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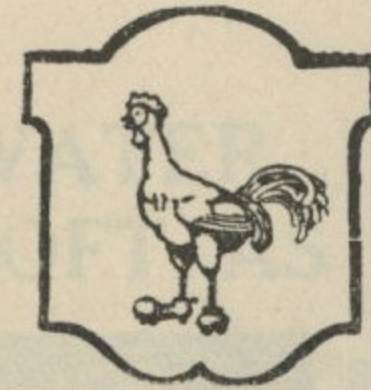
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FROM THE BOARD ROOM.

Burnley's visit to Coventry cast rather a damper on our hopes and ambitions, but it must be conceded that our visitors showed themselves to be a very sound combination, and played some first class football. Our own display, however, was far below what we expected, and experience tells us that our boys are capable of something much better than they showed us in this match. Our defence and half-back line are not included in this criticism, for there was little fault to find with their display.

Our indifferent display against Burnley, however, and the loss of a home point, was quite compensated for by the valuable point won at Sheffield against the United, and although we failed to score, our re-organised forward line gave a much better account of itself than was the case in the first home game. Many who witnessed the game are still convinced that the goal scored by MacDonald should have been

allowed, but be that as it may, the work that led up to the final shot was football at its best. The movement was started by our centre-half, and the ball was passed and re-passed by at least four other players before our inside left put it into the net, without a Sheffield player touching the ball. It was sheer bad luck that our players did not reap the benefit of their splendid efforts.

The season is still too young for the results so far registered to cause anxiety or optimism by respective clubs, but a good start is always a big asset, for lapses later in the season prove less disastrous. A glance at last season's second division league chart will show that apart from the promotion winners, the top four teams were Sheffield United, Coventry City, Tottenham Hotspur and Burnley, and it is singular that we should be opposed to these three teams in our first three games. Early results may therefore not be a good guide.

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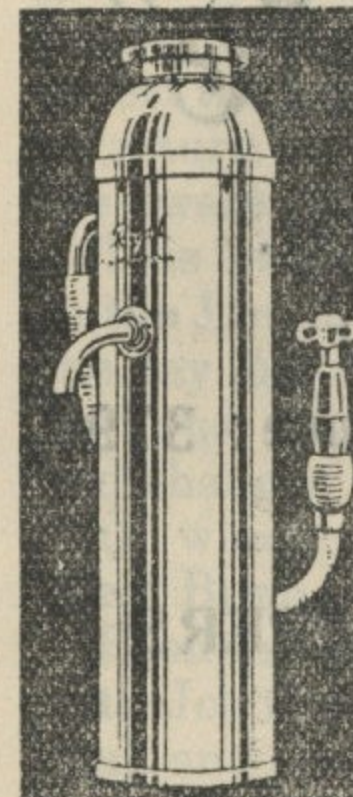
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TO-DAY'S VISITORS.

Our friends from Luton opened their season with what was generally regarded as a very tough match, and on their journey to test the strength of West Brom, on return to the Second Division, they were beaten 3-0.

This evening we find changes in the Luton team compared with the day last February when they gave us such a shock at home, and changes also compared with that which did duty against West Brom.

Humphrey Dolman contests with Joe Coen for the position in goal, and the former has been in first class football since February, 1929, with Chesterfield, Bristol City and Luton, and claims Bloxwich as his birthplace.

At the time these notes were

written it was not certain whether Tom Smith and Jack Finlayson would again be associated at full back or whether Bob Carte, a strongly built Yorkshireman would be on the right. Smith plays on either flank, and has also had a run as centre forward; and Finlayson is better known as a right half.

Jack Nelson, of long service with Preston and Wolverhampton, plays in any of the half back positions as wanted; and Jow Loughran, who was with Birmingham for a time, is also two footed in his half back duties.

Charlie Ferguson came quickly to the front as a scoring outside right on joining up from Notts County last year after gaining First Division imprint with Middlesbro'

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Saturday, September 10th.

5.35 p.m.	Northampton	1	4
	Bedford	2	1
5.23 p.m.	Llanberis for Snowdon	12	6

Sunday, September 11th.

