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No. 6

Saturday, October 2nd, 1948

## Club Notes

With two home matches in successive weeks, against Luton Town to-day and against Chesterfield next Saturday, we have a great chance to improve the state of affairs at the City Ground. An all-out effort by our boys will give us a lift from the bottom of the table, we sincerely hope. So will a continuance of the improved displays in the last two games, for amidst all the worries over our present position it is some satisfaction to note that the team is beginning to show much better promise.

We had a really heart-rending result at Shepherd's Bush last Saturday, and even if it brought no points, nor altered the unalterable outcome of that game, it was at least some satisfaction to read the reports in the London Press praising the Reds as the better side, and emphasising that we had two legitimate penalty appeals refused. But the worst feature of the whole affair was, of course, the handling offence which cost us the first goal.

That is the sort of thing which always afflicts the team that is struggling, but until the breaks come our way—and they are long overdue—we can only win through by being better than the opposition. To that end we realise that we have to strengthen the side, for although Jack Edwards, on his showing last week gave the impression that he is the man to solve our centre-forward problem, our Committee is not blind to the fact that we have to be strengthened, and particularly do we require a thrustful, scheming inside man.

Strong criticisms have been forthcoming this season because of the failures of the side, but we do appeal to our supporters not to make even harder the task of our players. It is common knowledge that George Wilkins, for instance, has suffered badly from barracking, and it is, therefore, all the more pleasant to hear that in last week's Reserve game at the City Ground he was the outstanding player and gained a fine reception from the crowd. That will do him a lot of good, certainly more good than the other kind of treatment.

On the same subject it is nice to know that some of our supporters are behind us to the full in these trying days. Letters of encouragement are reaching the manager every week. One writes to tell our boys not to take notice of letters of criticism, and refers to the poor treatment we got in the shape of certain decisions against us a week ago. This writer, a lady, exhorts the boys to "keep your chins up," and adds: "There are plenty of us who, though disappointed are not down-hearted."

We know it is only a small section which is causing trouble, and we know too that they will be the first to say: "Our lads are the best anywhere" when things begin to go right, "Their lads."

Here's hoping for a turn of the tide, a run of success and all the critics will be stifled.

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G	H	J	K	L	
Manchester C Middlesboro'	Portsmouth Newcastle U.	Preston N.E. Blackpool	Stoke City Chelsea	Sunderland Manchester U	

BOTTOM ROW

M	N	O	P	Q	R
Wolves Huddersfield	Barnsley Southampton	Brentford West Ham U.	Coventry Chesterfield	Fulham Queen's P. R.	Grimsby T. Bradford
S	T	U	V	W	
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# FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, 1948-49

Date	Day	Opponents	Gr.	F. A.
1948				
Aug. 21	S	West Brom. A.	...H	0 1
24	T	Grimsby Town	...A	2 1
28	S	Fulham	...A	0 4
Sept. 1	W	Grimsby Town	...H	0 0
4	S	Plymouth A.	...H	1 0
8	W	Barnsley	...A	0 4
11	S	Blackburn Rovers	...A	1 2
15	W	Barnsley	...H	0 1
18	S	Cardiff City	...H	0 0
25	S	Queen's Park R.	...A	1 2
Oct. 2	S	Luton Town	...H	
9	S	Chesterfield	...H	
16	S	Lincoln City	...A	
23	S	Sheffield W.	...H	
30	S	Coventry City	...A	
Nov. 6	S	Leeds United	...H	
13	S	Leicester City	...A	
20	S	Brentford	...H	
27	S	(1) Tottenham H.	...A	
Dec. 4	S	West Ham Utd.	...H	
11	S	(2) Bury	...A	
18	S	West Brom. A.	...A	
25	S	Southampton	...H	
27	M	Southampton	...A	
1949				
Jan. 1	S	Fulham	...H	
8	S	(3)	...	
15	S	Plymouth Argyle	...A	
22	S	Blackburn Rovers	...H	
29	S	(4)	...	
Feb. 5	S	Cardiff City	...A	
12	S	(5)	...	
19	S	Queen's Park R.	...H	
26	S	(6) Luton Town	...A	
Mar. 5	S	Chesterfield	...A	
12	S	Lincoln City	...H	
19	S	Sheffield W.	...A	
26	S	(S.F.) Coventry	...H	
April 2	S	Leeds United	...A	
9	S	Leicester City	...H	
15	F	Bradford	...H	
16	S	Brentford	...A	
18	M	Bradford	...A	
23	S	Tottenham H.	...H	
30	S	(F.) West Ham	...A	
May 7	S	Bury	...H	

