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FOOTBALL LEAGUE.	DIVISION III.					(South).
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Notts County .....	28	15	7	6	52	40 37
Brighton .....	28	16	4	8	48	29 36
Watford .....	28	13	8	7	54	36 34
<b>LUTON TOWN</b> .....	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>31 32</b>
Northampton T. ....	26	14	4	8	53	36 32
Gillingham .....	27	13	6	8	36	37 32
Southend Un. ....	27	12	7	8	50	40 31
Millwall Athletic ...	26	12	6	8	45	31 30
Queen's Park R. ....	27	12	6	9	45	32 30
<b>READING</b> .....	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36 29</b>
Bournemouth .....	27	12	5	10	40	41 29
Clapton Orient ...	27	9	10	8	35	35 28
Bristol City .....	28	11	4	13	47	51 26
Crystal Palace .....	28	9	7	12	46	41 25
Swindon Town ....	27	9	7	11	47	42 25
Cardiff City .....	26	9	6	11	34	45 24
Torquay Un. ....	28	8	7	13	37	50 23
Bristol Rovers ....	27	10	2	15	40	50 22
Walsall .....	26	6	7	13	30	54 19
Newport County ...	27	6	7	14	44	69 19
Exeter City .....	27	5	6	16	31	65 16
Aldershot T. ....	27	3	7	17	30	57 13

## How They Stand

LONDON COMBINATION.							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Arsenal .....	32	24	2	6	116	26	50
West Ham Un. ....	29	19	4	6	88	37	42
Charlton Ath. ....	31	16	9	6	64	32	41
Brentford .....	31	17	5	9	60	36	39
Coventry City .....	30	16	5	9	77	46	37
Portsmouth .....	29	14	8	7	59	32	36
Fulham .....	31	15	6	10	61	47	36
Chelsea .....	30	16	4	10	71	61	36
Tottenham H. ....	30	14	6	10	80	56	34
Crystal Palace .....	30	12	10	8	49	46	34
Northampton T. ....	32	12	7	13	62	74	31
Brighton .....	29	10	7	12	41	57	27
Southend Un. ....	30	12	3	15	62	77	27
Queen's Park R. ....	29	12	2	15	40	48	26
Watford .....	30	11	4	15	56	66	26
Bournemouth .....	29	10	6	13	33	62	26
Swansea Town ...	31	8	8	15	40	60	24
Luton Town .....	30	9	5	16	51	63	23
Leicester City .....	30	10	3	17	35	59	23
Bristol City .....	31	9	6	16	40	65	23
<b>READING</b> .....	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>22</b>
Millwall Athletic ...	31	9	4	18	46	79	22
Southampton .....	30	7	5	18	45	73	19
Clapton Orient ...	30	7	5	18	29	75	19

## Supporters' Club Notes.

By S.C.T.

Many of our supporters will remember the days before the war, when the Reading Temperance Military Band met in the town on each Saturday and played us to Elm Park. What a following they had and how enthusiastic we all were! I wish that we could recover some of the enthusiasm of those good old days.

It was on these lines that a short time ago I talked to Mr. F. P. Hill the popular conductor of this band, and it was during our conversation I learnt that the spirit was still willing to play us through the streets again, but this is not now possible owing to the heavy flow of traffic through our main streets to-day. What great-hearted sportsmen these men are, and they are all members of our club and have been since its inception. Each week and in all weathers they never fail to greet us, both before the match and at half

time. They have many interests, but music and football are the chief, and although they are dependent on public support they are not unmindful of the needs of the "Bob" supporter by way of covered accommodation, and in order to help us in our endeavours to repay the mortgage on the new stand at Elm Park, they have offered to make a collection for our funds on Saturday, February 13th, Reading v. Crystal Palace.

This is not the first occasion on which this band has assisted us and I therefore appeal to you to show your appreciation by giving what you can afford in an effort to make this a bumper collection.

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My colleague, Arthur Edwards, is again running his Gate Forecast Scheme for the Crystal Palace match. The prize list is the same as on the last occasion, and plenty of cards are still available. If you have not received yours, please apply at 210 Tilehurst Road, either personally or in writing, and at the same time asking why you have been overlooked.

