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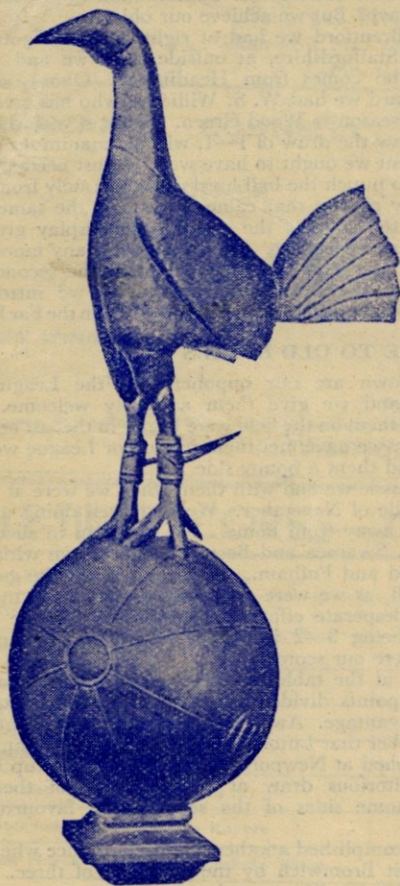
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### LEAGUE COMPETITIONS TO STAND

The Management Committee have decided that there will not be any interference this season with the competitions run by the Football League. We are glad that official announcement has been made. It disposes of the suggestions from various quarters that championships, promotions, and relegations should be abolished.

During the past fortnight the way in which events were shaping themselves were the reverse of reassuring. When representatives of the Football Association and the Football League were summoned to Whitehall by the Home Secretary it was patent to those who had carefully followed the development of the situation brought about by a winter of unusual severity that the Football League competitions were in a state of delicate poise.

It was made clear by the Government that they were absolutely opposed to big mid-week football. It was their view that it tempted workers away from their work, and thus slowed up productive output. It is the opinion of the Government that we are passing through a most disturbing national crisis, and that the only way to avert disaster is for all workers to increase production, and certainly not to absent themselves from work to watch sport. Whether that view is right or wrong is not a subject for discussion in this programme.

What we are concerned with is that football should be allowed to carry through to a conclusion the season's competitions. And that was the problem that confronted the representatives of the F.A. and the League when they met in London at the beginning of this week. On the one side the League representatives were insistent that it would be a profound blunder to suspend the League competitions, and declare them null and void for 1946-47, and on the other side the Football Association was naturally disinclined lightly to agree to a further extension of the season to enable competitions to be concluded. The situation required careful handling.

OUR APPEAL FOR SUPPORTERS TO TENDER EXACT MONEY AT THE  
TURNSTILES WAS WELL RESPONDED TO. A THOUSAND THANKS.  
KEEP IT UP. IT IS A TREMENDOUS HELP.



# The Editor's Review

## AND THE SPURS' GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

We congratulate those who tackled it on the conclusions they reached. We know that in some quarters there will be disappointment that the competitions were not scrapped. We know, too, that those who are concerned with the promotion of summer sports, and especially cricket, feel that football is making too big an encroachment upon the comparatively brief period during which the summer game may be played. But needs must when necessity drives.

When we cannot shape circumstances exactly to our liking we must do the best we can. Those ills that cannot be avoided had better be cheerfully borne. That is cold comfort for cricket bodies who naturally resent the competition they will have to face until the second Saturday in June from their robust winter brother. Would that it could be avoided, but it cannot be.

### POSTPONED MATCHES

Just a reminder that the Spurs have had three postponements because of the weather. The first was against Barnsley on February 15th, the second against West Ham United, on February 22nd, and the third last Saturday, when we were due to play our return game with Bury in Lancashire. We have fixed up with Barnsley to play here on May 24th, and with West Ham on May 17th; our away game with Bury is to be played on May 3rd and the away fixture with Southampton originally fixed for May 3rd is now transferred to May 10th. We shall not require all the available dates that are now at our disposal.

