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Football League, Div. 2.

To-day's Half-Time Scores.

As shown on Score Board.

Top figure Home Team.

Letter	Match	Half Time	Letter	Match	Half Time
A	Aston Villa Tottenham Hotspur		L	Arsenal Birmingham	
B	Blackburn Rovers Nottingham Forest		M	Brentford Stoke City	
C	Bradford Burnley		N	Everton Charlton Athletic	
D	Chesterfield Stockport County		P	Huddersfield Town Chelsea	
E	Norwich City Sheffield United		R	Wolverhampton W. Preston North End	
F	Plymouth Argyle Barnsley		S	Crystal Palace Northampton Town	
G	Sheffield Wednesday Newcastle United		T	Exeter City Queen's Park Rangers	
H	Southampton Coventry City		U	Millwall Cardiff City	
J	Swansea Town Manchester United		W	Watford Clapton Orient	
K	West Ham United Bury		X	Gillingham Southend United	

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Saturday, April 16th, 1938

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TALES OF THE COTTAGERS.

This afternoon we embark on the second of our Easter Fixtures and welcome to the Cottage old friends and rivals of Third Division days in Luton Town.

Our Visitors have had a satisfactory season in their first year in the Second Division since Season 1899/1900, and prior to yesterday had collected a total of 33 points from 36 matches. In their 18 away encounters they have obtained 12 points, having scored 31 goals against 45 in these matches. It is interesting to note that they have scored more goals away from home than any other team in the four divisions of the League, only Queen's Park Rangers equalling this splendid record, and it would, therefore, appear that our defence may have all its work cut out this afternoon to keep the raiders of Luton at bay.

It will be recalled that earlier in the Season we were subjected to a heavy defeat at the hands of the 'Hatters' when on a gruelling day and in shocking weather our goal capitulated 4 times without reply.

Our Boys will be most anxious to avenge this heavy defeat and a stirring game is thus promised this afternoon. In addition both our League positions are at issue for a

victory to either side will mean supremacy over the other in the table.

As these notes have to go to press before our match with Southampton yesterday it is impossible to comment on the game and the result thereof, but we make no apologies for referring again to our remarks in yesterday's Journal anent the match at St. James' Park last Saturday.

This was a splendid performance and the victory by 2 goals to 1 was won in most convincing manner. For once all the critics were unanimous in their praise, and the North of England Press wrote most glowing and gratifying reports on our team.

The Boys travelled North on Thursday evening and witnessed the Final round of the "Daily Mail" £2,000 Golf tournament. This was a special treat for them and they responded to the gesture in no uncertain manner in the match against Newcastle United. Every man pulled his weight to the full and deserves credit, for the winning of this match considerably eases the tension we have been experiencing of late in regard to the vital issues at stake in all our matches.

It is worthy of note that since we were defeated in the Football Association Challenge Cup-tie at Brentford on January 8th last we have gone forward to success after success and have obtained 19 points out of a possible 28.

Of the 14 matches played, excluding the one yesterday against Southampton, 8 have been away from home and have yielded 10 points, whilst the 6 matches at home have brought a tally of 9 points.

It will thus be seen that this is not relegation form, but more like promotion form, and it augurs well for next season, when we shall be able to commence with confidence, and happy in the knowledge that, at least, we have the nucleus of a sound team.

RECORDS.

The record of our First Team since the defeat in the Cup at Brentford in January last is one of which we are justly proud. Here it is:—

Chesterfield	0	Fulham	2
Fulham	8	Swansea Town	1
Norwich City	1	Fulham	2
Fulham	1	Aston Villa	1
Bury	4	Fulham	2
Fulham	1	West Ham U.	1
Bradford	1	Fulham	2
'Spurs	1	Fulham	1
Fulham	1	Sheffield United	1
Manchester U.	1	Fulham	0
Fulham	2	Stockport C.	0
Barnsley	0	Fulham	0
Fulham	2	Nottingham F.	0
Newcastle U.	1	Fulham	2

THE RESERVES.

