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CLUB GOSSIP by CHARLES HEWITT, Secretary-Manager.

The "Lions" confounded the critics by gaining a clear-cut victory at the expense of Walsall, a most difficult team to overcome on their own enclosure, which is certainly not to the liking of visiting teams. This victory was well deserved, the "Lions" were better together, quicker on the ball and finished better than the "Saddlers." David Mangnall scored two fine goals and paved the way for the pile-driver scored by Jackie Thorogood, our left-winger, who, on another occasion, was most unlucky to see a great shot of his strike the bar with the Walsall custodian hopelessly beaten. Millwall suffered two big handicaps, for early in the first half Jimmy Forsyth received a severe kick in the mouth that caused his retirement from the field of play; a nasty wound above the top lip had to be stitched, and Jimmy was so dazed that he was unable to return until ten minutes after the interval. Jimmy Wallbanks also received a nasty taste of the boot, which compelled his retirement ten minutes before half-time; he did not resume play until the second moiety was twenty minutes old. He then went to outside-right, Jimmy McCartney moving to inside-left. Teddy Smith took over the role of pivot and Ronnie Palmer operated at right full-back. Despite the reshuffle our boys displayed great determination and team spirit that merited and obtained reward. Walsall were indeed lucky to escape so lightly. We congratulate the players and regret the injuries received by Forsyth and Wallbanks; the former should be fit for the game with Luton Town this afternoon, but Wallbanks is a doubtful starter.

Our Reserves gained a splendid victory over a strong "Palace" eleven. The "Glaziers" were no match for our lads, who played football of a high order, and pleased the 5,268 spectators who paid £137 for admission. The attendance and receipts were very good when one considers that the Clerk of the Weather was most unkind, and that Crystal Palace Seniors were at home to Bournemouth and

Boscombe. To-day the Reserves are at Luton, where they will do well to avoid defeat.

Given fine weather this afternoon, all roads should lead to The Den for the visit of the Section leaders, Luton Town, who should attract an attendance of 30,000. Pity the "clash" commences at the early hour of 2.30 p.m., which is sure to prevent a good number being present. We extend to the "Hatters" a very hearty welcome, and sincerely hope that the struggle for points will be contested in true sporting manner. Luton come to The Den with an excellent record of achievement, proud and worthy leaders. That they are a virile and skilful combination no one will deny. Ten-goals-Payne has caused the biggest furore Soccer has known for years; this demon goalgetter keeps banging 'em home with unfailing regularity. What a great asset he is to the Luton club; worth £10,000, so they say; hope he is off the goal standard this afternoon. It is up to Jimmy Forsyth and Tommy Inns to keep Payne out of mischief, no easy task. Luton Town were most disappointed when Coventry City pipped them on the post for the promotion ticket last season, and make no secret of the fact that they are determined to go up this term. Many tip them as favourites for championship honours, but the month of May is a long way off, and a lot can, and will, happen before that time arrives. Cardiff City, Millwall, Brighton, Bournemouth, Gillingham, Queen's Park Rangers, Notts County, Reading and Watford are lying ready to take advantage of slips. I cannot understand the lapses of Watford, who are the best team that have visited The Den to date. They are sure to come again, for class will always tell.

There is no truth in the statements that have been going the rounds that we propose to part with one or two of our first-team players; you may take it as definite that we are buyers and not sellers. Writing of buying prompts me to again state how difficult it is to persuade clubs

to part with good players; for weeks past I have travelled thousands of miles in quest of our requirements. My experience has been most distressing. I could, if I chose, fill these pages with copy that would cause general amazement. Last week you read about Derby County, Charlton and Spurs being interested in Dai Astley, the Welsh International, who has now joined the first-named. Millwall was not mentioned, but you can take it from me that your Directors evinced a lively interest in the ex-Villa star. But for the recent lapses of Wolverhampton Wanderers, a "Wolf" would have entered the "Lions" den a couple of weeks ago.

