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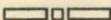
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CLUB NOTES by "Hatter"

TO every one of my readers a real Happy and Prosperous New Year. May the twelve month, which has its commencement today, be all that you wish it yourselves.

I do not think anyone could grumble one iota at the Christmas fare, for the game against Barnsley on Christmas Day was a real thriller and although we were successful by four clear goals, it would not have surprised anyone present, I am sure, if the final result had been recorded about eight goals each. The only main difference between Barnsley and ourselves is that we finished better and to be sure the four goals we obtained were real good ones. Anyhow Barnsley had their revenge on Monday, winning in their own enclosure by three goals to one.

The "Stiffs" game with Coventry on Monday was, if anything, a bigger thrill than the match on Christmas Day, and the "Stiffs" are to be congratulated on their overwhelming victory of the Combination champions. But for a good display of goalkeeping, with the addition of capable framework, the score might easily have been doubled. The "Bantams" did not stand on ceremony, and when one witnessed their enthusiasm it was easily understandable how they had attained the top rung. A record crowd of 9,178 people, producing £236 8/-, witnessed this encounter. We should have thought this quite a good first team "gate" a few seasons ago.

Today we entertain Stockport County, brother "Hatters," whose acquaintance, previous to this season, we last made in an F.A. Cup encounter some few seasons back at Edgeley Park, when we were successful by the odd goal in five. I am sure we shall give them a good reception today when they enter the field, and a like greeting also for Jack Nelson when he leads out the boys, for he is making his one hundredth appearance for the Club.

Now for a short history of the Stockport Club. When a number of youths met in the autumn of 1883 at McLaughlin's Cafe, Wellington Road South, Stockport, to form an association club, the game was only in its infancy. There was no football league and professionalism had not been legalised. A club was formed under the name of Heaton Norris Rovers, and in the Board Room of the

present Stockport County F.C. is a framed Balance Sheet and Fixture list for 1883-4. They first played where No. 1 Spinning Mill is now situated and then moved to Chorlton's Farm in the Didsbury Road. In the meantime another club called Heaton Norris had been formed and played at the Ash Inn ground, and there amalgamated with the Rovers in 1885/6 under the name of Heaton Norris on the Ash. In 1887-8 a move was made to Belmont Street, Wellington Road, and the status of the Club seems to have steadily improved for in 1890-91 they went to Green Lane and took the title of Stockport County. Matches in those days were all friendlies, but the following season they joined the Combination and have since enjoyed an unbroken record of League football. They changed to the Lancashire League in 1894-5, and joined the League, Division II in 1900-1. The following year was one of the most critical in the Club's history, and in March, when the players had not been paid wages for a week or two, there was almost a revolt. The players picked their own team and shared the gate money, receiving a sovereign each for two weeks wages. Then their fortunes turned and in 1902-3 they played at Edgeley Park, but a year later lost their place in Division II and joined the Lancashire Combination and the Midland League. They were elected back to Division II in the 1905-6 season. The Club was formed into a limited liability company in 1908-9. After the War they became members of Division III (Northern Section) and won the championship the first season only to be relegated in 1926, where they remained until this season, gaining promotion like ourselves at the end of the last campaign.

Next Saturday, we travel to Scarborough in search of F.A. Cup honours. The players will be leaving on the Wednesday and make their headquarters at the Pavilion Hotel. It is not expected any special training will be indulged in, just a few walks on the sea front in order to get climatised. Whilst on paper there is no doubt that we should win, it is well to remember that a match is not won until the final whistle blows. Just remember Kingstonians! Our boys must not take the opposition lightly. There still remain a number of tickets at 3/- each for sale and also about half a dozen at 4/- each. Supporters are asked to note that all unsold tickets will be returned to Scarborough on Monday evening next.

