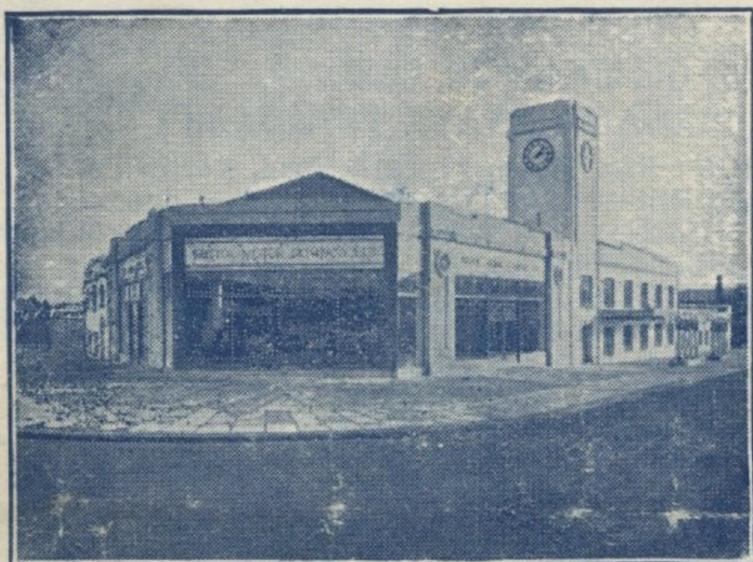


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"STRAIGHT FROM THE STABLES," By ROVER.

TO THE BRISTOL PUBLIC.

At a Board Meeting of Bristol Rovers Football Company Ltd., held on Tuesday last, it was brought to their notice by a Shareholder that a Statement appeared on March 14th in the Sporting Columns of one of the most popular SUNDAY PAPERS, part of which read—

"THAT AN OVERDRAFT OF £16,000 (OWING TO THE BANK) HAD BEEN WIPED OFF DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS."

This statement has undoubtedly given our Football Public an impression that the Club has been successful financially during that period. THIS IS NOT SO, as the Directors wish it to be known that the Overdraft was cleared by the raising of a Heavy Mortgage of £10,000 on their Ground and adjoining land of 19½ acres, together with Stands and other Buildings; also a large sum was received from the Bristol Greyhound Co. Ltd., for their Lease upon the ground.

The Directors also wish to point out that reference to the BALANCE SHEETS of Bristol Rovers Football Club Ltd. will prove that a LOSS and not a PROFIT was made during the past Five Years.

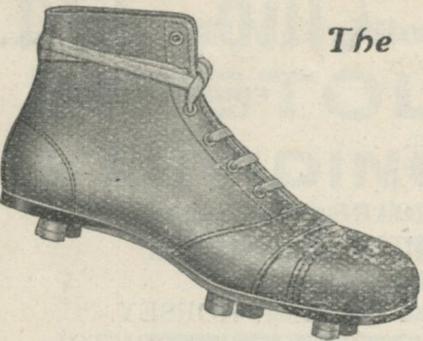
GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY!

To-day's game should be one of the most thrilling and interesting witnessed at Eastville this season as no other than Luton Town are our visitors and we extend to our old friends a most cordial welcome.

The "Hatters" need no introduction for they are undoubtedly the best team in the Third Division.

Their performances, both in League and Cup-ties have been the admiration of all football fans.

Should Luton Town not achieve their ambition—Promotion, it will not be for the want of trying for not only have they got together a good side but also many capable Reserves. Large cheques have been handed over for several of their players and only during the last few days they have secured another good player in Cox (centre forward)



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om Fulham, ex Arsenal. Cox also represents ussex at Cricket.

It is pleasing to hear that the injury to "Ten-ool" Payne is not so serious, and it is hoped he ill lead their attack this afternoon. In con-deration he made his name at our expense, and as since made a greater name as a Centre-forward, ur supporters would like to see him in action.

Recently the "Hatters" form has been so con-stant that they start favourites in all their games, nd to-day is no exception to the rule as most ritics give them a win.

Well, they certainly cannot afford to drop many oints and are sure to strain every nerve to secure e spoils at stake. We also badly need the points nd the performance of Our Boys at home in their ecent games should give them confidence. They ertainly are "up against it." But you can depend on them putting up a good fight and we wish hem the best of luck.

LUTON TOWN TEAM.