9.15 a.m.	Sheffield	5	6
	Leeds	6	9
10.40 a.m.	Morecambe (Illuminations)	8	3
10.45 a.m.	Worcester	3	8
	Malvern	4	2
11.20 a.m.	Whipsnade (including admission to Zoo)	6	10
11.20 a.m.	Bedford	4	2
	Cambridge	5	9

Wednesday, September 14th.

6.20 p.m.	Douglas (I.O.M.)	18	6
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One of the sensations of the close season was the amount Tottenham Hotspur paid to get Bert Sproston, from Leeds United. Huddersfield Town will think long and deeply about that. They had him on trial as a youth, and could have had him without any transfer fee, that is a few years ago, of course.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

With three players christened Joseph, two Davids, two Samuels, and Reuben and an Adam, Southport certainly mean to take the struggle for promotion religiously.

Another indication which may or may not be worth something—Wolves started off last season by winning two games, this time it has been two draws. Last Good Friday they beat Leicester City 10-1, last Monday the meeting resulted in a goalless draw.

For seven years Hugh Foulkes spent his time with Birmingham, and though he gained Welsh International honours he was in the first team on only 15 occasions. That led him to seek a fresh berth, and he decided on Guildford, but the call of the League was still with him, and he has popped up again as full back with Darlington.

In the very near future Foulke will probably find himself opposing an old colleague as Stanley Wood is in the ranks of Halifax after 255 games and 58 goals in the West Bromwich forward line.

Hull City are well pleased with the form of their new full back, Jack Downen. Born near Coventry he spent over three years with the Wolves, was transferred to West Ham, went back to Wolves for 18 months, and in June this year was transferred to Hull. In the three Divisions of the Football League his appearances amount to but 14.

Surprising how six new men have put life into Bradford City. Almost straight away a bag of six goals was collected, or more than in any game during the whole of last season.

Remember Joe McGough who used to appear against Coventry in the ranks of Reading? He has found further congenial company at Chester, and is on the last lap towards his 150th League game.

Early season form is supposed to be misleading. Manchester City care nothing for supposition. They look at the concrete fact that within three days of opening out as a relegated side they had scored five goals against Swansea Town, three against Chesterfield, collected four points, and given away nothing at all.

Don't tell Harry Topping that it is difficult for a footballer to get a club. This full back, while playing for Horwich R.M.I., had trials with Reading and Charlton. Then in turn he served Swindon Town, Hull City, Crystal Palace, Bath City, Manchester City, Exeter City, and now New Brighton. You say you have never heard of him. Little wonder. Up to this month his total appearances in first class football had been—just one.

During the whole of the last campaign Blackburn Rovers won only one away game. On their first journey this season they claimed both points at the expense of West Ham.

Tom Waring scored his first goals for Tranmere Rovers from centre forward just on eleven years ago. Subsequently he had nine seasons with Aston Villa, passed on to Barnsley and Wolverhampton, returned to Tranmere to help them up into the Second Division, and there he continues his paying ways. He was on the mark against Millwall on Monday.

To some people relegation to the Second Division is a tragedy. To West Bromwich it is but the repetition of an experience which has come their way on three previous occasions. They should, therefore, know all there is to know about climbing again but the present struggle looks like being one of the toughest in history from the point of view of a number of clubs with big resources

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Morgan
1

Left

Astley
2

Metcalf
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Frith
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Mason
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Archer
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Taylor
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Roberts
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Ashall
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Finlayson
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Dunsmore
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Smith
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Left

Dolman
22

Right

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

Worthy of notice is the point that Bill Brown, a Brentford half back for 18 months, scored his first goal for his club against the club from which he had been obtained, Huddersfield Town.

Quite early on Manchester United appear to have come to the opinion that they have a defence good enough for the First Division, but that the forward line as a whole is either not settled down to its task or will need important changes to be made.

Bradford's only newcomer has been Hugh Paton, a dapper Scot recruited from Shettleston early in the close season, and his job is to settle the outside right problem which has disturbed Bradford for a year or two.

In mid-March Fulham created some controversy among their supporters by trying Ernest Hiles at centre half in place of Syd Gibbons. At the time he was obtained from Allansmore Ernest was a centre forward, but the conversion proved an immediate success, and now the son of Hertfordshire is firmly established as a fit and proper person in his position.

