovers	2	2	H	6	2
Sat., "	12	Chelsea			A	1	1
Wed., "	16	Chelsea			H	2	0
Sat., "	19	Charlton Athletic	0	2	A	2	4
Sat., "	26	Burnley			H	1	3
Wed., "	30	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	2	A		
Mon., "	22	Newport County	1	1	H		
Tues., "	23	Northampton	3	1	H		
Sat., "	27						
Sat., May	4	Coventry City	2	2	A		

		RESERVE FIXTURES London Combination					
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
Sat., "	17	Leicester City	0	2	H	3	1
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	2
Sat., "	13	Clapton Orient	(4	0)	A	3	1
Sat., "	20	Arsenal	0	2	H	2	1
Wed., "	24	Brighton & Hove A.	4	1	H	2	0
Sat., "	27	Bournemouth	1	0	A		
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	1
Sat., "	24	Fulham	0	2	A	0	2
Sat., Dec.	1	Coventry City	1	0	H	1	2
Sat., "	8	Millwall	1	0	A	3	1
Sat., "	15	Bristol City	7	1	H	3	1
Sat., "	22	Portsmouth	0	2	A	1	4
Tues., "	25	West Ham	2	2	A	1	2
Wed., "	26	West Ham	1	2	H	3	4
Sat., "	29	Watford	5	3	H	4	3
Thurs., Jan.	17	Leicester City	0	4	A	0	3
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	H		
Sat., "	27	Bristol City	0	2	A		
Wed., May	1	Southend United	1	0	A		
Sat., "	4	Portsmouth	0	3	H		

LEAGUE TABLES

LEAGUE III (Southern)

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Charlton Athletic	26	16	6	4	64	34	36
Coventry City	25	15	6	4	64	30	34
Watford	25	13	6	6	50	25	32
Reading	23	13	5	5	52	26	31
Crystal Palace	25	12	6	7	52	40	31
Brighton & Hove A.	25	12	8	5	43	28	29
LUTON TOWN	24	10	7	7	49	36	27
Torquay United	25	12	10	3	54</td		

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