Travelling north last week-end I read in one newspaper that Millwall may buy Affleck, the tall, young centre-half of Clapton Orient, but bigger clubs than Millwall had failed to secure Affleck's transfer. I wonder what the writer meant by bigger? Perhaps he intended to convey League status. Millwall may be associate members of The Football League, but is as big as the biggest of them, and bigger than most of them. I wonder how many of the big guns would fare for support if they were operating in the third division? The loyalty of our patrons is second to none; we appreciate the measure of support accorded the club, hence our desire to acquire first-class talent.

The mention of support prompts me to add a note concerning our own. I have from time to time published in this programme receipts and attendances of matches played at The Den this season, in order that our patrons can judge for themselves the whole-hearted support the club is receiving. For some reason the Press have been publishing figures which fall far short of the actual number present. For some weeks Sunday newspapers have printed the attendance as 15,000 whereas the actual figures have exceeded 21,000. Despitest most inclement weather a week last Saturday, 19,028 spectators attended The Den and paid £1 127 11s. 0d. to see the local derby game with Clapton Orient.

The following are the actual attendances and receipts for Saturday home games, Division 3 South:—

Millwall v Bristol Rrs.,	28,520	£1633 10 6
Millwall v Bournemouth,	18,534	£1077 4 6
Millwall v Watford,	21,228	£1215 13 0
Millwall v Newport,	21,333	£1176 9 6
Millwall v Torquay Utd.,	21,992	£1217 11 6
Millwall v Clapton O.,	19,028	£1127 11 0

The above figures are most encouraging and providing that the team can keep near the leaders there is no reason why receipts shouldn't soar and record attendances be the order of the day at The Den—it's up to you.

Now don't run away with the idea that Millwall is amassing a fortune—nothing of the kind, you must bear in mind that quite apart from staff, ground and players' wages, match expenses of referees and linesmen, police, turnstile workers and stewards, printing, posting, advertising, travel, rents, rates, etc., the following are just a few of the items that absorb a large share of the gross gate:

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Clapton Orient 20 per cent £145 5s. 8d.
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Up to Saturday, 14th November, 1936, Millwall paid to visiting clubs in the 20 per cent Pool £1,169 19s. 4d., as against £536 15s. 1d. received. Small wonder our League confreres are pleased to visit the Den.

By defeating Clapton Orient on Wednesday last by three goals to two, Millwall pass into the semi-final of the Football League, Division 3, South, Challenge Cup. The "Lions" were the better team, and fully merited victory; Hiram, the visiting custodian, saved his side from a much heavier defeat. At half-time the "Lions" crossed over in arrears, quite against the run of the play. For the second-half I changed the forward formation, Burditt moving to outside-right, McCartney to inside-left. This change worked admirably and brought two quick goals, the winning goal, scored by McCartney, was one of the best shots I have seen delivered for years, and evoked great applause.

Ken Burditt performed well on the wing, a position he has previously occupied with marked success. This talented player will solve the right-wing problem, but his raiding qualities as an inside-forward may not be unduly felt if young Palmer can maintain the promise he showed against Clapton Orient.

The attendance on Monday was 2,458, receipts £136 19s. You have all seen the draw for the F.A. Cup. Comment thereon is held over for our next issue.

