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### DIRECTORS' NOTES.

ON Saturday last we again failed to obtain our first away point, at Southampton. We were definitely unfortunate, as, after being a goal down at half-time, we immediately equalised on resuming, Buckley obtaining the goal. After this we certainly held the upper hand until mid-way through the second-half, the whole team playing delightful football.

Numerous Tranmere attacks were broken up by Southampton's latest acquisition—Emanuel, obtained from Swansea Town during the current season. The second goal scored by Southampton was of a most unusual character, a very tame shot being put in from about 25 to 30 yards out, which found the net through our goal-keeper being unsighted. The third goal quickly followed from the right wing, and this seemed to have an adverse effect on our players for the remaining 15 minutes of the game.

The local Southampton Football "Echo" gave a very prominent head-line in their report of the match praising Tranmere's football.

Both our team and officials were struck by the extremely sporting attitude of the Southampton supporters, our goal being received with practically the same enthusiasm as the Southampton club's.

During our stay in Southampton, the boys had the pleasure on the Saturday morning, of visiting the C.P.R. Liner "Empress of Britain." A very enjoyable time was spent by all. One of the pleasant features of the trip was meeting with one of the ex-Directors, Mr. Ernest Dimmer, and family. He was a member of the Tranmere Board for many years prior to his removal to Southampton for business reasons.

The Second team "Gate" last Saturday was very pleasing, as the best part of 2,000 spectators attended to witness a very sporting encounter with our neighbours, Liverpool F.C.

To-day we have as visitors the Luton Town club, generally referred to as the "Hatters." This is their first visit to Prenton Park, and we extend to them a hearty welcome. We are hopeful that our team will re-produce the form shown against West Bromwich Albion a fortnight ago, and we are confident that providing this happens, we will again record a victory, and thereby rise in the League Chart.

A very different atmosphere prevailed at the West Bromwich match, amongst the spectators, and we trust that they will keep up the good work, and play their part towards helping the boys to success.

Please note the revised Stand Charges:—  
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### "A" TEAM NOTES.

To-day our "A" team resumes after a blank Saturday, and they play Mersey Ironworks at Ellesmere Port. We are fielding what we consider to be our strongest "A" team side, and hope to record an away victory. Several of the players who played in last Saturday's match v. Liverpool are in this side, which will be as follows:—G. H. Beacham; L. Hodgson, Owen; F. Rawcliffe, J. Kelly, G.M.C. Bennet; J. Luke, Walton, J. Howell, J.A.Mangan, C. Daly.

We are pleased to report that player L. Hodgson has again been chosen for the Cheshire Amateur team who play Lancashire on Saturday next. We all wish him the very best of good fortune.