Our Reserves were forced to field a very young team against Portsmouth last Saturday in the London Combination match at the Cottage and were defeated by 3 clear goals. There was, however, much to be admired in the play of these youngsters, many of whom gave promise of rising to First Team grade in the near future.

On Monday afternoon most of these young players will be on view in a Combination match against Southampton Reserves, and our Supporters will have an opportunity of seeing them in action again. The Kick-off will be at 3.30 p.m. and an enjoyable game is promised.

OUR GROUND.

Since the announcement in the Press that our Chairman had received an offer for the site of Craven Cottage there has been considerable discussion by all regular followers of the Cottagers as to the future of the old Club. Many enquiries and letters have been received on this subject and perhaps it would not be out of place to say a few words in these notes thereon. It should be thoroughly understood at the outset when discussing this matter that the ground is the sole possession of our Chairman, Mr. John Dean, and that he, and he alone, is the one person who can decide the destiny of the Cottage site.

Mr. Dean has issued an announcement through the Press that in the event of the ground being sold the Club will still function even though in another home.

There have been occasions when the support accorded the Club has left one wondering whether the population of Fulham and District really wanted a League Club in their midst, and it may be that the volume of support given from now to the end of the season may be a deciding factor in Mr. Dean's ultimate decision.

The writer of these notes knows that Craven Cottage holds a corner in Mr. Dean's heart that is very dear and it would be a big break for him to part with it. Its situation on the banks of Father Thames and adjoining Bishops Park is unique and its playing pitch is acknowledged throughout the length and breadth of the country as the very finest in the land.



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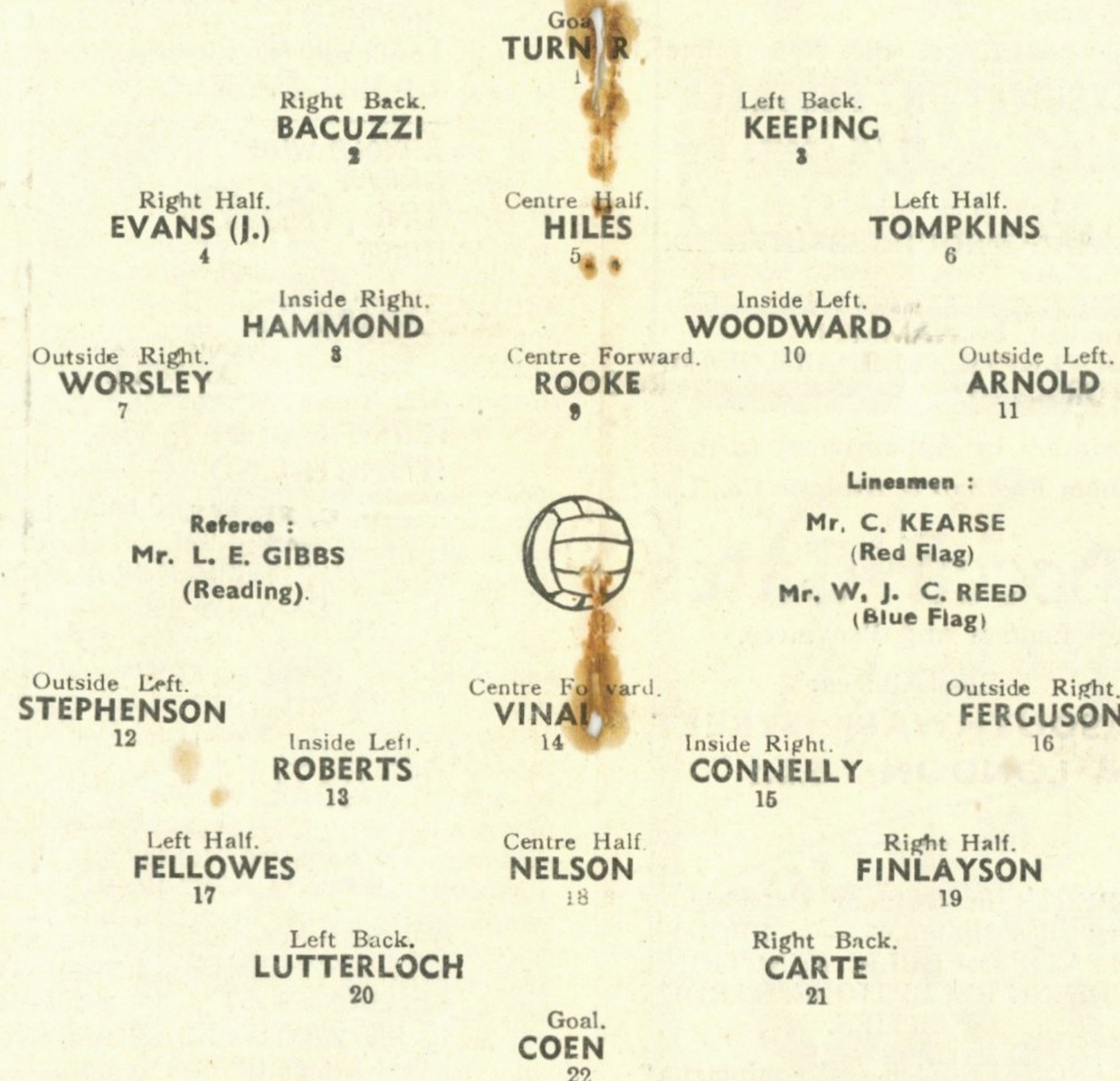
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In addition there is a tradition and history attached to Craven Cottage. The Cottage was built in 1780 by Baron Craven. At one period it was the Hunting Box of King George IV. and Royalty were frequently entertained there, amongst others the French Emperor and Empress. Lord Lytton composed several of his works while residing at the Cottage, and it is said to be a favourite spot of Nell Gwynne and King Charles I.