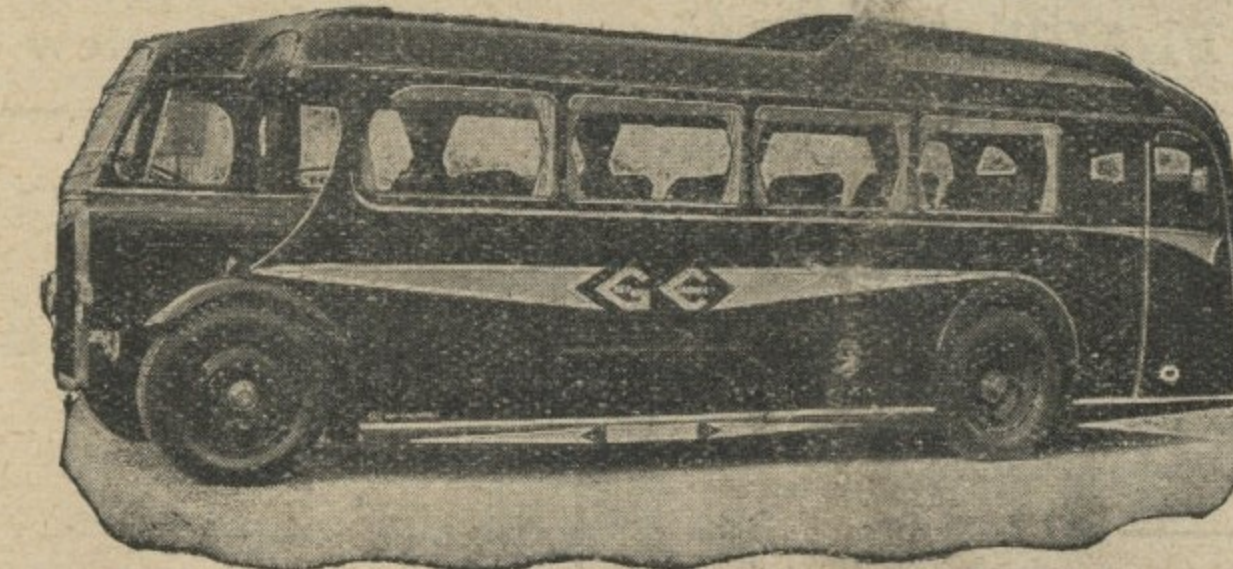
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			SMITH, J. R.	...	4	PALMER	...	1	MANGNALL	...	6
			THOMAS	...	3	DAY	...	1	THOROGOOD	...	4
			PALMER	...	3	FORSYTH	...	1	MCCARTNEY	...	3
Southern League			MOFFATT	...	3	Total ...			THOMAS	...	1
BURDITT, G.	...	6	DANIELS	...	3	Southern Section Cup			SMITH, J. R.	...	1
DAY	...	2	WILSON	...	2	MANGNALL	...	3	PALMER	...	1
DANIELS	...	2	FORSYTH	...	1	MCCARTNEY	...	2	FORSYTH	...	1
PALMER	...	1	DAY	...	1	THOROGOOD	...	1	Total ...		
			HANCOCK	...	1	BROLLY	...	1	27		
Total	...	11	Total ...			BURDITT, K.	...	1			
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The selection of Johnson, the Stoke City winger, to play for the England team, gives us another example of how a club can let a good thing slip through their fingers.

While Bolton Wanderers have been showing a definite interest in Johnny Lang, of Aberdeen, no move has been made yet.

The small Somerset town of Castle Cary is following with interest the footballing progress of Bryan Gomm, a young man training for the scholastic profession at Dudley.

Now that the Hearts have stated quite definitely that they do not intend to part with Tommy Walker, it seems likely that offers will be made for others on their staff.

Heard on a northern ground: Annoyed Spectator (to gentleman who had been shouting his head off on behalf of one team): How much did you pay to come in?

Plymouth Argyle have not been defeated for nine matches. Yet how many people realise that during the greater part of this spell they have been without three "key" men through injury—Roberts, their stalwart right-back and captain, Cann, their goalkeeper, whom many regard as the best in the Second Division, and the famous Sammy Black, the match-winning outside-left.

Atkinson, the Mansfield Town inside-right, struck on the head in a recent match, had periods of semi-consciousness all through the second half.

It may not be generally known that Astley, transferred from the Villa to Derby County, played for the Welsh schoolboys against Scotland thirteen years ago.

PITHY PARS BY "THE PILOT." How often do we hear that the lot of the football manager is not always a happy one? Nevertheless, it is perfectly true. Take, for instance, the experience of the genial Bob Hewison, the manager of Bristol City.

Newport County are still after new players. They must have spent about five thousand pounds in the process of strengthening their side, but they still want another full-back. Incidentally, they feel they have made a sound capture in Lance Carr, from Liverpool, a forward who can shoot.