FIRST TEAM.			SECOND TEAM.		
DATE.	CLUB.	GOALS. FOR. AGT.	DATE.	CLUB.	GOALS. FOR. AGT.
Aug. 27	Blackburn Rovers	A. 2-3	Aug. 27	Port Vale	H. 5-0
29	Millwall	H. 2-0	Sept. 3	Mossley	A. 4-1
Sept. 3	Fulham	H. 0-1	10	Hyde United	H. 7-1
10	Sheffield Wednesday	A. 0-2	17	Hurst	A. 1-2
17	Bury	H. 3-0	19	Stalybridge Celtic	A. 4-2
19	Bradford	A. 0-3	24	Mossley	H. 6-0
24	West Ham United	A. 1-6	Oct. 1	Wellington Town	A. 2-1
Oct. 1	Nottingham Forest	H. 1-1	8	Witton Albion	A. 1-0
8	Chesterfield	H. 0-1	15	Stalybridge Celtic	H. 2-1
15	Newcastle United	A. 1-5	22	Wigan Athletic	A. 1-4
22	West Bromwich Albion	H. 3-1	29	Liverpool "A" (Friendly)	H. 5-3
29	Southampton	A. 1-3	Nov. 5	Rhyl	A. ...
Nov. 5	Luton Town	H. ...	12	Stockport County	H. ...
12	Plymouth Argyle	A. ...	19	Congleton Town	A. ...
19	Sheffield United	H. ...	26	Rhyl	H. ...
26	Burnley	A. ...	Dec. 3	Ashton National	A. ...
Dec. 3	Tottenham Hotspur	H. ...	10	Winsford United	H. ...
10	Norwich City	A. ...	17	Stockport County	A. ...
17	Coventry City	H. ...	24	Hyde United	A. ...
24	Blackburn Rovers	H. ...	26	Runcorn	A. ...
26	Manchester City	H. ...	27	Runcorn	H. ...
27	Manchester City	A. ...	31	Chester	H. ...
31	Fulham	A. ...	Jan. 7	Crewe Alexandra	A. ...
Jan. 2	Bradford	H. ...	14	Altrincham	A. ...
14	Sheffield Wednesday	H. ...	21	Crewe Alexandra	H. ...
21	Bury	A. ...	Feb. 4	Manchester North End	H. ...
28	West Ham United	H. ...	11	Wellington Town	H. ...
Feb. 4	Nottingham Forest	A. ...	25	Norwich Victoria	H. ...
11	Chesterfield	A. ...	Mar. 4	Macclesfield	A. ...
18	Newcastle United	H. ...	11	Altrincham	H. ...
25	West Bromwich Albion	A. ...	18	Northwich Victoria	A. ...
Mar. 4	Southampton	H. ...	25	Macclesfield	H. ...
11	Luton Town	A. ...	Apr. 1	Buxton	A. ...
18	Plymouth Argyle	H. ...	7	Manchester North End	A. ...
25	Sheffield United	A. ...	10	Congleton Town	H. ...
Apr. 1	Burnley	H. ...	15	Chester	A. ...
7	Swansea Town	H. ...	17	Port Vale	A. ...
8	Tottenham Hotspur	A. ...	25	Ashton National	H. ...
10	Swansea Town	A. ...	22	Hurst	H. ...
15	Norwich City	H. ...	26	Winsford United	A. ...
22	Coventry City	A. ...	29	Buxton	H. ...
29	Millwall	A. ...	May 6	Witton Albion	H. ...

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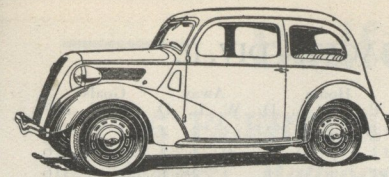
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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

### BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

The events of the past fortnight have been such that although we are still at the moment at the foot of the table, we consider our outlook is much brighter. It is our confirmed opinion that the turn in the tide of our fortunes was heralded by our striking and convincing victory over West Bromwich Albion here two weeks ago. The "Throstles" came here occupying second place and we have no doubt confident of gaining two points that would have put them at the head of affairs. In their quest they had the encouragement of an early lead, but our boys revealed enthusiasm and craft that was reminiscent of their play all last season and a thrilling game saw us gaining the day by 3-1. There was no disputing the merit of the win which was the outcome of fine all round team work. Docking (2) and Cassidy were our marksmen.

Last week we lost at Southampton by 3-1 but the generally expressed opinion of all who saw the game was that we deserved at least a point if not both. The home side were not nearly so impressive in their midfield work but they had the luck in front of goal and it was this alone that decided the issue in their favour. In this game too there was marked evidence of fine team spirit and it was this that gives us reason to anticipate that from now on we shall gain a greater measure of success and long before the end of the season rise to a position that will leave us free of all relegation worries.

### LUTON AS VISITORS.

We have a home engagement this afternoon and once again face new opposition in meeting Luton Town. Like ourselves Luton a few years back were a Third Division side and we congratulate them on having established themselves in the higher sphere.

We anticipate a hard struggle against them for they are comfortably placed in the middle of the table with thirteen points to their credit from twelve games. They are one of the teams who as yet have not been beaten on their own turf but three of their six visitors have succeeded in taking away a point. That the southerners are not purely a home team however is borne out by the fact that they have won twice on opponents' territory and it will certainly not be through a lack of endeavour if they fail to improve on this record at our expense.