The site is acknowledged to be a very valuable one, but I think the followers of the Fulham Club can well leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Dean, he will not let either them or the Club down.

PEN PICTURES.

The subjects of our Pen Pictures to-day are:—

Ambrose Buckley, who stands 5ft. 9ins. and turns the scale at 11st. 4lbs.

On leaving school Ambrose immediately joined the Army and remained in the service for 6 years. During that time he played much football and was selected to play for the Army on 14 occasions. He has played not only against the other two services, the Navy and the Air Force, but has appeared against Foreign forces such as the French and Belgium Army Football Clubs.

He signed Amateur Forms for us on leaving the Army and played several games in the London Combination side, he showed great promise and was signed as a professional on May 11th, 1933.

Ambrose is a fearless type of defender, a grand Club man, and a player with a future.

Alfred Targett, who stands 5ft. 10ins. and turns the scale at 11st. 6lbs.

On leaving school Alf played with Bournemouth Gas Works, and was soon noticed by Southampton F.C.,

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who signed him on Amateur Forms.

He played in many London Combination matches for them as an Amateur for three seasons but was not offered a professional engagement. Fulham were very interested in him and obtained his signature on professional forms on the 5th September, 1935. Alf has proved our most consistent Reserve team player, last season playing 41 out of 45 matches, whilst to date he has made 34 appearances out of a possible 38.

His big chance came on January 15th last, when he was selected to play for the First Team at Chesterfield, but real bad luck dogged him as he was taken ill on the train and unable to play. He also put off his wedding for this occasion. However, we are all convinced that the time is not far distant when he will get his chance again, and it can safely be said that he will take it with both hands.

WILLIE EVANS.

We are sorry to report that that grand little player, Willie Evans, has found it necessary to retire from active football altogether. Great efforts have been made by our Doctor and the Surgeon to get Willie's knee sound again, and whilst the recent operations have been successful it is felt that the knee will never be strong enough to stand the strain of strenuous football again.

Football followers in general, and Londoners in particular, will join in sympathising with this grand little Welshman in his trouble, and will wish him well in the business which we understand he is shortly commencing.