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## FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

		FOOTBALL LEAGUE.	LONDON COMBINATION.
Tait	...	11	Briggs ... 12
Paterson	...	8	Glidden ... 8
Allen	...	7	Fielding, H. T. ... 4
Watkin	...	6	Owen ... 3
McGough	...	4	Dalton ... 3
Fielding H.	...	3	Tait ... 2
Glidden	...	2	Allen ... 2
Dalton	...	1	Barley ... 2
Barley	...	1	Wilks ... 2
Granville (Cardiff)	1	Done ... 1	
O'Brien (Watford)	1	Coote ... 1	
Gilmore (Boscombe)	1	Kirkman ... 1	
		Dean ... 1	
		E. Hayes ... 1	
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### CLUB GOSSIP.—By NOMAD.

As the result of our drawn game at Ninian Park we went up one place in the table. As Brighton were defeated at Northampton; Notts County, with a win over Bournemouth, went into the lead with Watford, after their win against Bristol Rovers, third. Luton fell at home to the Rangers, while Millwall and Gillingham also suffered defeat. Newport did well to win at Swindon. Aldershot's win was their first since October 3rd, when curiously enough they beat Gillingham.

Dean, after all, was not included in the attack against Cardiff City, Barley partnering Briggs on the right wing. The City missed an early chance when Talbot missed badly, and then Poland saved well from Tait. The referee refused a penalty appeal against Hayhurst. Whittaker made a splendid save from Pinxton. Then against the run of the play we took the lead, for following a centre by Briggs Tait shot, but Poland pushed the ball out and Fielding secured and beat Poland. However, the City were soon on equal terms when Walton beat Whittaker following good work by Pinxton. Then Paterson flashed in a shot which nearly beat Poland, who deflected it with his foot

At the start of the second half Barley went near with a long shot, and then at the other end Whittaker had to deal with an attack from their left wing. There were some exciting moments in the City goal-mouth, when Poland bungled a shot, but the ball was eventually cleared. Gregory kicked away a shot from Walton right on the goal-line.

Barley had hard luck when one of the defence happened to get in the way from a fierce drive. Whittaker was hurt in a scramble in the goal-mouth but was able to resume at once.

The defence had rather a hectic time in the first half against their attack, but came out of it with credit. Wright was the best of the halves. It probably would have paid to send the ball out oftener to the wings, who had much drier turf to operate on than that in the centre.

This afternoon we entertain Luton Town, who put up such sterling displays against both Blackpool and Sunderland in the Cup. They lost their home record to Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday, when they were no doubt feeling the effects of their strenuous match in mid-week. Away from home they have beaten Walsall, Exeter, Millwall, Aldershot and Crystal Palace; drawn with Torquay; and lost to Cardiff, Queen's Park Rangers, Brighton, Northampton, Newport, Southend and Notts County. Of their 56 goals Payne has scored 29 and Stephenson 10. Payne has scored in every match in a run of 7 and another of 6. They have, like ourselves, scored in all but 3 matches. Last season we won

by 2 goals (both scored by Tait) to 1, when supporters will no doubt remember a magnificent display of goal-keeping by Coen.

The Reserves entertained Tottenham Hotspur Reserves with Dean at inside left. Neither goal-keeper was really troubled at the outset, but Brown, their right winger, should

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<b>1—Whittaker</b>								<b>Left Wing</b>					
2—Gregory	3—Robson	4—Johnson	5—Hayhurst	6—Wright	7—Watkin	8—Barley	9—Tait	10—Paterson	11—Fielding H	<b>Right Wing</b>			
12—Stephenson	13—Roberts	14—Payne	15—Sloan	16—Hancock	17—Fellows	18—Nelson	19—Findlayson	20—Smith	21—Mackay	<b>Left Wing</b>			
<b>Referee—</b> W. E. Ross-Gower.													
<b>★ BEST</b> classified results and reports in <b>★ THE STAR.★</b>													
<b>Linesmen—</b> G. T. Chivers, (Blue Striped Flag) T. A. H. Hughes, (Red Striped Flag)													
<b>LUTON TOWN.</b>													