When our boys were last at home an appeal was made to our supporters to be more liberal with their vocal encouragement, and we are glad to say the response was as good as it could possibly be. We go further and say that the whole-hearted enthusiasm had a vital part in the success that was gained. It was easily seen how the players appreciated the backing they were given by the onlookers, and we are convinced that all present for this game will once again do their part in making Clark and company feel really at home. The players have regained their confidence and will be seen pulling out their last ounce in order to record a further win.



# THE LEAGUE—DIV. I.

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	
Derby County	13	5	0	1	4	2	1	25	13	20
Everton	12	6	0	0	3	3	0	26	14	18
Liverpool	12	6	0	1	0	3	2	22	15	15
Bolton Wanderers	12	4	1	1	2	2	2	22	15	15
Middlesborough	12	4	1	2	2	3	0	22	19	14
Charlton Athletic	12	4	0	2	2	4	0	19	17	14
Leeds United	12	4	1	1	2	3	1	20	18	14
Sunderland	12	0	2	3	5	2	0	14	12	13
Blackpool	12	3	2	1	1	2	3	20	16	12
Arsenal	12	3	2	1	1	2	3	12	11	12
Portsmouth	12	5	1	0	0	4	2	16	19	12
Leicester City	13	3	1	3	1	4	1	16	23	12
Pres. on North End	12	3	0	3	1	5	0	17	17	11
Aston Villa	12	2	3	0	2	2	3	16	17	11
Chelsea	12	3	1	2	1	4	1	19	22	11
Stoke City	12	2	2	2	1	2	3	18	24	11
Grimsby Town	12	3	1	2	1	4	1	12	17	11
Wolverhampton	12	1	1	3	1	4	2	10	11	9
Huddersfield Town	13	3	2	2	0	5	1	15	20	9
Manchester United	12	2	2	0	0	4	2	15	19	8
Birmingham	13	3	4	0	0	4	2	19	25	8
Brentford	12	3	3	0	0	4	2	12	23	8

# THE LEAGUE—DIV. II.

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	
Fulham	13	4	0	2	3	2	2	21	11	18
Newcastle United	13	7	0	0	0	4	2	25	15	16
Blackburn Rovers	13	4	1	1	3	3	1	29	21	16
West Bromwich	13	6	1	0	2	4	0	32	25	16
Millwall	12	4	0	2	2	3	1	25	12	15
Tottenham Hotspur	12	5	0	2	1	3	1	22	18	15
Sheffield United	12	2	1	3	3	2	1	18	13	14
Sheffield Wednesday	12	4	0	2	1	3	2	24	19	14
Plymouth Argyle	12	4	0	2	1	4	1	16	13	13
Bradford	12	3	1	2	2	3	1	20	21	13
Luton Town	12	3	0	3	2	4	0	17	19	13
Burnley	13	5	2	0	0	3	3	16	20	13
Bury	12	3	2	1	1	2	3	15	16	12
Coventry City	12	4	0	2	0	4	2	13	15	12
We t Ham United	13	3	2	1	1	4	2	28	22	11
Southampton	12	4	1	1	0	5	1	19	24	10
Nottingham Forest	12	3	2	1	0	4	1	12	19	9
Chesterfield	12	3	2	0	1	5	1	10	18	9
Manchester City	12	2	4	0	1	3	2	25	32	8
Norwich City	12	4	3	0	0	5	0	16	23	8
Swansea Town	12	0	1	4	1	4	2	14	29	8
TRANMERE ROVERS	12	3	2	1	0	6	0	14	26	7