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

1936	1937		1936			1937		
				£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Aug. 29	Aug. 28	Southend United Reserves	...	...	14353	705 11 1	7346	167 0 3
Aug. 31		Southend United	...	...	3469	89 11 9		
	Sept. 1	Aston Villa	...	...		25349	1299 14 4	
Sept. 5	Sept. 4	Manchester United	...	...	20610	994 1 2		
Sept. 7		Portsmouth Reserves	...	...	6048	161 8 11		
	Sept. 8	Walsall	...	...	11043	486 8 0		
Sept. 12	Sept. 11	Clapton Orient Reserves	...	...		4823	93 6 7	
Sept. 19	Sept. 18	Chelsea Reserves	...	...		7725	175 7 7	
Sept. 21		Crystal Palace	...	...	13790	707 18 3	23788	1235 7 8
	Sept. 22	Tottenham Hotspur	...	...		
Sept. 26	Sept. 25	Tottenham Hotspur Reserves	...	...	5659	150 14 11	3626	69 19 2
	Oct. 2	Leicester City Reserves	...	...	1585	39 18 11	6558	142 1 11
Oct. 3	Oct. 9	Queens Park Rangers Reserves	...	...			16378	820 18 0
Oct. 10	Oct. 16	Brighton and Hove Reserves	...	...	3558	91 13 10	17650	821 19 0
Oct. 17	Oct. 23	Bristol City	...	...	13255	629 1 7	5236	107 4 10
Oct. 24	Oct. 30	Swansea Town Reserves	...	...		6592	141 16 2	
Oct. 31.	Nov. 6	Watford	...	...	20569	1071 17 1	17757	897 18 10
Nov. 7	Nov. 13	West Ham United	...	...	4120	107 15 2	5571	116 1 10
Nov. 14	Nov. 20	Southampton Reserves	...	...	11305	591 16 2	16776	818 16 6
Nov. 21	Nov. 27	Reading Reserves	...	...			3080	80 12 3
Dec. 5	Dec. 4	Bournemouth	...	...	12784	599 6 4	6929	149 18 5
Dec. 19	Dec. 25	Blackburn Rovers	...	...			17088	802 11 10
Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Millwall Reserves	...	...	3223	83 3 0	7116	158 2 0
Dec. 28	Dec. 27	Arsenal Reserves	...	...			3452	90 4 1
	Dec. 11	Fulham	...	...			13529	653 13 6
	Dec. 18	Northampton Reserves	...	...			5487	114 16 2
	Dec. 25	West Ham United Reserves	...	...			14492	680 2 6
	Dec. 26	Brighton & Hove Reserves	...	...	2935	77 1 4	15829	756 3 8
	Dec. 27	Norwich City	...	...			17308	889 5 6
		Reading Reserves	...	...	4102	112 6 9		
		Coventry City Reserves	...	...			1808	46 16 1
		Clapton Orient Reserves	...	...			173824	7633 9 0
					259055	10617 1 8		

N.B. The attendance figures for both League II and London Combination matches, include the number of Season Tickets issued. The gate receipts are the net amounts received after Entertainment Tax has been deducted. The attendance figures for the London Combination matches in Season 1936-7 do NOT include the number of Season Tickets issued.

A free ticket to the Grand Stand or Enclosure for today's League II match with Stockport County is awarded to Mr. C. Manton, 21, Wimborne Road, Luton, who sent in the following "Interest and Humour" story with Programme No. 904 (25-12-37).

At the Xmas Day match, two supporters who had evidently looked upon the wine when it was red, seemed to have come to find fault with everything and everybody.

The outside right of Barnsley desired the inside right to pass him the ball and shouted something in a deep voice. "There yer are," shouted one of our friends, "Thats why they call them 'tykes.' Did yer 'ear 'im bark at his mate?" A little later one of these two remarked that you could see better

football on the public recs. "Yer right mate," agreed the other, who had evidently only heard the last word, "Wrecks is what they are. The whole blinking lot of 'em."

№ 2316

A free ticket to the Grand Stand or Enclosure for today's League II match with Stockport County is awarded to Mr. Alex Macdonald, 65, Runley Road, Luton, who sent in the following "Interest and Humour" stories with Programme No. 1387 (25-12-37).

you were wrong. Never mind old boy 'Give me your autograph.'

A Town supporter who was very merry took a fancy to the linesman who was on the stand side in the second half of the Barnsley match. He dubbed him "Sandy" no doubt because of the colour of his hair.

Even the victim had to smile at some of his quips. "Sandy" did not use his flag much but when he did he gave the wrong off-side decision against the Town.

A roar of laughter went up when the merry one shouted, "First time you used the flag "Sandy"

In a football crowd there is pathos and comradeship as well as humour. On Xmas Day on the stand rails stood a blind man. His friend a cripple with one leg arrived before the kick-off.

When the teams came out the cripple tucked the stump of his leg in his crutch, grasped the rails with his blind friend in his arms. An excellent running commentary followed. George Allison has a rival as football commentator.

No incident escaped him. His comment was fair. His blind friend had 'seen' Barnsley on Xmas Day.