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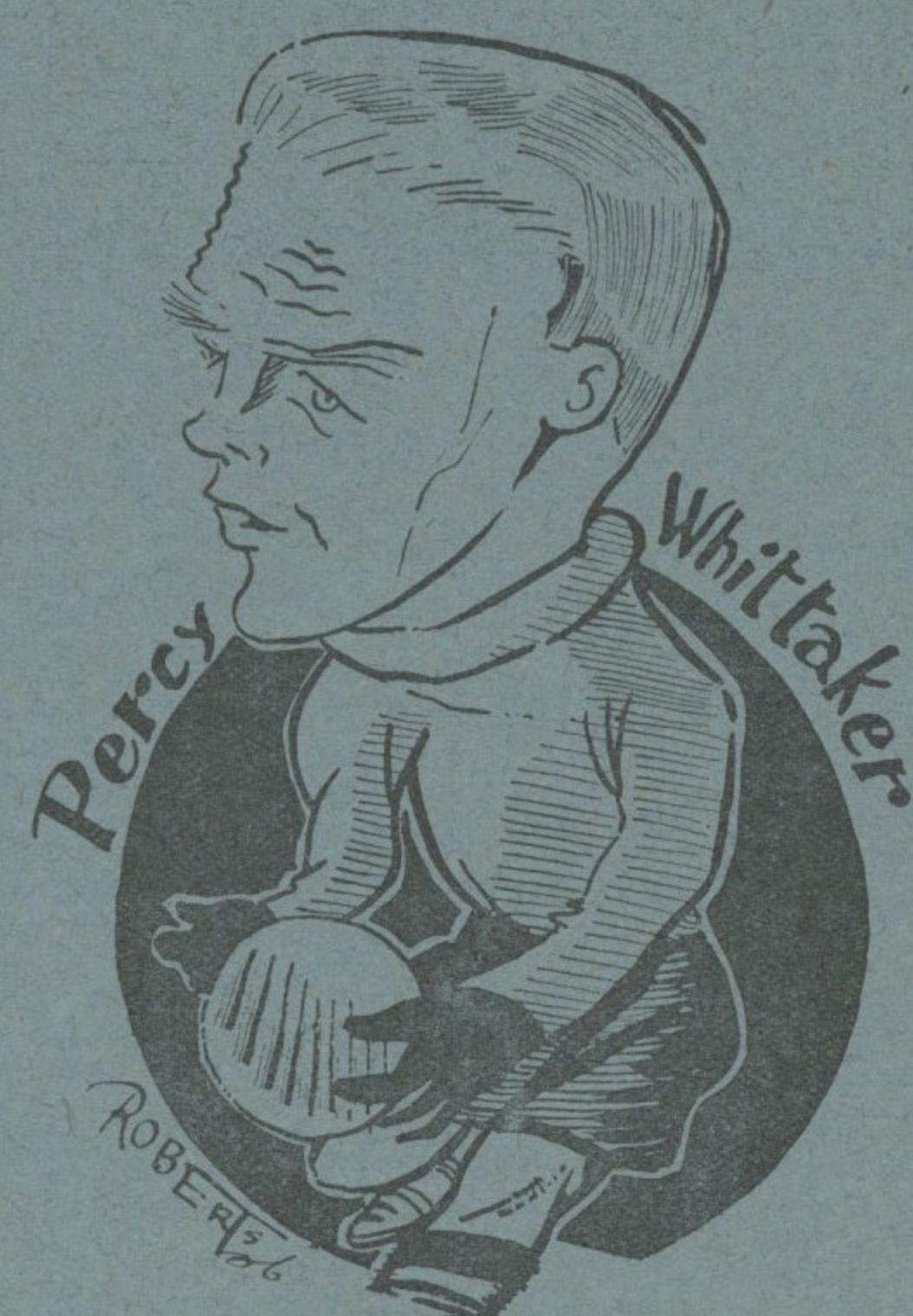
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have done better when he shot into the side net. After a quarter-of-an-hour Reid was injured and left the field; Kirkman went left back and Dalton left half. Ten minutes later we opened the scoring, when Dean, after selling the dummy very cleverly to one man, beat two more and went on to score a fine goal. They attacked continuously after this and Butchers made a fine save at the expense of a corner, but was beaten five minutes from the interval by Hunt after he had lost the ball in a melee.

Reid resumed on the left wing after the interval and receiving a pass from Dean put across a centre, which was headed goalwards by Fielding, and Hooper brought off a fine clearance. Robertson sent a free kick only just wide with Hooper well beaten by the shot. Hedley got away on the left wing and his shot was deflected by the defence to Hall, who had an easy task of scoring.