HUMPHREY W. DOLMAN (goalkeeper).—Bloxwich born. ame to Luton last March from Bristol City. Had early xperience with Blakenall and Willenhall and thence to hesterfield for several seasons. Was ever present in hesterfields promotion side of 1930-32. To Bristol City wo seasons ago, and his transfer strengthened Luton's efensive forces. Has won eighteen medals. Is crack ble tennis player, and interested in pigeon racing. urnaceman before professional footballer. 5ft 11½ins.; 3st. 10lbs.

THOS. S. SMITH (left full back).—Third season. Born at igham near Burnley. Played for Higham and later for eeds Training College. Turned out for Nelson and ochdale as a centre-half during three seasons, and on oming to Luton was a success as a flank half, and an even eater success at full back. Grand fellow in every way. hool teacher in Luton. Likes Cricket, Lawn tennis and wimming. 5ft. 10ins.; 12st.

JOHN FINLAYSON (right half-back).—Second season. born at Thornliebank, Scotland. From an amateur side f his native village, went to Motherwell as a forward, and ater to Cowdenbeath. Left there for Clapton Orient; ecame a half-back, and then a full-back. Reverted to alf at Luton and became a power as an attacking player. ft. 11ins.; 12st.

WM. J. FELLOWES (left half-back).—Second season. Born at Bradford but moved to Tavistock as a youngster. Played for Tavistock Town until Plymouth Argyle made him a professional. After three seasons went to Clapton Orient, and was transferred to Luton last season; was a centre-half but took over the left flank position with success. Has sports outfitting business at Tavistock. Cricket and golf his hobbies. 5ft. 9½ins.; 12st.

JOHN NELSON (centre half-back).—Second season. Born at Chorley. Played for Chorley All Saints' before joining Chorley, the Lancashire Combination Club. Transferred to Preston North End and later to Wolverhampton Wanderers; after three seasons at the Molyneux ground was transferred to Luton last season. When settled he became a grand defensive pivot, and had a great part in the team's success. Is useful cricketer. In Bleaching trade before professional. 6ft. 1½ins.; 12½st.

JOSEPH PAYNE (centre forward).—Third season. Born at Bolsover. Came to Luton on trial as a centre-forward three seasons ago. After a term with Biggleswade, came to Luton and developed as a half-back, where he came on tremendously. Tried in emergency as a centre-forward. Last Easter Monday he broke the league goal scoring record by scoring ten of twelve goals against Bristol Rovers. Fine all round cricketer. Miner before professional footballer. 5ft. 10½ins.; 12st.

FRED ROBERTS (inside left).—Third season. Born at Birmingham. From junior football went to Smethwick Highfield and thence to Piggott's Works from which club Birmingham signed him as a professional. After a season was transferred to Luton and has been a regular first team player ever since. A grand club player, tireless worker, and very unselfish. Like lawn tennis bowls and fishing. 5ft. 8ins.; 11½st.

GEO. STEPHENSON (outside left).—Third season. Born at Shillington, Durham, and from his village went to Durham City, but was speedily transferred to Aston Villa. Had three terms at Villa Park and was then transferred to Luton. Has played many brilliant games since then, and on his day is irresistible. Very tricky and has a good shot. Was a miner before football professional. 5ft. 9ins.; 12st.

THOMAS PARKINSON KING (right full-back).—Recently obtained from Bournemouth to strengthen the defence should any injury occur to Mackey and Smith. Quickly obtains a position in the League side owing to Mackey's injury last Saturday against Northampton. Born at Woolsthorp. 5ft. 8ins.; 11st.

ALBERT DAWES (inside right).—Transferred to Luton from Crystal Palace just before Christmas. Has seen previous service with Northampton. Born at Aldershot. 5ft. 9ins.; 11st.

EDWARD HANCOCK (outside right).—Another signing during this season from Burnley. Has been previously with Everton and Gainsborough Trinity. 5ft. 7ins. 11½st.

OUR LADS.

On Saturday last Our Lads gained another splendid victory at the expense of Cardiff City by beating the Welshmen 4—0, thus adding two more points to their Birmingham League "bag." Again we witnessed a good game and although the pitch was heavy, plenty of good football was played by both sides.

The Lads fully deserved their victory and again we hand out our congratulations.

To-day Our Lads will have a hard task as they visit HEREFORD where recently the homesters have been playing well and will be "all out" to stop The Lads. We hope they will avoid defeat.

SOME SLUMP.