# THE LEAGUE—DIV. III. (North).

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	
Barnsley	13	4	0	1	4	2	1	29	14	20
Southport	12	4	0	2	3	1	2	28	10	18
Crewe Alexandra	13	6	0	0	3	4	0	29	21	18
Oldham Athletic	13	4	2	0	4	2	1	25	17	17
Chester	12	4	1	2	3	2	0	31	19	16
Doncaster Rovers	13	4	2	1	2	1	3	24	16	16
Hull City	13	4	2	1	2	1	3	26	20	16
New Brighton	13	4	1	1	3	3	1	18	15	16
Stockport County	12	5	0	1	0	3	3	33	24	14
Bradford City	13	6	2	0	0	3	2	24	20	14
Barrow	13	5	1	1	1	5	0	24	23	13
Rotherham	13	5	2	0	1	5	0	26	22	12
Halifax Town	13	3	0	4	1	5	0	12	17	12
York City	12	3	2	1	1	3	2	18	19	11
Gateshead	12	2	1	2	1	4	2	22	22	10
Carlisle United	12	3	2	1	1	4	1	18	27	10
Wrexham	13	5	2	0	0	6	0	14	24	10
Darlington	13	4	1	0	0	7	1	20	35	9
Rochdale	13	3	2	2	0	6	0	24	33	8
Hartlepool	13	2	2	1	1	6	1	15	28	8
Lincoln C'ty	13	2	3	2	0	4	2	17	33	8
Accrington	13	0	4	2	1	6	0	12	30	4

# CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE.

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	
Crewe Alexandra	12	8	2	2	2	2	2	44	16	18
Runcorn	10	8	1	1	1	1	1	42	13	17
Ashton National	12	7	2	3	3	3	3	37	33	17
TRANMERE ROVERS	10	8	2	2	0	3	3	33	11	16
Wellington Town	12	5	3	4	2	7	5	27	21	14
Northwich Victoria	12	7	5	0	2	7	5	27	27	14
Witton Albion	10	5	2	3	2	3	2	24	19	13
Chester	12	6	5	1	3	2	1	32	32	13
Stockport County	12	6	5	1	2	2	2	22	22	13
Stalybridge Celtic	13	4	5	4	3	4	3	30	26	12
Hyde United	11	6	5	0	1	5	0	16	21	12
Macclesfield	13	4	6	3	1	8	2	18	21	11
Hurst	11	4	4	3	1	9	2	19	24	11
Wigan Athletic	10	5	5	0	2	2	1	22	21	10
Mossley	10	4	4	2	1	8	2	18	21	10
Buxton	11	3	5	3	1	3	3	13	18	9
Port Vale	10	3	6	1	2	4	1	20	24	7
Congleton Town	12	3	8	1	2	3	4	23	42	7
Manchester North End	10	3	7	0	1	7	3	17	33	6
Winsford United	11	2	7	2	1	6	3	16	35	6
Rhyl Athletic	10	2	7	1	1	6	3	16	38	5
Altrincham	12	2	9	1	1	7	3	17	36	5



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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES.

### WELL done Roverites!

In our last issue we appealed to all supporters to be tolerant to the players and help them by cheering their efforts. You all saw the result of your encouragement, and the way the boys responded, especially after being in arrears in the first ten minutes. All agree that it was a splendid match, and first class entertainment, with every player pulling out to the last ounce. Our only complaint is, that the attendance was not good enough. We must have better "gates," so bring your pals along to see the boys in action. By so doing you will help the Directors to maintain their second division status.

### OUR MONTHLY MEETING.

On Monday next, November 7th, our monthly meeting takes place, and all supporters will be welcomed. The meeting will be held in the Conservative Club, Old Chester Road, at 8 o'clock prompt.

The speaker will be Mr. W. R. Blezard ("Blackstaff") of the "Daily Post and Echo." All keen supporters read him. We invite you to come and hear him. You will enjoy listening to one of our

oldest supporters, who as a sports journalist, will be able to entertain and instruct in all matters on sport and football. We ask all supporters to show their appreciation of "Blackstaff" by coming along on Monday to give him a hearty welcome.

### DANCE.

The Social Committee have arranged for a Dance to be held at "Kingsland," Borough Road, on Monday, 28th November. Tickets are 2s. 6d. each and may be obtained from any member of the committee. The band and all final arrangements will be announced in our next issue but in the meantime you can reserve the date, November 28th, and we will see you at the Kingsland.