PLAYERS' APPEARANCES

	League II		London Combination		F.A. Cup		Other Matches		Total	
	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals	App.	Goals
Carte, R.	3					3
Childs, C.	9					15
Coen J. L.	10		14					25
Cox, G.			9	6				10 6
Dawes A. G.	...	19	9							19 9
Dolman, H. W.	...	12			7					19 1
Dreyer, G.	...				12					18 1
Fellowes, W. J.	...	22	1							22
Ferguson, C.	...	3	3		17	8				21 12
Finlayson, J.	...	20								20
Gager, H. E.	...									4
Griffiths, E. O.	...	6	1		8	3				15 4
Hall, L.	...				6					11 1
Hancock, E.	...	6	1		10	4				17 5
Hogg, F.	...	4			13	1				20 1
Kidd, G. I.	...				20	1				20 1
King, T. P.	...	13			8					21
Loughran, J.	...	3			17	1				20 1
Lutterloch, B. R.	...	1			23					24
McKay, N. V.	...				4				2	2
Mackey, T. S.	...	10			12					22
Mayberry, S.	...				3					3
Nelson, J.	...	21								21
Parris, J. E.	...	5	2		7	1				12 3
Payne, J.	...	16	8	1	3					17 11
Redfern, W. J.	...	3	2		14	8				17 9
Rich, L. T.	...				12	6				12 6
Roberts, F.	...	18	8		4					22 8
Smith, T. S.	...	20			1					21
Stephenson, G. H.	...	15	1		4					19 1
Stevens, R. F.	...	3	1		18	8				19 12
Strathie, J.	...				18					19 6
Vinall, E. J.	...	12	6							31 3
Amateurs and Others	...				1	1			30	2

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FIRST LIST

A	Arsenal v. Everton
B	Birmingham v. Stoke City
C	Blackpool v. Huddersfield T.
D	Brentford v. Bolton Wand.	.....
E	Derby County v. Leicester City	.....
F	Grimsby Town v. Preston N. E.	.....
G	Leeds United v. Charlton A.	.....
H	Liverpool v. Chelsea	.....
K	Manchester C. v. Wolves	.....
L	Middlesbrough v. Sunderland
M	West Brom v. Portsmouth
N	Barnsley v. Bradford

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B	Bury v. Burnley
C	Coventry C. v. Tottenham H.
D	Fulham v. Plymouth A.
E	Newcastle v. Manchester U.
F	Notts Forest v. Sheffield U.	.....
G	Sheffield Wed. v. Chesterfield	.....
H	Southampton v. Norwich City	.....
K	West Ham v. Aston Villa	.....
L	Aldershot v. Crystal Palace
M	Bournemouth v. Southend U.
N	Brighton & H. v. Queens P. R.

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8 Hunt
Centre
9 Harker
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10 Jones L.
Centre Half
11 Reid
Right Half
12 Jones G. T.
Left Back
13 McDonough
Goal
14 Jones L.
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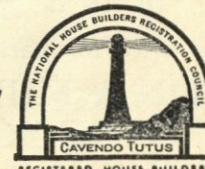
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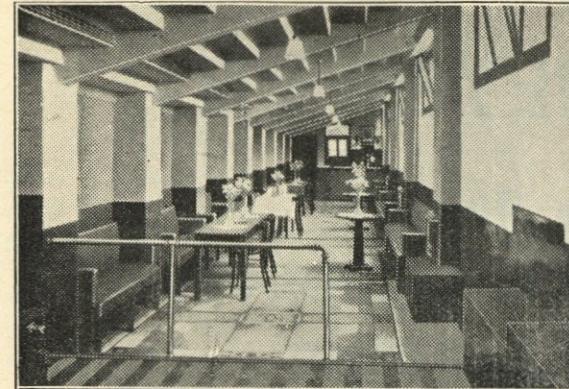
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Now for the Bobbers side of the business. On Wednesday we held our

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The Committee wish to thank all those who so kindly came along to render such good service.