Good Luck, Willie!! Football is proud to have known you, and your name will be indelibly written in the archives of the game as one of football's gentlemen, and one who has done his share in providing enjoy-

ment and thrills to countless thousands of lovers of this game of ours. You are leaving the game at a very early age, but your memory will live with us for all time.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUBILEE.

Our supporters will have read in the Press that this year is the Jubilee of the Football League and it is proposed to celebrate this event by endeavouring to raise a special £100,000 Jubilee Trust Fund for benevolent purposes. It has been a matter of grave concern for some years that there is no fund in existence to assist the former professional player in the event of his falling on evil times. Footballers are heroes in their hey-day but their professional life is comparatively short and they quickly fade into oblivion, and in many cases are faced with poverty and distress. It is to assist these cases that the trust fund is to be inaugurated, and it is proposed to make the 20th August, 1938, a Great Jubilee Day. On this date Clubs will meet and the proceeds of the matches throughout the whole of the country will be devoted to this urgent cause. Fulham are paired with West Ham United, but the venue of the match is not yet fixed, wherever it may be the visitors will share in the gate receipts, but will be expected to augment the fund by a collection from their own supporters at a subsequent date. Whatever may be the venue of our match we hope that our patrons will give this matter their support when the occasion arises, and remember the happy times that the professional footballer has given them. More of this, however, anon.

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RESULTS FOR SEASON 1937-38.

FIRST TEAM.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	For.	Goals For.	Goals Agt.
1937.					
Aug. 28	Plymouth Argyle	A	0	4	
Sept. 2	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1	2	
" 4	CHESTERFIELD	H	1	1	
" 6	SHEFFIELD WED.	H	0	0	
" 11	Swansea Town	A	0	2	
" 18	NORWICH CITY	A	3	4	
" 20	Blackburn Rovers	A	2	2	
" 25	Aston Villa	A	0	2	
Oct. 2	BRADFORD	H	1	1	
" 9	West Ham United	A	0	0	
" 16	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ..	H	3	1	
" 23	Sheffield United	A	1	2	
" 30	MANCHESTER UNITED ..	H	1	0	
Nov. 6	Stockport County	A	0	2	
" 13	BARNSELY	H	0	0	
" 20	Nottingham Forest	A	1	0	
" 27*	NEWCASTLE UNITED ..	H	1	2	
Dec. 4	Luton Town	A	0	4	
" 11*	COVENTRY CITY	H	3	4	
" 25	Burnley	A	0	1	
" 27	BURNLEY	H	2	1	
1938					
Jan. 1	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	H	2	3	
" 8*	Brentford F.A. Cup 3rd Rd.	A	1	3	
" 15	Chesterfield	A	2	0	
" 22*	SWANSEA TOWN	H	8	1	
" 29	Norwich City	A	2	1	
Feb. 5	ASTON VILLA	H	1	1	
" 12	Bury	A	2	4	
" 16	Bradford	A	2	1	
" 19	WEST HAM UNITED	H	1	1	
" 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1	1	
Mar. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	1	1	
" 12	Manchester United	A	0	1	
" 19	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	2	0	
" 26*	Barnsley	A	0	0	
Apr. 2	NOTTINGHAM FOREST ..	H	2	0	
" 9	Newcastle United	A	2	1	
" 15	SOUTHAMPTON	H			
" 16	LUTON TOWN	H			
" 18	Southampton	A			
" 23	Coventry City	A			
" 30*	BURY	H			
May 7	BLACKBURN ROVERS ..	H			

* F.A. Cup Dates.

