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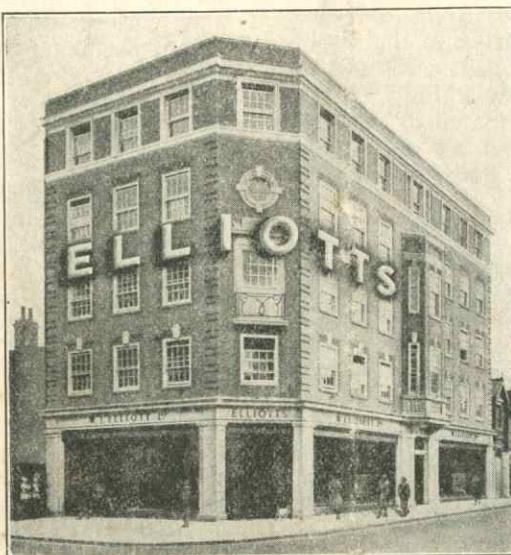
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The Local Derby Again!

THIS afternoon we entertain our neighbours from Luton, and our followers should see a very keen and interesting game. There is sure to be plenty of excitement, which is usual when the two clubs meet, and, if the weather is anything like normal, a large contingent of followers of Luton will no doubt make the best of the afternoon in Watford.

Our visitors are at present holding a slight lead over us in the league table, and the result of the game this afternoon will mean a lot to either club. When visiting Luton earlier in the season we shared the spoils with two goals each, and we do not think there will be a great deal in it to-day, as the teams are fairly evenly matched, but with ground advantage, we feel that we shall make the best of it, and in the end, finish on top.

RESERVES AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

Our second team will have a hard task when they fulfil their Combination fixture with Chelsea Reserves at Stamford Bridge to-day. We usually do reasonably well when visiting the First League club's enclosure, and if we come away with a division of the spoils from the game, we shall be very satisfied.

The Chelsea Reserves are a very strong combination, and have been carrying all before them recently, which suggests that our team will have a very hard game in front of them. However, no matter what the result is, our eleven are sure to give their more experienced opponents a good run for the honours.

SOUTHERN SECTION CUP WIN.

Our eleven did very well indeed to defeat the Rangers at Shepherds Bush in the replayed Southern Section Cup tie on Thursday week, and there is not the least doubt that victory went to the better side. Lane and O'Brien were our scorers, the goals being scored in each half of the extra time. The game was very lively and interesting throughout, and our players are to be complimented on the way they maintained their pace through the period of extra time.

FIRST TEAM WIN AT SOUTHEND.

In defeating Southend United at the Stadium on Saturday last by two goals to nil, our first team accomplished a very pleasing performance indeed, especially after playing extra time in the Cup tie at Loftus Road on the Thursday previous. The day was ideal for the game, and our team got early into their stride and within fifteen minutes were two goals to the good, as the result of two excellent efforts by Devan and Lane. Rarely have we seen our eleven playing so well, and the way they found each other with the ball was, to say the least, amazing.

The interval arrived with a two goal lead in our favour, and although no further scoring took place, we finished completely on top and were far and away the superior team.

RESERVES DEFEAT PALACE RESERVES.

Our second team continued their good form by decisively beating the Palace Reserves at Watford last Saturday, by three goals to nil, and when one remembers that we had only nine men for the latter part of the game, it was a really good performance; in fact, the way our depleted eleven overcame their handicap was a credit to them.

PROMOTION CHANGES SUGGESTIONS.

For a number of years now, there has been the feeling abroad that in order to create an even greater interest in the game and make things a bit more worth while for the league clubs, it might be a good thing to completely re-organize the system of promotion and relegation. On several occasions, suggestions have been made at the Football League's various annual meetings, but for some reason or other, they have always previously been turned down.

It was announced in the daily press this week however, that a further determined effort is to be made to get a decision to revolutionize the promotion and relegation system.

Mr. Sam Allen, the popular secretary of Swindon Town Football club, is once again taking on the responsibility of being the champion of the cause of the smaller clubs, and as a member of the Southern Section executive, he has prepared a circular to be sent to all First and Second Division clubs whose representatives decide the policy of the League. This circular has been approved, and the clubs are being asked to support one of three proposals.

Mr. Bendle Moore, the chairman of Derby County and a gentleman who has been agitating for changes in this direction for some considerable time, will move the first proposal, which suggests that every season four clubs be relegated from the First Division with as many promotions from

the Second Division, also that four clubs be relegated from Division II and that each section of the Third Division promote two.

The second proposal will be moved by the Fulham representative, that present arrangements be continued as regards the First Division, but that three clubs be relegated from the Second Division and the vacancies be filled by two clubs from the Southern and one from the Northern Section of Division III.

Manchester United will move the third proposition, which is very similar to that of Fulham except that the Second Division vacancies be filled by one club from each section of the Third Division and another to be decided by a championship game between the runners-up of the two sections.