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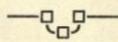
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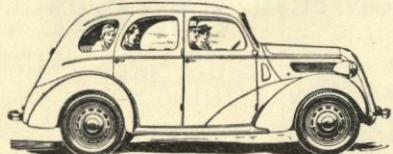
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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

		FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II												
Aston Villa	...	H	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0
Barnsley	...	H	0	1	+	3	5	3	4	2	2	0	0	1
Blackburn Rovers	...	H	0	3	+	0	0	3	3	1	3	2	0	1
Bradford	...	H	1	2	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	1
Burnley	...	H	0	0	2	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bury	...	H	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1
Chesterfield	...	H	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	7	2	2
Coventry City	...	H	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1
Fullham	...	H	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	1
Luton T.	...	H	2	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Manch. U.	...	H	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	4	0	1
Newcastle U.	...	H	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Notts Forest	...	H	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Notwich City	...	H	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Northumb. U.	...	H	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Sheffield U.	...	H	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Sheffield W.	...	H	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Southampton	...	H	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Stockport C.	...	H	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Swansea T.	...	H	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Tottenham Hotspur	...	H	2	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
West Ham	...	H	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0

FIXTURES 1937-8

FIRST XI Division II		F. A.
Sat., Aug. 28	Stockport County	A 1 2
Wed., Sept. 1	Aston Villa	H 3 2
Sat., .. 4	Manchester United	H 1 0
Mon., .. 6	Aston Villa	A 1 4
Sat., .. 11	Sheffield United	A 0 2
Wed., .. 15	Newcastle United	A 3 1
Sat., .. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	H 2 4
Sat., .. 25	Burnley	A 2 3
Sat., Oct. 2	Bury	H 0 1
Sat., .. 9	Coventry City	A 1 2
Sat., .. 16	Bradford	A 1 1
Sat., .. 23	West Ham United	H 2 2
Sat., .. 30	Southampton	A 6 3
Sat., Nov. 6	Blackburn Rovers	H 4 1
Sat., .. 13	Sheffield Wednesday	A 0 4
Sat., .. 20	Chesterfield	H 1 1
Sat., .. 27	Plymouth Argyle	A 4 2
Sat., Dec. 4	Fulham	H 4 0
Sat., .. 11	Swansea Town	A 1 1
Sat., .. 18	Norwich City	H 1 1
Sat., .. 25	Barnsley	H 4 0
Mon., .. 27	Barnsley	A 1 3
Sat., Jan. 1	Stockport County	H
Sat., .. 8	Manchester United	A
Sat., .. 15	Sheffield United	H
Sat., .. 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A
Sat., .. 29	Burnley	H
Sat., Feb. 5	Burnley	H
Sat., .. 12	Bury	A
Sat., .. 19	Coventry City	H
Sat., .. 26	Bradford	H
Sat., Mar. 5	West Ham United	A
Sat., .. 12	Southampton	A
Sat., .. 19	Blackburn Rovers	A
Sat., .. 26	Sheffield Wednesday	H
Sat., April 2	Chesterfield	A
Sat., .. 9	Plymouth Argyle	H
Fri., .. 15	Nottingham Forest	A
Sat., .. 16	Fulham	H
Mon., .. 18	Nottingham Forest	H
Sat., .. 23	Swansea Town	H
Sat., .. 30	Norwich City	A
Sat., May 7	Newcastle United	H

RESERVE FIXTURES London Combination		F. A.
Sat., Aug. 28	Southend United	5 1 H 3 1
Thur. Sept. 2	Clapton Orient	0 1 A 7 0
Sat., .. 4	Portsmouth	0 3 A 0 0
Wed., .. 8	Clapton Orient	0 1 H 3 0
Sat., .. 11	Chelsea	3 2 H 1 1
Wed., .. 15	Bournemouth	1 3 A 1 1
Sat., .. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	1 5 A 3 5
Wed., .. 22	Leicester City	1 2 H 0 1
Sat., .. 25	Queens Park Rangers	4 0 H 2 2
Mon., .. 27	Leicester City	1 2 A 1 4
Sat., Oct. 2	Charlton Athletic	0 3 A 0 4
Sat., .. 9	Brighton & Hove A.	1 2 H 6 2
Wed., .. 13	Bristol City	1 1 A 2 3
Sat., .. 16	Swansea Town	2 0 H 1 1
Sat., .. 23	Crystal Palace	1 2 A 3 1
Sat., .. 30	Reading	6 2 H 3 1
Sat., Nov. 6	Fulham	1 1 A 1 5
Sat., .. 13	Millwall	5 3 H 5 1
Sat., .. 20	Brentford	0 3 A 0 3
Sat., .. 27	Arsenal	1 1 H 1 2
Sat., Dec. 4	Southampton	0 5 A 2 0
Sat., .. 11	West Ham	1 2 H 0 1
Sat., .. 18	Watford	3 3 A 2 3
Sat., .. 25	Coventry City	1 2 A 0 1
Mon., .. 27	Coventry City	0 5 H 4 0
Sat., Jan. 1	Southend United	1 1 A
Sat., .. 8	Northampton Town	3 4 H
Sat., .. 15	Portsmouth	1 1 H
Sat., .. 22	Chelsea	1 2 A
Sat., .. 29	Tottenham Hotspur	3 2 H
Sat., Feb. 5	Queens Park Rangers	1 2 A
Sat., .. 12	Charlton Athletic	1 1 H
Sat., .. 19	Brighton & Hove A.	3 2 A
Sat., .. 26	Swansea Town	1 0 A
Sat., Mar. 5	Crystal Palace	2 5 H
Sat., .. 12	Reading	1 1 A
Sat., .. 19	Fulham	4 0 H
Sat., .. 26	Millwall	2 9 A
Sat., April 2	Brentford	4 2 H
Sat., .. 9	Arsenal	0 10 A
Fri., .. 15	Northampton Town	1 4 A
Sat., .. 16	Southampton	3 1 H
Tues., .. 19	Bristol City	1 1 H
Sat., .. 23	West Ham	1 6 A
Sat., .. 30	Watford	5 1 H
Wed., May 4	Bournemouth	2 1 H