Including today, with the season extended until the second Saturday in June, and with two extra dates at Easter and one at Whitsun, clubs have 16 days on which League football may be played before the curtain is rung down. That will enable every club save York City and Wrexham, each of whom have 17 matches to fit in, to complete their programme.

There is one important reservation. Clubs are prohibited from fixing up friendly matches on any date during the extended season. That is an eminently reasonable decision. The clubs affected have no cause for complaint. They will have played their full list of League games ere the season officially ends, and will have had the total number of gates they would have in a normal season.

### MAROONED PLAYERS

Had not the Bury ground been under water a week ago we would have been at a serious disadvantage in having to take the field without Ted Ditchburn and Ronnie Burgess. They had played for the Football League against the Scottish League at Hampden Park on the previous Wednesday, and both acquitted themselves in a highly satisfactory manner.

Inquiries have been made why the Football League departed from its usual custom of selecting only English born players for its inter-League games, and gave Burgess the left half position. The explanation is that on Saturday, May 10th, Great Britain will place a team in the field against the Rest of Europe at Hampden Park, and the selectors were anxious to see Burgess. It is generally agreed among the experts that even as Matthews, of Stoke, is the best outside right in the game, so Burgess is the best left half. Critics galore have advocated that those two players must be in the Great Britain side.

There is not such unanimity with regard to Ditchburn. We think he is the best in League football today, but we do not choose the team, and there are vehement demands, especially in the North, that Frank Swift, so many times England's last line defender, shall be selected. With us it is a

case of "how happy we could be with either were the other dear charmer away." We are certain that Ditchburn deserves on merit the highest honours the game can bestow upon its players. He has youth on his side, and we are convinced that if he retains his form, sooner or later, and perhaps both, distinctions will be showered upon him.

Burgess and Ditchburn were marooned in Glasgow after the match. They could not have reached Bury in time to play. Other players were in a similar predicament. Fortunately Tottenham were notified on the Friday that the Bury game must be postponed, and got in touch with their players. They left Glasgow on Friday evening, and arrived at Euston on Saturday morning.

### TRYING OUT YOUNG PLAYERS

Looking towards the future, we deemed it advisable to give a run last Saturday to some young players with whom we had been in touch. We take the view that the main object of the Combination is not so much to win matches as to provide clubs with opportunities to test, and bring on, young players. Acting on that we, perhaps, meet with less success in the Combination than we should otherwise have. But we achieve our object.

Against Brentford we had at right half A. Pigott, who hails from Staffordshire, at outside right we had D. W. Gordon, who comes from Headington (Oxon), and at centre-forward we had W. S. Williams, who has given fine service this season to Wood Green. Those of you who were here, and saw the draw of 1-1, will be unanimous that as the play went we ought to have won. It just needed somebody able to punch the ball hard and accurately from some of the many centres that came across. At the same time, in view of the state of the ground, the display given by both teams was excellent. We do not want any more snow blizzards of the kind that plagued us in the second half. By the way, the three amateur players we introduced into our side have just returned from Service in the Far East.

### WELCOME TO OLD RIVALS

Luton Town are our opponents in the League this afternoon, and we give them a hearty welcome. Our battles with them on the field were begun in the last century, and whether we have met them in Cup or League we have always found them a bonny side.

What a tussle we had with them when we were at Luton in the middle of November. We had been doing uncommonly well away from home. We had won in succession at Newport, Swansea and Barnsley, and drawn with West Ham United and Fulham. At Luton we lost the game in the first half, as we were two goals down at the interval. We made desperate efforts to draw level, but we failed, the result being 3-2 in favour of Luton. Bennet and Foreman were our scorers.

A glance at the table on the last page will reveal that only three points divide Luton from the Spurs, and we have the advantage. Away from home it was not until the end of October that Luton broke a run of defeats, and they then triumphed at Newport 3-1, following this up with a highly meritorious draw at Burnley, one of the most successful home sides of the season, and favourites for promotion.