### PERSONALITY.

This week's subject in our personality column is "Dan" Broster, our Vice-Chairman. You all should know "Dan," so turn to page 14 and get to know him.

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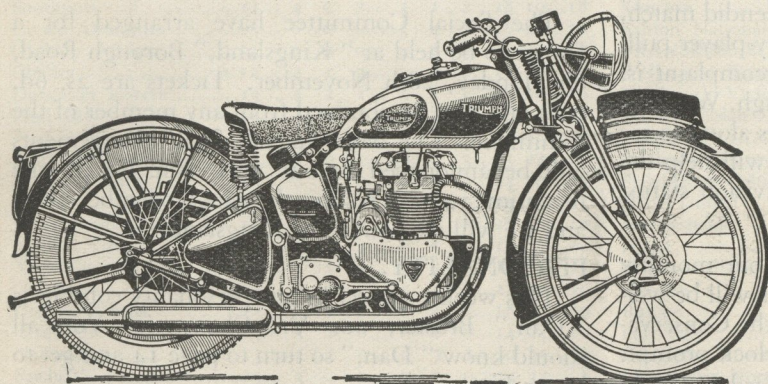


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6 Day	7 Dellow	8 Cassidy	9 Buckley	10 Docking
11 Eden	12 Stephenson	13 Connelly	14 Vinall	15 Redfern
16 Clark	17 Loughran	18 Nelson	19 Finlayson	20 Dunsmore
21 Smith	22 Coen			

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# “A” TEAM FIXTURES.

DATE.	CLUB.	GOALS. FOR. AGT.
Aug. 27	Buckley Town .....A.	2— 3
Sept. 3	Mold Alexandra .....H.	1— 2
10	Frosts Athletic .....H.	1— 2
17	Ellesmere Port Town .....A.	4— 7
24		
Oct. 1	Neston .....A.	3— 1
8	Flint Town .....H.	4— 3
15	Mold Alexandra .....A.	2— 3
22	Heswall .....H.	0— 7
29		
Nov. 5	Mersey Ironworks .....A.	... ..
12		
19		
26		
Dec. 3		
10		
17	Mersey Ironworks .....H.	... ..
24	Helsby B.I. ....A.	... ..
31	Ellesmere Port Town .....H.	... ..
Jan. 7		
14		
21	Heswall .....H.	... ..
Feb. 4	Neston .....H.	... ..
11	Frosts Athletic .....A.	... ..
28		
Mar. 4		
11	Flint Town .....H.	... ..
18		
25	Burnells Ironworks .....H.	... ..
Apr. 1		
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10		
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
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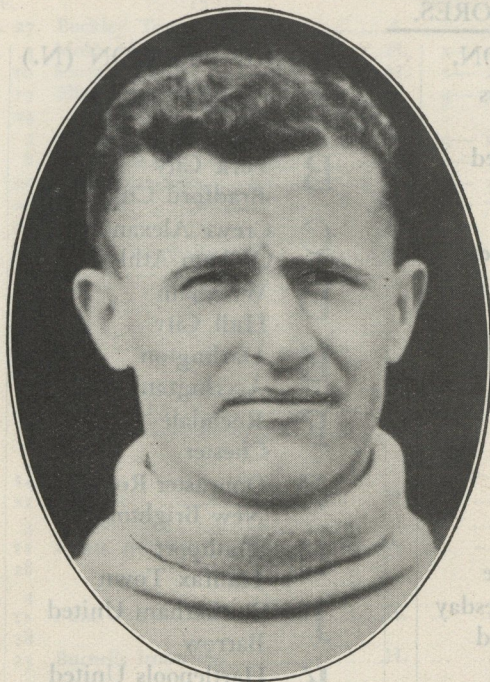
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This season Ted has been dead out of luck in the matter of injuries. In the opening game at Blackburn he received a knock on the thigh that rendered him unfit for a month and then in his re-appearance he was injured in the Cheshire Bowl Semi-Final at Crewe. We are happy to know that he is now fit again and is having a run with the Reserves. Ted will soon be found knocking hard for re-inclusion in the league team.