After Dick Rhodes lost his form Sheffield Wednesday last season tried five other players in the position without reaching finality. During the summer they have recruited a strongly built Scot for the same berth in Dave Russell from the team which created a Cup sensation, East Fife.

Indications are that Newcastle will have their expectations realised by the right wing composed of the former Arsenal players, Ralph Birkett and Ray Bowden. Strange, though, that in three games in which he has played against Plymouth Argyle, Bowden has not managed to score, and he would like to do so against the Argyle more than anybody, for that was the club with which he first started big football.

Little did Arthur Davies imagine he would so soon be back in Second Division football when he consented to rejoin Plymouth Argyle in July. No fewer than 14 years have elapsed since, as an overgrown youth he tried his prentice hand at goalkeeping with New Brighton, and 11 since he was with Everton in their championship year, and eight since he went into the Southern Third as a member of Exeter City. Since last he was with Plymouth he has had seven games in the Northern Section with Southport.

Tranmere Rovers surely had a novel experience for a club coming out in a new sphere. They missed a penalty and converted one, and lost by a goal after being at one time three goals down. It was Billy Eden, entering on his tenth season of League football who failed from the penalty spot.

Football is an important game with Exeter. The Mayor went by plane to see the City perform at Cardiff, and they responded with a win.

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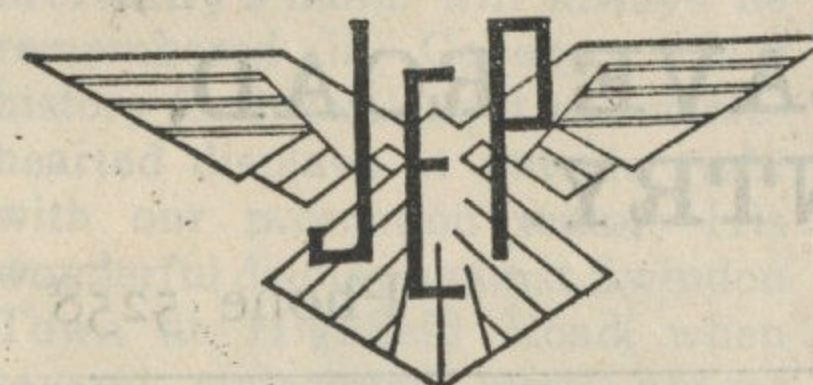
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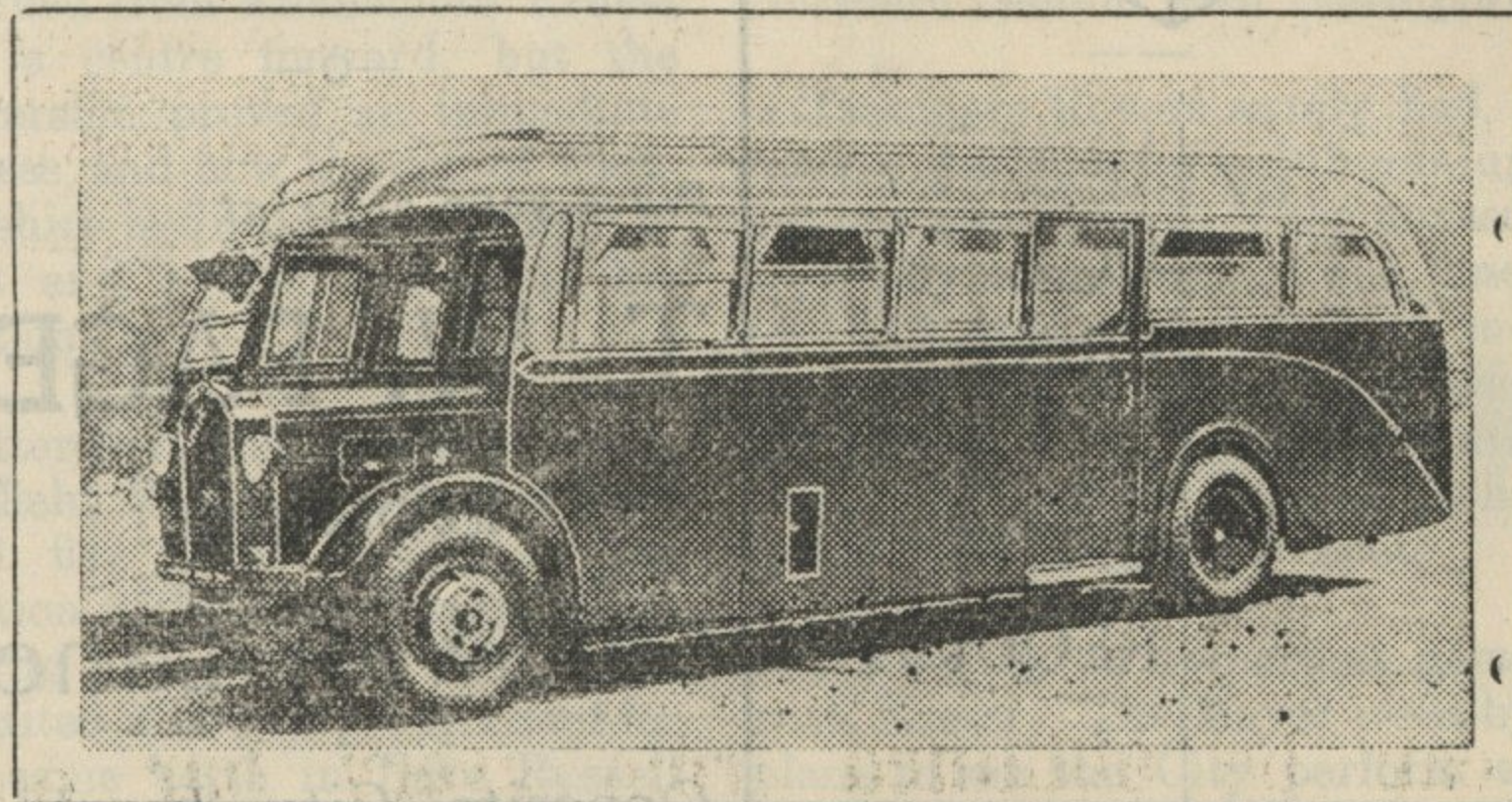
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TOPICAL NOTES.