Kirkman played a fine game in an unaccustomed position of back. The attack never got really going after Reid's injury except on one occasion in the second half.



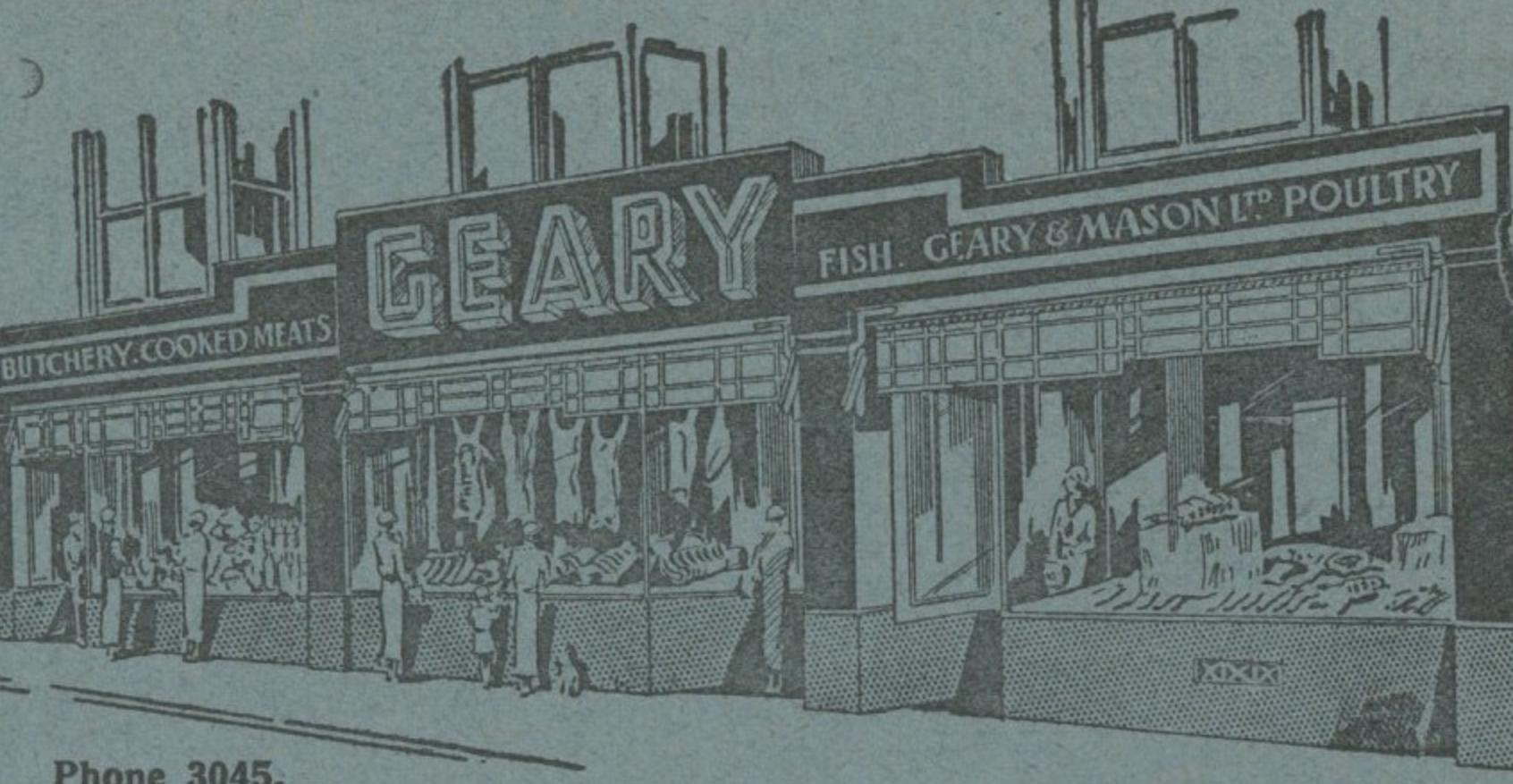
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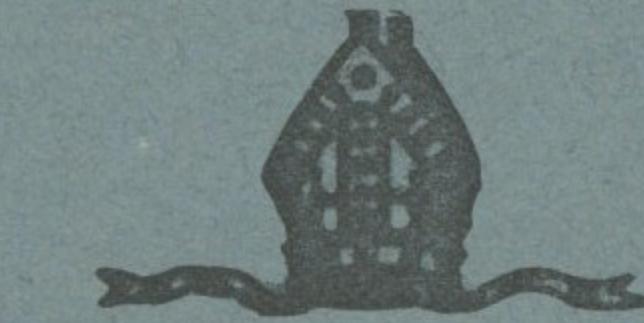
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## FIXTURES AND RESULTS.