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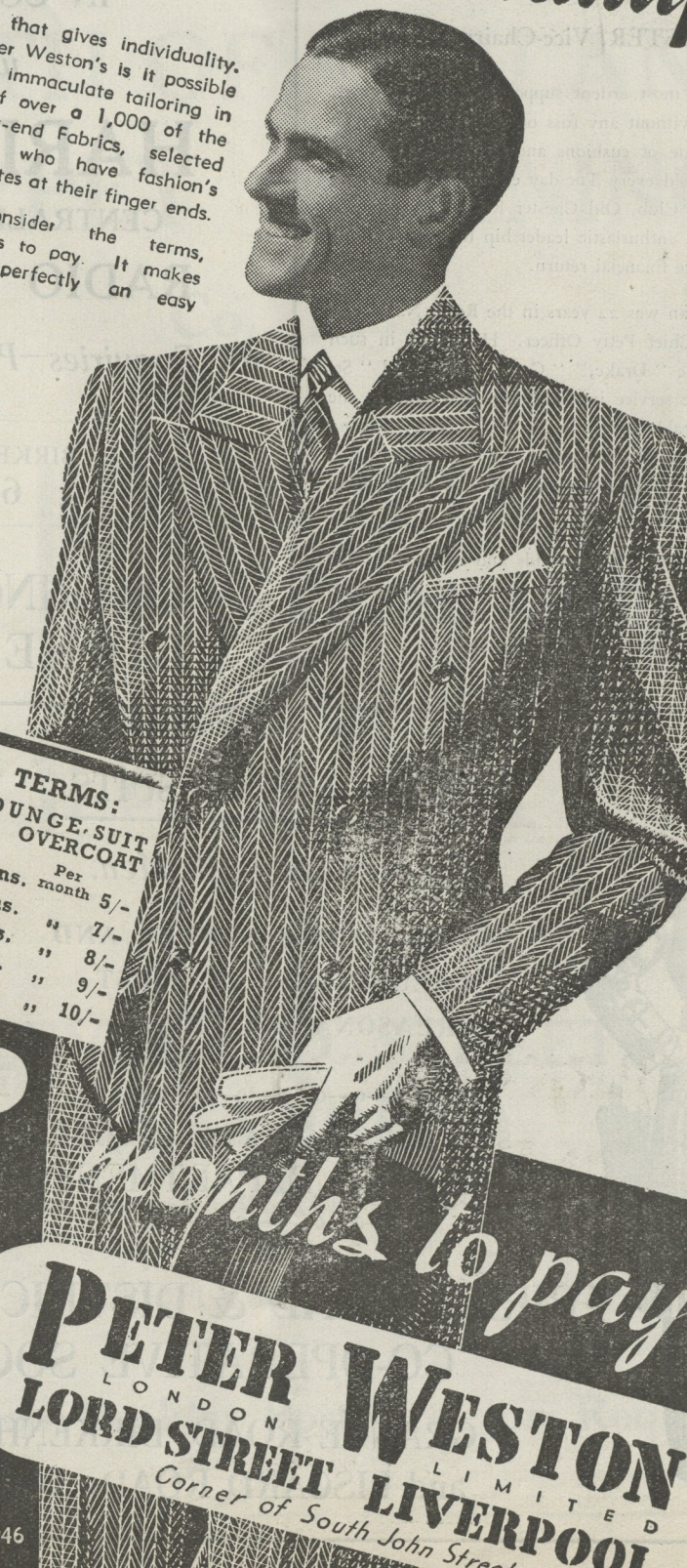


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An old Shellback, Dan was 22 years in the Royal Navy, and attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He served in such well-known ships as the "Drake," "Good Hope" and "St. Vincent," seeing active service in the China War, and in the Great War saw considerable service in the "Q" boats. During his long career with the Senior Service, he often represented the Navy on the football field, being a half-back of no mean ability.

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