Luton accomplished another fine performance when they won at West Bromwich by the odd goal of three. Since then they drew at Coventry in a goalless game, and also shared the points at Hillsborough with Sheffield Wednesday, where we came the worst cropper for us of the season. A month ago Luton were at Southampton, and won 3-1. We expect a thrilling struggle for the points this afternoon.

On Saturday, March 29th

## FULHAM 'A'

Friendly

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

On Friday, April 4th

## NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Football League, Div. II.

Kick-off 11 a.m.

ROOM FOR 60,000 UNDER COVER

Football League—Division II. March 22nd, 1947. Kick-off 3.15

**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR**  
White Shirts, Blue Knickers

RIGHT WING: COX (7), BENNETT (8)

GOAL: DITCHBURN (1)

BACKS: WILLIS (2), BUCKINGHAM (3)

HALF-BACKS: NICHOLSON (5)

FORWARDS: LUDFORD (4), RUNDLE (9), DIX or HALL (10), STEVENS (11)

Referee: Mr. F. S. MILNER (Wolverhampton)  
Linesmen: Mr. W. A. Breeze, Surrey (Blue and White Flag)  
Mr. C. W. Eastbrook, Essex (Red and White Flag)

LEFT WING: DUNCAN (11), CONNELLY (10), GARDINER (6), BEACH (3)

FORWARDS: BILLINGTON (9), GAGER (Capt.) (5), SOO (4)

BACKS: COOKE (2)

GOAL: B. STRETEN (1)

RIGHT WING: DUGGAN (8), WAUGH (7)

**LUTON TOWN**  
Red Shirts, Black Knickers

ANY ALTERATION WILL BE NOTED ON THE BOARD

### HALF-TIME SCORES

The appended Code corresponds with letters on the Scoring Board thus: first-named Club has scored 1 and their opponents 0. ★ Not played. A<sub>1</sub> means the

A	Bolton Wanderers v. Aston Villa ... ..	O	Burnley v. Plymouth Argyle ... ..
B	Charlton Athletic v. Brentford ... ..	P	Coventry City v. Manchester City ... ..
C	Chelsea v. Sunderland ... ..	Q	Newcastle United v. Fulham ... ..
D	Grimsby Town v. Blackpool ... ..	R	Newport County v. Chesterfield ... ..
E	Leeds United v. Arsenal ... ..	S	Nottingham Forest v. Bradford ... ..
F	Liverpool v. Derby County ... ..	T	Southampton v. Millwall ... ..
G	Manchester United v. Everton ... ..	U	Swansea Town v. Bury ... ..
H	Middlesbrough v. Blackburn Rovers ... ..	V	West Bromwich Albion v. Sheffield Wed. ...
J	Preston North End v. Huddersfield Town ...	W	Leyton Orient v. Brighton and Hove A. ...
K	Sheffield United v. Wolverhampton Wdrs....	X	Crystal Palace v. Bournemouth ... ..
L	Stoke City v. Portsmouth ... ..	Y	Ipswich Town v. Exeter City ... ..
M	Barnsley v. Leicester City ... ..	Z	Queen's Park Rangers v. Aldershot ... ..
N	Birmingham City v. West Ham United ...		