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1936			1936			1937		
A'g. 22	Practice Match— Blue v. Red ...		Aug. 29	Queen's Park Rgs. Belgrave Hospital Cup ...	1 4	Jan. 2	Coventry City ...	1 0
29	Bristol Rovers ...	H H H	Sept. 5	Coventry City ...	1 3	6	Portsmouth ...	1 0
31	Queen's P. R. ...	H H H	9	Chelms ...	2 4	9	Northampton T. ...	1 0
Sept. 5	Northampton Town ...	A 2 2	12	Chelms ...	0 4	16	Chelms ...	1 0
12	Bournemouth & Boscombe ...	H 0 2	16	Chelms ...	0 6	23	B'mouth & Boscombe ...	1 0
17	Queen's P. R. ...	A 1 0	19	Bournemouth & Boscombe ...	0 0	30	Brighton ...	1 0
19	Brighton ...	A 2 2	24	Boscombe ...	2 3	Feb. 6	Southend United ...	1 0
21	Gillingham ...	A 3 0	26	Brighton ...	0 2	11	Bath City ...	1 0
26	Watford ...	H H H	28	Southampton ...	3 0	13	Watford ...	1 0
Oct. 3	Southend United ...	A 0 0	23	Southampton ...	0 0	15	Portsmouth ...	1 0
5	Walsall (Sth. Sec. Cup) ...	H 5 2	Oct. 3	Southend Utd. ...	4 1	20	Tottenham Hotspur ...	1 0
10	Newport County ...	H 7 2	8	Chelms (L.C.C. 1st rd.) ...	2 0	22	Bath City ...	1 0
17	Bristol City ...	A 0 2	12	Dartford ...	2 1	27	Charlton Ath. ...	1 0
24	Torquay Utd. ...	A 1 1	17	Tottenham H. ...	4 2	29	Folkestone ...	1 0
31	Notts County ...	A 1 1	19	Fulham (L.C.C. 2nd rd.) ...	3 3	Mar. 6	Portsmouth ...	1 0
Nov. 7	Clapton Orient ...	H 2 1	24	Charlton Athletic ...	0 0	8	Margate ...	1 0
14	Walsall ...	A 3 0	26	Fulham (L.C.C. 2nd rd.) ...	0 6	13	Reading ...	1 0
16	Clapton Orient ...	H 3 2	26	Jockeys v. Boxers ...	2 3	15	Guildford City ...	1 0
21	Luton Town ...	H H A	28	Southampton ...	1 5	20	Crystal Palace ...	1 0
28	Aldershot (1st rd. E.C.) ...	H A	31	Portsmouth ...	2 1	26	Fulham ...	1 0
Dec. 5	Crystal Palace ...	H A	Nov. 4	Aldershot ...	0 4	27	Luton Town ...	1 0
12	Exeter City ...	H A	7	Reading ...	1 4	29	Fulham ...	1 0
19	Reading ...	H A	9	Arsenal Palace ...	0 1	April 3	Clapton Orient ...	1 0
25	Aldershot ...	H A	14	Crystal Palace ...	0 1	5	Norwich City ...	1 0
26	Bristol Rovers ...	H A	18	Tunbridge Wells Rgs. ...	4 1	8	South-East London ...	1 0
28	Aldershot ...	A A	21	Luton Town ...	3 1	10	West Ham Utd ...	1 0
1937			26	Norwich City ...	1 0	14	Dartford ...	1 0
Jan. 2	Northampton T. ...	H H	28	Clapton Orient ...	1 0	17	Leicester City ...	1 0
9	Bournemouth & Boscombe ...	A A	Dec. 5	West Ham ...	1 0	19	Tunbridge Wells ...	1 0
16	Cardiff City ...	A A	12	Leicester City ...	1 0	22	Rangers ...	1 0
23	Brighton & Hove ...	H A	16	Folkestone ...	1 0	22	Margate ...	1 0
30	Watford ...	H A	19	Bristol City ...	1 0	24	Clapton Cup Final ...	1 0
			25	Swansea Town ...	1 0	28	Bristol City ...	1 0
			26	Queen's P. R. ...	1 0		Guildford City ...	1 0
			28	Swansea ...	1 0	May 1	Brentford ...	1 0

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