LEAGUE TABLES

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield United	23	14	6	3	40	29	31
Aston Villa	22	13	5	4	39	18	30
Coventry City	21	10	2	9	35	21	29
Manchester United	21	11	7	3	40	26	25
Bradford	21	8	4	10	32	24	25
Chesterfield	21	9	5	7	38	31	25
Burnley	23	8	7	8	32	29	24
West Ham United	21	7	5	9	31	24	23
Tottenham Hotspur	22	10	9	3	41	33	23
Norwich City	22	8	8	6	39	45	22
LUTON TOWN	22	8	9	5	43	40	21
Bury	21	8	9	4	24	29	20
Barnsley	23	8	11	4	32	40	20
Stockport County	21	7	8	6	22	30	20
Newcastle United	20	7	8	5	27	24	19
Notts Forest	22	7	10	5	27	29	19
Blackburn Rovers	22	6	9	7	39	45	19
Southampton	21	7	9	5	31	44	19
Sheffield Wednesday	22	6	10	6	26	33	18
Swansea Town	22	4	9	9	24	34	17
Fulham	21	4	11	6	20	35	14
Plymouth Argyle	22	4	13	5	26	45	13

LONDON COMBINATION							
	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Coventry City	23	16	3	4	54	28	36
Arsenal	24	13	3	8	64	27	34
Fulham	26	15	7	4	45	37	34
West Ham United	26	14	8	4	56	35	32
Watford	25	13	7	5	53	56	30
Queens Park Rangers	22	11	6	5	47	35	27
Portsmouth	24	9	6	9	44	35	27
Millwall	24	12	10	2	47	47	26
Tottenham Hotspur	23	8	7	8	47	38	24
Charlton Athletic	22	11	9	2	41	36	24
Bristol City	25	8	9	8	43	41	24
LUTON TOWN	25	9	11	5	51	43	23
Chelsea	23	7	9	7	41	42	21
Southampton	25	8	12	5	52	55	21
Crystal Palace	24	8	11	5	45	50	21
Southend United	24	7	10	7	39	44	21
Leicester City	22	9	11	2	47	46	20
Clapton O.	21	8	9	4	35	39	20
Northampton	24	8	12	4	42	53	20
Bournemouth	24	6	12	6	33	54	18
Reading	24	7	14	3	42	56	17
Brentford	23	5	11	7	31	49	17
Swansea Town	24	5	12	7	27	48	17
Brighton & Hove A.	23	5	12	6	39	71	16

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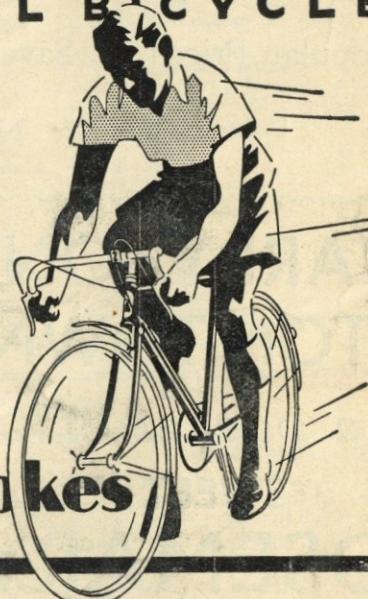
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