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## FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Name of Club	Where Played	Goals	
			For	Agst.
Sat. Aug. 31	Birmingham City ... ..	Home	1	2
Sat. Sep. 7	West Bromwich Albion...	Away	2	3
Mon. " 9	Southampton ... ..	Home	2	1
Sat. " 14	Newcastle United ... ..	Home	1	1
Thurs. " 19	Newport County ... ..	Away	4	2
Sat. " 21	Swansea Town ... ..	Away	2	0
Sat. " 28	Manchester City ... ..	Home	0	0
Sat. Oct. 5	Burnley ... ..	Home	1	1
Mon. " 7	Newport County ... ..	Home	3	1
Sat. " 12	Barnsley ... ..	Away	3	1
Sat. " 19	West Ham United ... ..	Away	2	2
Sat. " 26	Sheffield Wednesday ...	Home	2	0
Thurs. " 31	Oxford University ... ..	Away	2	0
Sat. Nov. 2	Fulham ... ..	Away	1	1
Sat. " 9	Bury ... ..	Home	2	1
Sat. " 16	Luton Town ... ..	Away	2	3
Wed. " 20	Cambridge University ...	Away	3	4
Sat. " 23	Plymouth Argyle ... ..	Home	2	1
Sat. " 30	Leicester City ... ..	Away	1	1
Sat. Dec. 7	Chesterfield ... ..	Home	3	4
Sat. " 14	Millwall ... ..	Away	3	0
Sat. " 21	Bradford ... ..	Home	3	3
Wed. " 25	Coventry City ... ..	Away	1	3
Thurs. " 26	Coventry City ... ..	Home	0	0
Sat. " 28	Birmingham City ... ..	Away	0	1
1947 Sat. Jan 4	West Bromwich Albion...	Home	2	0
Sat. Jan. 11	Stoke C. F.A. Cup, 3rd Rd.	Home	2	2
Wed. " 15	Stoke C. " " (Replay)	Away	0	1
Sat. " 18	Newcastle United ... ..	Away	0	1
Sat. " 25	Arsenal (Friendly) ... ..	Home	2	0
Mon. " 27	Swansea Town ... ..	Home	3	1
Sat. Feb. 1	Manchester City ... ..	Away	0	1
Tues. " 18	Burnley ... ..	Away	0	0
Sat. Mar. 1	Sheffield Wednesday ...	Away	1	5
Sat. " 8	Fulham ... ..	Home	1	1
Sat. " 22	Luton Town ... ..	Home		
Sat. " 29	Plymouth Argyle ... ..	Away		
Fri. Apl. 4	Nottingham Forest ... ..	Home		
Sat. " 5	Leicester City ... ..	Home		
Mon. " 7	Nottingham Forest ... ..	Away		
Sat. " 12	Chesterfield ... ..	Away		
Sat. " 19	Millwall ... ..	Home		
Sat. " 26	Bradford ... ..	Away		
Sat. May 3	Bury ... ..	Away		
Sat. " 10	Southampton ... ..	Away		
Sat. " 17	West Ham United ... ..	Home		
Sat. " 24	Barnsley ... ..	Home		

## RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Name of Club	Where Played	Goals	
			For	Agst.
Sat. Aug. 31	Swindon Town ... ..	Away	2	1
Mon. Sep. 2	Ipswich Town ... ..	Home	4	2
Sat. " 7	Reading ... ..	Home	3	2
Wed. " 11	Leyton Orient ... ..	Away	1	0
Sat. " 14	Crystal Palace ... ..	Away	0	1
Mon. " 16	Crystal Palace ... ..	Home	5	0
Sat. " 21	Birmingham City ... ..	Home	2	1
Sat. " 28	Cardiff City ... ..	Away	0	2
Wed. Oct. 2	Ipswich Town ... ..	Away	0	1
Sat. " 5	Southend United ... ..	Away	5	0
Sat. " 12	Plymouth Argyle ... ..	Home	2	1
Mon. " 14	Bromley (L.C. Cup) ... ..	Home	3	1
Wed. " 16	Charlton Athletic ... ..	Away	4	1
Sat. " 19	Norwich City ... ..	Home	2	0
Sat. " 26	Millwall ... ..	Away	2	1
Mon. " 28	Q.P.R. (L.C.Cup, 2nd Rd.)	Home	1	0
Sat. Nov. 2	Arsenal ... ..	Home	1	3
Mon. " 4	Cardiff City ... ..	Home	1	0
Sat. " 9	Northampton Town ... ..	Away	1	2
Mon. " 11	W. Ham U. (L.C.C.,S.F.)	Away	0	2
Sat. " 16	Luton Town ... ..	Home	1	1
Mon. " 18	Southend United* ... ..	Home	3	1
Sat. " 23	Luton Town ... ..	Away	3	0
Sat. " 30	Millwall ... ..	Home	2	2
Sat. Dec. 7	Plymouth Argyle ... ..	Away	2	3
Sat. " 14	Northampton Town ... ..	Home	2	0
Sat. " 21	Norwich City ... ..	Away	1	0
Wed. " 25	Reading ... ..	Away	1	4
Sat. " 28	Charlton Athletic ... ..	Home	3	0
1947 Jan. 11	Arsenal ... ..	Away	0	3
Sat. " 18	*Reading ... ..	Home	4	0
Sat. " 25	*Reading ... ..	Away	1	1
Sat. Feb. 1	*Portsmouth ... ..	Home	1	1
Sat. " 15	*Southampton ... ..	Away	0	0
Sat. Mar. 1	*Arsenal ... ..	Home	0	1
Mon. " 3	*Southend United ... ..	Home	5	1
Sat. " 8	*Arsenal ... ..	Away	1	4
Sat. " 15	*Brentford ... ..	Home	1	1
Sat. " 22	*Portsmouth ... ..	Away		
Sat. " 29	*Queen's Park Rangers	Away		
Fri. Apl. 4	*Southend United... ..	Away		
Sat. " 5	*Brentford ... ..	Away		
Mon. " 7	*Southampton ... ..	Home		
Sat. " 26	Swindon Town ... ..	Home		
Sat. May 3	Leyton Orient ... ..	Home		
Mon. " 26	*Queen's Park Rangers	Home		
	Birmingham City ... ..	Away		

\* FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

## Football League Table.—Division II

	Up to March 15th inclusive.							Goals					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	F.	A.	Pts.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester City ... ..	29	19	7	3	60	25	45						
Burnley ... ..	30	16	11	3	45	20	43						
Birmingham City ... ..	30	17	3	10	52	26	37						
Newcastle United ... ..	29	15	6	8	69	41	36						
Leicester City ... ..	29	15	4	10	54	47	34						
Tottenham Hotspur ... ..	30	11	10	9	48	41	32						
Chesterfield ... ..	27	10	11	6	32	27	31						
West Brom. Albion ... ..	28	13	5	10	59	52	31						
Plymouth Argyle ... ..	30	13	5	12	64	66	31						
Luton Town ... ..	30	12	5	13	52	51	29						
Southampton ... ..	30	11	7	12	58	58	29						
West Ham United ... ..	29	12	5	12	49	49	29						
Fulham ... ..	27	11	6	10	49	52	28						
Bury ... ..	30	9	9	12	60	58	27						
Bradford ... ..	28	8	10	10	42	43	26						
Notts. Forest ... ..	28	10	6	12	47	49	26						
Coventry City ... ..	29	8	10	11	39	44	26						
Barnsley ... ..	29	9	7	13	57	69	25						
Sheffield Wednesday ...	30	7	7	16	52	67	21						
Millwall ... ..	28	8	5	15	36	55	21						
Swansea Town ... ..	30	7	5	18	40	63	19						
Newport County ... ..	28	5	2	21	40	101	12						

## Football Combination Cup Table

	Up to March 15th inclusive							Goals					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	F.	A.	Pts.	F.	A.	Pts.
Portsmouth ... ..	7	6	1	0	21	4	13						
Arsenal ... ..	6	3	2	1	8	4	8						
Tottenham Hotspur ... ..	8	2	4	2	13	9	8						
Southampton ... ..	6	2	1	3	6	12	5						
Southend United ... ..	6	2	0	4	7	13	4						
Queen's Park Rangers ...	5	1	2	2	4	7	4						
Reading ... ..	4	0	1	3	3	11	1						
Brentford ... ..	2	0	1	1	3	5	1						

All the proofs for the Official History of Tottenham Hotspur F.C. have been passed, and we are now waiting for the binding. That is a difficult matter, as there is an acute shortage of materials. We shall be able to meet all demands for copies if they are booked without delay.

We are certain that you will be delighted with the book. It is a compendious history of the Spurs from their earliest days of 1882 to date. It will be profusely illustrated. The present price of issue is 15/6. We cannot guarantee that it will remain at that figure.