Mr. Allen is reported to have said that he considers the advocates of these changes are "getting nearer their goal. Voting is confined to the representatives of the first two divisions and is getting progressively closer." Voting was almost fifty-fifty, and a resolution needed a two-thirds majority, but they stood "a sporting chance of getting one of the proposals passed at the next annual meeting, which would surely give a great fillip to the game."

BATH CITY AND THE LEAGUE.

Bath City will be among the aspirants for entrance to the League this year, having recently made application for admission to the Third Division. In their efforts to make themselves worthy of election, plans are being drawn up for the dressing rooms and offices which are to be built underneath the stand and the work will be proceeded with at once.

Other necessary improvements will be made as time progresses so that there shall be nothing in the way of lack of accommodation or quality of ground to hinder their acceptance to league membership.

ENGLAND'S MATCH WITH HOLLAND.

The match between England and Holland to be played in Amsterdam on May 18th, is apparently arousing great interest both in this and other countries, for it was reported in the press this week that all the tickets had already been sold and that nearly a thousand people would travel from England to see the game.

This is all to the good, and should do much to foster a friendly feeling between the countries concerned in these Soccer matches and also help to bring about a better understanding of the game as it should be played.

MIDDLESEX CUP MATCHES.

In connection with the Middlesex Cup tie games, the final is to take place on Easter Monday, and it is understood that the Brentford Football club are to be approached with a view to the match being played on the Griffin Park enclosure. Should this not be available the match will take place at Southall.

Uxbridge is one club concerned in the final tie, while the other has yet to be decided, Hayes and London Caledonians having already drawn twice in the semi-final. The next replay will be on Saturday, March 30th, at Southall.

BLYTH SPARTANS RECORD.

Blyth Spartans, the famous nursery club of the North East, have really good reason to be proud of their record in the matter of useful players who have graduated in their ranks, and with the transfer of Barron (goalkeeper) to Chesterfield, they have now provided league clubs with three custodians during the past two years. The other two players were King, who is now with Everton, and Dawson, at present on the books of Manchester City.

SOUTHERN SECTION CUP.

Our semi-final tie in the Southern Section Cup competition has been arranged to take place on Thursday next, March 28th, at Coventry, where a keenly-fought game should be witnessed. We have already taken three points out of a possible four from the Midland club in league matches, and if we can produce our best form there is no reason why we should not again give a good account of ourselves next week.

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL.

There appears to be a possibility that another International player in schoolboy football is likely to be provided by the Watford district, for R. Nicholson (Alexandra) has been chosen as inside right in the England team to meet The Rest in the final trial match to take place to-day at Southampton. He did very well in the game at Dudley, but is reported as needing to finish a bit better and then he will turn out a first class player.

Watford Boys have done very well in schoolboy football during the last one or two seasons and a further honour would do them no injustice.

LEAVESDEN IN CUP FINAL.

Leavesden have qualified for the final in the Herts Senior Cup competition as the result of their victory last Saturday over Hoddesdon Town, and will be called upon to face St. Albans, who recently defeated Apsley by three goals to one, and thus there will be the twin element of a local derby and a cup-tie all in the one game which should be a very hard and keen encounter.

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11 **DAVIES, T.**
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12 **STEPHENSON**
Outside Left

13 **ROBERTS**
Inside Left

14 **BALL**
Centre

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Inside Right

16 **CROMPTON**
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Goal

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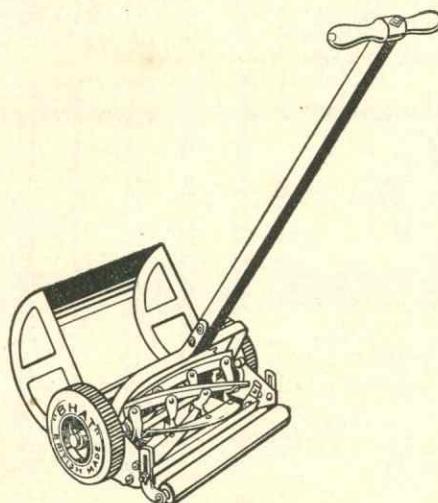
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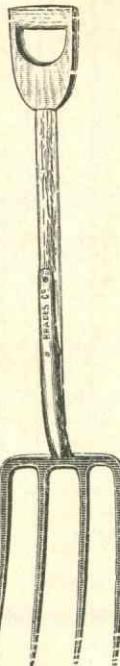
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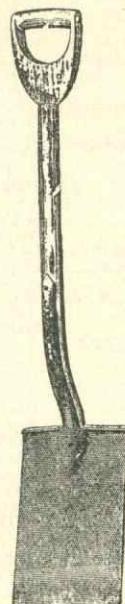
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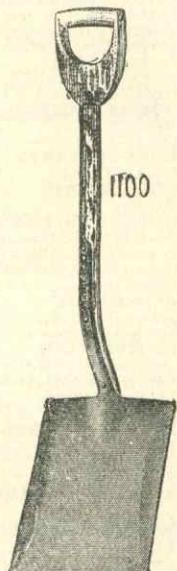
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