By Supporter.

Coventry City Supporters' Club have achieved many laudible objects during recent years, both charitable, and also helpful from the club viewpoint, but perhaps its most successful charitable effort culminated last Monday evening when Councillor A. T. Randle, the Club President, handed a cheque for £108 10s. 0d. to George McNestry, the proceeds of last Saturday's collection on the ground and also of other efforts of the Supporters' Club members and well-wishers in his misfortune. Among those who received special thanks for their assistance in this effort Harry Boileau is deserving of special mention, and also the G.E.C. and Humber sportsmen. McNestry's name will always be remembered in Coventry City history for his splendid and whole-hearted displays at outside right with our promotion team. His wonderful display against Swindon Town at Highfield Road, when several colleagues were absent from the field through injuries, will long be remembered by all

who witnessed that game, and it is a great pity that the services of George McNestry to our club should be cut short through the unfortunate injury he received to his ankle. All supporters will, I am sure, join with me in wishing him a happy and successful future.

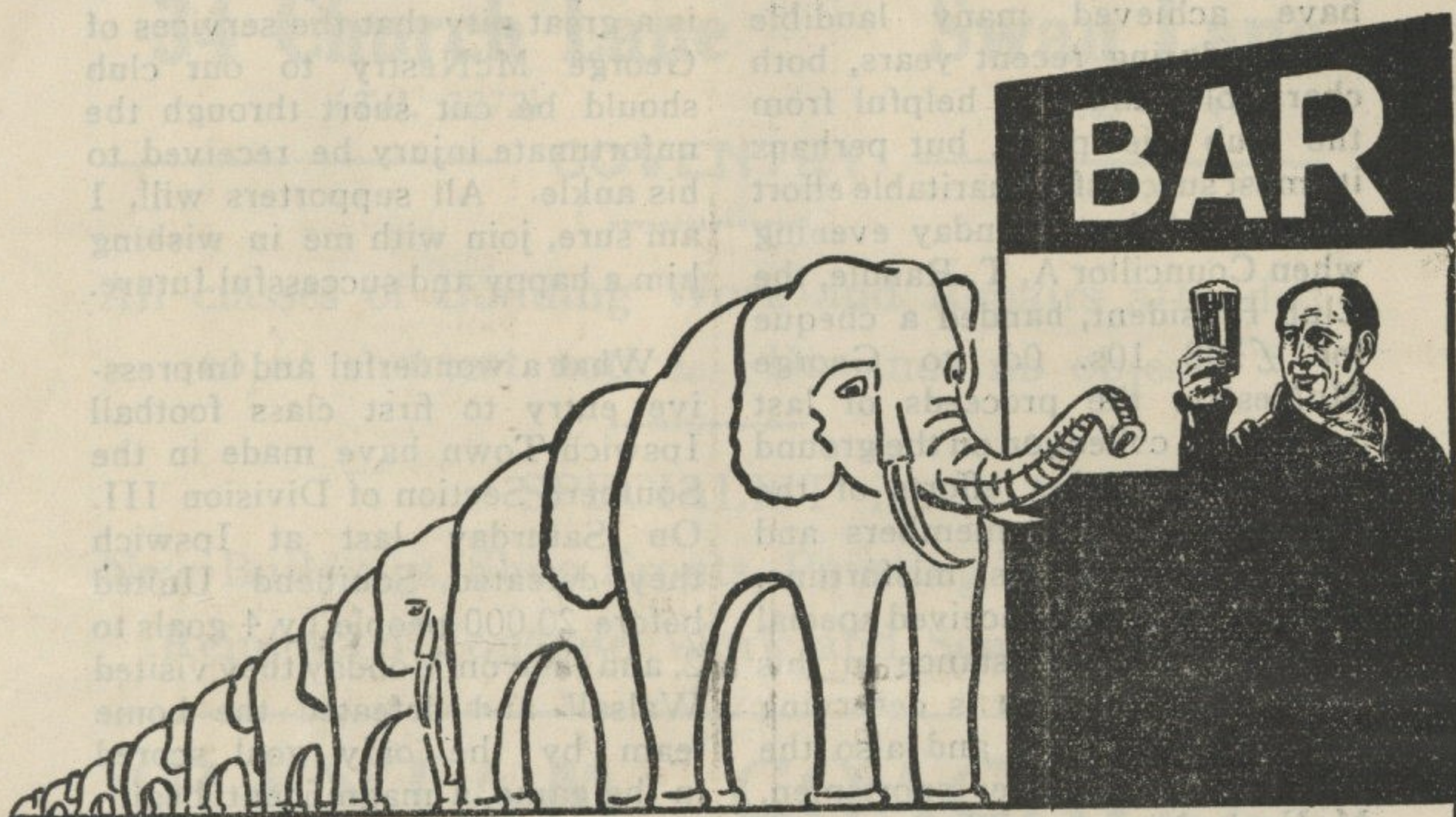
What a wonderful and impressive entry to first class football Ipswich Town have made in the Southern Section of Division III. On Saturday last at Ipswich they defeated Southend United before 20,000 people by 4 goals to 2, and then on Monday they visited Walsall and defeated the home team by the only goal scored in the game, a magnificent beginning indeed for the "Babes" of the league.

Fulham have commenced the season with a most encouraging burst. On Saturday they succeeded at home against West Ham by 3 goals to 2, while on Monday they visited Bury, and were successful by 2 clear goals. 'Ware Fulham.