SECOND TEAM.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	For.	Goals For.	Goals Agt.
1937.					
Aug. 28	CHARLTON ATHLETIC ...	H	1	0	
" 30	ARSENAL	H	1	0	
Sept. 4	Reading	A	1	4	
" 8	Arsenal	A	1	3	
" 11	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	1	0	
" 18	Swansea Town	A	1	0	
" 20	Brentford	A	0	0	
" 25	BRISTOL CITY	H	4	2	
" 27	BRENTFORD	H	3	0	
Oct. 2	Leicester City	A	2	1	
" 9	WATFORD	H	0	2	
" 11	West Ham United	A	1	1	
" 16	Bournemouth & B. A. ...	A	0	1	
" 21	WEST HAM UNITED	H	2	2	
" 23	CLAPTON ORIENT	H	4	3	
" 30	Northampton Town	A	2	2	
Nov. 6	LUTON TOWN	H	5	1	
" 13	Coventry City	A	1	1	
" 18	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. ...	H	2	1	
" 20	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	1	0	
" 27	Portsmouth	A	0	4	
Dec. 4	CHELSEA	H	0	1	
" 11	Tottenham Hotspur	A	3	2	
" 18	QUEEN'S PARK R.	H	3	0	
" 26	MILLWALL	H	0	3	
" 27	Millwall	A	5	3	
1938					
Jan. 1	Charlton Athletic	A	1	2	
" 15	READING	A	2	2	
" 22	Crystal Palace	A	3	3	
" 29	SWANSEA TOWN	H	0	0	
Feb. 5	Bristol City	A	1	0	
" 12	LEICESTER CITY	H	0	2	
" 19	Watford	A	1	1	
" 26	BOURNEMOUTH & B. A. ...	H	1	2	
Mar. 5	Clapton Orient	A	1	1	
" 12	NORTHAMPTON TOWN ..	H	2	2	
" 19	Luton Town	A	0	3	
" 26	COVENTRY CITY	H	1	3	
Apr. 2	Southend United	A	2	4	
" 9	PORTSMOUTH	H	0	3	
" 15	Southampton	A			
" 16	Chelsea	A			
" 18	SOUTHAMPTON	H			
" 23	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ..	H			
" 30	Queen's Park Rangers ...	A			
May 7	Brighton & Hove A.	A			

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV. II.

To April 9th, inclusive.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agts.
Aston Villa	36	20	7	9	59	32
Manchester U.	36	19	8	9	71	45
Coventry City	36	18	10	8	58	39
Sheffield U.	37	19	8	10	64	50
Tottenham H.	36	18	6	12	68	45
Burnley	37	15	10	12	48	44
Bury	36	16	5	15	58	48
West Ham U.	36	11	14	11	46	45
Bradford	35	13	9	13	55	46
Chesterfield	35	13	9	13	56	53
Southampton	36	13	9	14	49	62
Norwich C.	36	13	8	15	52	66
Newcastle U.	35	13	7	15	46	44
Luton Town	36	12	9	15	73	77
FULHAM	36	11	11	14	48	51
Barnsley	37	11	10	16	45	58
Blackburn R.	36	11	9	16	60	71
Sheffield W.	36	11	9	16	41	50
Plymouth A.	36	10	11	15	45	60
Swansea Town	36	10	11	15	37	61
Nottingham F.	36	12	6	18	40	50
Stockport C.	36	10	8	18	37	59

LONDON COMBINATION.

To April 9th, inclusive.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agts.
Arsenal	41	25	3	13	107	39
Portsmouth	39	21	7	11	79	47
Coventry City	39	22	10	7	77	50
West Ham U.	41	19	13	9	89	63
Watford	40	20	13	7	78	82
Chelsea	41	17	13	11	82	66
Queen's Park R.	39	18	12	9	76	65
Millwall	40	20	17	3	84	71
FULHAM	40	16	14	10	60	65
Tottenham H.	38	15	12	11	76	59
Charlton Ath.	39	17	18	4	68	66
Southend U.	39	15	16	8	75	74
Brentford	39	13	15	11	57	70
Bristol City	41	14	18	9	56	72
Luton Town	39	13	18	8	72	71
Leicester City	39	13	18	8	67	72
Crystal Palace	39	13	18	8	71	92
Clapton Orient	37	14	18	5	56	67
Northampton	40	12	19	9	69	86
Reading	40	12	21	7	69	95
Swansea T.	40	11	20	9	55	71
Brighton & H. A.	40	10	19	11	65	106
Southampton	39	12	21	6	70	78
Bournemouth	39	11	20	8	55	85

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