Well, we did come unstuck at Walsall where it was expected we should at least obtain a point. Our Boys had a "Bad Day." The Walsall ground was in a really bad state; still, we cannot blame that for our heavy defeat. Our Boys had only themselves to blame as they endeavoured to play class football and the going was all against this. The homesters did no fancy stuff and their direct methods paid—hence our defeat.

The score did not in any way represent the game. The fact remains—Walsall got their goals as mentioned. A Bad Day for Our Boys.

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THE LEAGUE TABLE.—DIV. III.						Goals—	
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts
Notts County	33	17	6	10	60	46	44
Brighton & Hove	33	19	10	4	60	35	42
Luton Town	31	19	9	3	70	41	41
Queen's Park Rangers	33	16	9	8	64	35	40
Watford	33	15	9	9	65	45	39
Millwall	32	15	9	8	53	35	38
Southend United	32	14	9	9	68	51	37
Reading	32	14	9	9	61	47	37
Gillingham	32	14	10	8	44	48	36
Northampton	32	15	12	5	66	53	25
Bournemouth	32	14	12	6	46	47	34
Clapton Orient	32	11	10	11	40	42	33
Crystal Palace	33	10	13	10	52	47	30
Swindon Town	31	10	13	8	55	52	28
BRISTOL ROVERS	33	13	18	2	57	64	28
Bristol City	32	12	16	4	52	60	28
Torquay United	33	10	16	7	48	63	27
Cardiff City	31	10	14	7	41	69	27
Newport County	32	7	17	8	52	81	22
Exeter City	33	7	17	9	44	76	23
Walsall	31	7	16	8	40	69	22
Aldershot	32	5	20	7	36	68	17

THE BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE TABLE.						Goals—	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
BRISTOL ROVERS RES.	28	17	8	3	88	38	42
Shrewsbury	25	17	3	5	90	41	37
Brierley Hill Alliance	27	16	3	8	77	47	35
Wellington	27	14	6	7	76	44	34
Stafford Rangers	24	15	2	7	48	34	32
Cardiff City Reserves	27	15	2	10	61	45	32
Kidderminster H.	25	13	3	9	60	41	29
Worcester City	26	12	4	10	56	46	28
Bangor City	26	12	2	9	49	49	26
Stourbridge	28	10	5	13	65	63	25
Hereford United	26	10	4	12	38	48	24
Dudley Town	23	9	4	10	39	38	22
Wrexham Reserves	28	9	3	16	51	77	21
Cradley Heath	24	9	2	13	45	51	20
Oswestry Town	27	9	1	17	47	71	19
Hednesford Town	25	7	3	15	41	79	17
Oakengates	22	7	1	14	41	78	15
Nuneaton Town	27	5	4	18	48	89	14
Colwyn Bay	24	6	2	16	36	77	14

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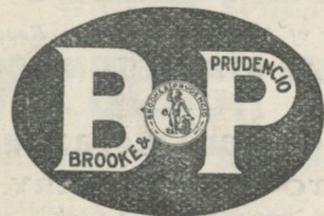
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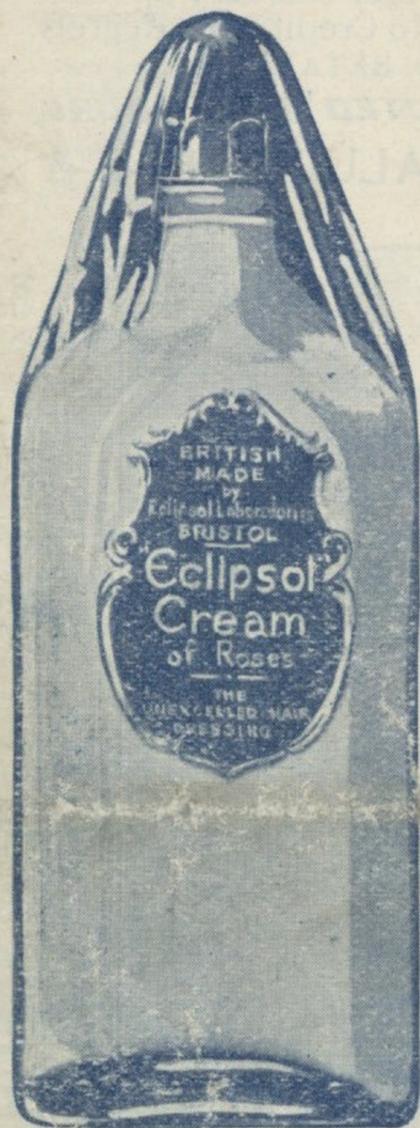
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