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Date	Opponents	F	A
Aug. 27	Burnley	h	1
29	Sheffield U.	a	0
Sept. 3	Tottenham	a	
5	Luton Town	h	
10	Southampton	h	
17	West Ham	a	
24	Notts Forest	a	
Oct. 1	Newcastle U.	h	
8	West Brom. Alb.	a	
15	Bury	h	
22	Sheffield Wed.	a	
29	Chesterfield	h	
Nov. 5	Blackburn Rovers	a	
12	Millwall	h	
19	Manchester City	a	
26	Bradford	h	
Dec. 3	Swansea Town	a	
10	Fulham	h	
17	Tranmere Rovers	a	
24	Burnley	a	
26	Plymouth Argyle	h	
27	Plymouth Argyle	a	
31	Tottenham H.	h	
Jan 7	3rd Round F.A. Cup		
14	Southampton	a	
21	West Ham	h	
28	Notts Forest	h	
Feb. 4	Newcastle U.	a	
11	West Brom. Alb.	h	
18	Bury	a	
25	Sheffield Wed.	h	
Mar. 4	Chesterfield	a	
11	Blackburn Rovers	h	
18	Millwall	a	
25	Manchester City	h	
April 1	Bradford	a	
8	Swansea Town	h	
10	Norwich City	a	
11	Norwich City	h	
15	Fulham	a	
22	Tranmere Rovers	h	
29	Sheffield U.	h	
May 6	Luton Town	a	

London Combination

Date	Opponents	F	A
Aug. 29	Northampton	h	2
Sept. 3	Charlton Athletic	h	0
5	Chelsea	a	
10	Tottenham	a	
14	Southend United	a	
17	Southampton	h	
19	Bournemouth	h	
24	West Ham	h	
Oct. 1	Reading	a	
8	Leicester City	h	
15	Bristol City	h	
22	Swansea Town	h	
29	Crystal Palace	a	
Nov. 5	Watford	h	
12	Millwall	a	
19	Fulham	b	
26	Brentford	a	
Dec. 3	Arsenal	h	
10	Clapton Orient	a	
17	Portsmouth	b	
24	Chelsea	h	
27	Bournemouth	a	
31	Charlton Athletic	a	
Jan. 2	Brighton & Hove	h	
7	Southend United	h	
14	Tottenham	h	
21	Southampton	a	
28	West Ham	a	
Feb. 4	Reading	h	
11	Leicester City	a	
18	Bristol City	h	
25	Swansea Town	a	
Mar. 4	Crystal Palace	h	
11	Watford	a	
18	Millwall	h	
25	Fulham	a	
30	Queen's Park Ran.	a	
April 1	Brentford	h	
7	Luton Town	h	
8	Arsenal	a	
10	Luton Town	a	
15	Clapton Orient	h	
22	Portsmouth	a	
27	Queen's Park Ran.	h	
29	Northampton	a	
May 6	Brighton & Hove	a	

BIRMINGHAM COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	F	A
Aug. 27	Bromsgrove	a	4
3	Redditch	a	3
8	Villa "A"	h	
10	Hinckley	a	
17	Wolves "A"	h	
21	B'am Trams	a	
24	Evesham	h	
Oct. 1	Tamworth	a	
8	W.B.A. "A"	h	
22	Solihull	h	
29	B'am "A"	a	
Nov. 5	Darlaston	h	
12	Atherstone	a	
Nov. 19	Banbury S.	h	
26	Halesowen	a	
Dec. 3	Cheltenham	a	
10	Gloucester	h	
17	Villa "A"	a	
24	Redditch	h	
27	Bournville	h	
31	Walsall Res.	a	
Jan. 7	Hinckley	h	
14	B'am Trams	h	
21	Wolves "A"	a	
28	Evesham	a	
Feb. 4	Tamworth	h	
Feb. 11	W.B.A. "A"	a	
18	Bromsgrove	h	
25	Solihull	a	
Mar. 4	B'am "A"	h	
11	Darlaston	a	
18	Atherstone	h	
25	Banbury S.	a	
April 1	Halesowen	h	
8	Cheltenham	h	
11	Bournville	a	
15	Gloucester	a	
May. 6	Walsall Res.	h	

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES.

By the "Sec."

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Football League, Div. 1.