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### Football League III (S).

Date.	Opponents.	F A
S., Aug.	29—Torquay United	2 2
W., Sept.	2—Bristol City	2 1
S., Sept.	5—Notts County	4 1
S., Sept.	12—Clapton Orient	2 3
W., Sept.	16—Exeter City	1 0
S., Sept.	19—Walsall	0 2
W., Sept.	23—Bristol City	2 1
S., Sept.	26—Luton Town	0 4
S., Oct.	3—Cardiff City	3 0
W., Oct.	7—Q.P.R. (S.S. Cup)	2 1
S., Oct.	10—Crystal Palace	1 3
S., Oct.	17—Aldershot Town	2 0
W., Oct.	21—Notts C. (S.S. Cup)	2 3
S., Oct.	24—Gillingham	1 2
S., Oct.	31—Newport County	4 4
S., Nov.	7—Southend United	1 1
S., Nov.	14—Watford	3 0
S., Nov.	21—Brighton	1 1
S., Nov.	28—Ilford (F.A. Cup)	4 2
S., Dec.	5—Northampton T.	1 2
S., Dec.	12—Newport C. (F.A. Cup)	7 2
S., Dec.	19—Millwall Athletic	2 0
F., Dec.	25—Swindon Town	2 2
S., Dec.	26—Torquay United	5 1
M., Dec.	28—Swindon Town	2 1
S., Jan.	2—Notts County	0 1
S., Jan.	9—Clapton Orient	1 1
S., Jan.	16—Man. U. (F.A. Cup)	0 1
W., Jan.	20—Bournemouth	3 2
S., Feb.	6—Cardiff City	1 1
W., Feb.	10—Luton Town	
S., Feb.	13—Crystal Palace	
S., Feb.	20—Aldershot Town	
W., Feb.	24—Bristol Rovers	
S., Feb.	27—Gillingham	
S., Mar.	6—Newport County	
S., Mar.	13—Southend United	
S., Mar.	20—Watford	
S., Mar.	20—The Army v. R.A.F.	
F., Mar.	26—Q.P. Rangers	
S., Mar.	27—Brighton	
M., Mar.	29—Q.P. Rangers	
S., April	3—Bournemouth	
S., April	10—Northampton T.	
S., April	17—Bristol Rovers	
S., April	24—Millwall Athletic	
S., May	1—Exeter City	
	—Walsall	



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Date.	Opponents.	F A
S., Aug.	29—Luton Town	1 1
M., Aug.	31—Southampton	2 1
Th., Sept.	10—Q.P. Rangers	2 1
S., Sept.	12—Swansea Town	4 1
W., Sept.	16—Bristol City	4 2
W., Sept.	23—Southampton	2 1
S., Sept.	26—Charlton Athletic	0 3
S., Oct.	10—Chelsea	1 3
S., Oct.	17—Brentford	1 5
W., Oct.	21—Crystal Palace	3 1
S., Oct.	24—Fulham	1 3
S., Oct.	31—Arsenal	2 3
W., Nov.	4—Leicester City	1 0
S., Nov.	7—Millwall Athletic	4 1
Th., Nov.	12—Charlton Athletic	1 6
S., Nov.	14—Coventry City	1 4
W., Nov.	18—Portsmouth	0 2
S., Nov.	21—Northampton T.	3 3
S., Dec.	5—Brighton	1 1
S., Dec.	19—Watford	1 5
F., Dec.	25—West Ham United	0 8
S., Dec.	26—Luton Town	2 6
M., Dec.	28—West Ham United	1 2
S., Jan.	2—Crystal Palace	1 2
S., Jan.	9—Swansea Town	0 3
S., Jan.	16—Leicester City	2 0
S., Jan.	23—Portsmouth	2 2
S., Feb.	6—Tottenham H.	1 5
W., Feb.	17—Bournemouth	
S., Feb.	20—Brentford	
S., Feb.	27—Fulham	
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