	Goals						
	Pl'd	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag.	P.
Arsenal	42	21	10	11	77	44	52
Wolves	42	20	11	11	72	49	51
Preston	42	16	17	9	64	44	49
Charlton	42	16	14	12	65	51	46
Middlesbro'	42	19	8	15	72	65	46
Brentford	42	18	9	15	69	59	45
Bolton	42	15	15	12	64	60	45
Sunderland	42	14	16	12	55	57	44
Leeds Utd.	42	14	15	13	64	69	43
Chelsea	42	14	13	15	65	65	41
Liverpool	42	15	11	16	65	71	41
Blackpool	42	16	8	18	61	66	40
Derby Co.	42	15	10	17	66	87	40
Everton	42	16	7	19	79	75	39
Hudders'fd	42	17	5	20	55	68	39
Leicester C.	42	14	11	17	54	75	39
Stoke City	42	13	12	17	58	59	38
Birmingham	42	10	18	14	58	62	38
Portsmouth	42	13	12	17	62	68	38
Grimsby	42	13	12	17	51	68	38
Manch. C.	42	14	8	20	80	77	36
West Brom.	42	14	8	20	74	91	36

Football League, Div. 2.

	Goals						
	Pl'd	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag.	P.
Aston Villa	42	25	7	10	73	35	57
Man. Utd.	42	22	9	11	82	50	53
Sheffield U	42	22	9	11	73	56	53
Coventry C.	42	20	12	10	66	45	52
Tottenham	42	19	6	17	76	54	44
Burnley	42	17	10	15	54	54	44
Bradford	42	17	9	16	69	56	43
Fulham	42	16	11	15	61	57	43
West Ham	42	14	14	14	53	52	42
Bury	42	18	5	19	63	60	41
Chesterfield	42	16	9	17	63	63	41
Luton T.	42	15	10	17	89	86	40
Plymouth	42	14	12	16	57	65	40
Norwich C.	42	14	11	17	56	75	39
South'm'ton	42	15	9	18	55	77	39
Sheffield W.	42	14	10	18	49	56	38
Blackburn	42	14	10	18	71	80	38
Swansea	42	13	12	17	45	73	38
Newcastle	42	14	8	20	51	58	36
Notts Forest	42	14	8	20	47	60	36
Barnsley	42	11	14	17	50	64	36
Stockport	42	11	9	22	43	70	31

London Combination

	Goals						
	Pl'd	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag.	P.
Arsenal	46	28	15	3	116	41	71
Portsmouth	46	25	13	8	94	55	63
Coventry C.	46	23	11	12	87	61	57
West Ham	46	20	12	14	99	74	52
Queen's P.	46	21	10	15	84	76	52
Tottenham	46	20	11	15	87	67	51
Millwall	46	23	3	20	93	81	49
Chelsea	46	19	11	16	88	73	49
Watford	46	20	9	17	81	91	49
Brentford	46	17	13	16	70	81	47
Luton T.	46	18	10	18	85	76	46
Fulham	46	17	11	18	64	70	45
Crystal P.	46	18	8	20	89	101	44
Leicester C.	46	16	11	19	79	78	43
Southend	46	15	13	18	83	87	43
Charlton	46	18	5	23	74	82	41
Bristol C.	46	16	9	21	63	81	41
Swansea	46	15	10	21	69	76	40
Clapton O.	46	16	7	23	66	87	39
North'ton	46	13	12	21	75	94	38
Bourne'th	46	14	10	22	66	94	38
South'ton	46	14	9	23	82	91	37
Reading	46	13	11	22	80	104	37
Brighton	46	10	12	24	70	123	32

Birmingham Combination

	Goals						
	Pl'd	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag.	P.
Darlaston	38	31	2	5	135	34	64
Aston V. "A"	38	29	3	6	145	47	61
W.B.A. "A"	38	19	13	6	96	51	51
Tamworth	38	20	8	10	119	71	48
B'ham "A"	38	21	5	12	86	68	47
Coventry "A"	38	19	6	13	98	57	44
Banbury S.	38	19	6	13	105	68	44
Walsall Res.	38	18	8	12	107	71	44
Evesham	38	18	5	15	75	89	41
Shirley T.	38	17	6	15	81	82	40
B'ham T.	38	17	6	15	63	79	40
Wolves "A"	38	16	7	15	101	66	39
Gloucester	38	15	8	15	96	85	38
Atherstone	38	13	10	15	77	104	36
Cheltenham	38	11	11	16	67	97	33
Redditch	38	12	3	23	81	111	27
Halesowen	38	6	5	27	63	137	17
Bromsgrove	38	5	7	26	49	135	17
Hinckley	38	6	3	29	49	144	15
Bourneville	38	4	6	28	43	140	14

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