# MIDLAND LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Day	Opponents	Gr.	F. A.
1948				
Aug. 21	S	Notts. County R.	...A	1 1
23	M	Mansfield T. Res.	...A	2 3
28	S	Gainsborough T.	...H	8 2
Sept. 4	S	York City Res.	...A	0 1
6	M	Mansfield T. Res.	...H	0 0
11	S	Scunthorpe Utd.	...H	5 2
16	Th	Grantham Town	...A	2 2
18	S	Bradford P.A. Res.	...A	0 3
25	S	Rotherham Res.	...H	4 0
Oct. 2	S	Scunthorpe Utd.	...A	
9	S	Shrewsbury Town	...A	
16	S	Lincoln City R.	...H	
23	S	Hull City Res.	...A	
30	S	Doncaster Res.	...H	
Nov. 6	S	Bradford City Res.	...A	
13	S	Grantham Town	...H	
20	S	Scarborough	...A	
27	S	York City Res.	...H	
Dec. 4	S	Rotherham U. Res.	...A	
11	S	Ransome & M.	...H	
18	S	Bradford P.A. R.	...H	
1949				
Jan. 1	S	Frickley Colliery	...A	
8	S	Grimsby Town R.	...A	
15	S	Notts. C. Res.	...H	
22	S	Gainsborough T.	...A	
29	S	Grimsby T. Res.	...H	
Feb. 5	S	Denaby United	...H	
12	S	Boston United	...H	
19	S	Boston United	...A	
26	S	Shrewsbury T.	...H	
Mar. 5	S	Hull City Res.	...H	
12	S	Lincoln City Res.	...A	
19	S	Frickley Colliery	...H	
26	S	Doncaster R. Res.	...A	
April 2	S	Goole Town	...H	
9	S	Peterborough U.	...A	
16	S	Peterborough U.	...H	
19	Tu	Goole Town	...A	
28	Th	Ransome & M.	...A	
30	S	Scarborough	...H	
May 2	M	Denaby United	...A	
4	W	Bradford C. Res.	...H	

# GOAL SCORERS—1st Team

Lee	...	2
Leverton	...	1
Wilkins	...	1
Edwards	...	1

# TODAY'S VISITORS

Horace Gager's old club, from whom we also got Sid Ottewell, have not lost a home game yet, but have only gained three points from five away matches.

At the moment Luton Town are four points better off than Forest, and promise to give us another hard struggle.

Managed by "Dally" Duncan, of Derby County and Scotland fame, Luton, it will be remembered, were concerned in last season's relegation fight, after a run of seven home games without a win, but they finished the campaign in storming style, and with eleven points from their last eight games were able to finish 13th in the table.



Bernard Streten

Forest supporters will be most interested in their new season capture, centre-forward, Billy Arnison, a South African, in whom the Reds were very interested before the start of the season when he was with Glasgow Rangers.

There will be a big change in the composition of the Luton side compared with that which beat us 2-1 on the City Ground in December last, for in addition to Gager and Ottewell Luton have since parted with Billington and Frank Soo. The old Leicester City man is now at Chelmsford, the club once managed by our own manager.

Still keeping a good goal for Luton is Bernard Streten, nowadays, of course, a professional, who used to play some great games for Notts. County when he was in the R.A.F. during the war. A bit of an all-rounder, Streten also turned out at centre-half, and on one occasion at the City Ground became a centre-forward in a Notts. Amateur League match between the two Colts teams.

Recently it was rumoured that Luton's Irish inside-forward, Bob Brennan, was leaving Kenilworth Road, but the player has now no intention of leaving them, and was fully expected to be in the side to-day.

The young centre-half, Hall, who has taken Gager's place, gave some very promising displays before Horace was persuaded to come to Nottingham, and no doubt our supporters will be making a comparison between the Forest pivot and his successor in the visitors' ranks.

By the way, "Dally" Duncan has found a new centre-forward from the North-East, who was getting a lot of goals, and was given a run in a Luton practice match and then tried in the Reserves. The name? Lawton!

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Bury	10.	6.	2.	2.	19.	13.	14
W.B.A.	10.	4.	4.	2.	15.	7.	12
Southampton	10.	5.	2.	3.	17.	9.	12
Tottenham	10.	4.	4.	2.	18.	10.	12
Cardiff	10.	4.	4.	2.	14.	12.	12
Sheffield Wednesday	10.	4.	3.	3.	20.	15.	11
Barnsley	10.	3.	5.	2.	16.	12.	11
Leeds	10.	4.	3.	3.	18.	17.	11
Blackburn	10.	5.	1.	4.	18.	18.	11
Brentford	10.	3.	5.	2.	9.	9.	11
Q.P.R.	10.	4.	3.	3.	13.	16.	11
West Ham	10.	3.	4.	3.	11.	12.	10
Bradford	10.	4.	2.	4.	16.	16.	10
Luton	10.	3.	4.	3.	14.	16.	10
Grimsby	10.	3.	3.	4.	17.	15.	9
Leicester	10.	3.	3.	4.	18.	19.	9
Fulham	10.	3.	3.	4.	13.	15.	9
Chesterfield	10.	1.	6.	3.	10.	16.	8
Coventry City	10.	3.	2.	5.	14.	19.	8
Lincoln City	10.	2.	3.	5.	9.	19.	7
Plymouth	10.	2.	2.	6.	10.	15.	6
FOREST	10.	2.	2.	6.	5.	15.	6

# LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP — DIV. III (S.)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Swansea	11.	7.	3.	1.	25.	8.	17
Bournemouth	12.	7.	2.	3.	13.	11.	16
Bristol Rovers	11.	7.	0.	4.	20.	14.	14
Swindon	12.	6.	2.	4.	17.	20.	14
Port Vale	10.	5.	3.	2.	15.	7.	13
NOTTS.	11.	5.	2.	4.	34.	20.	12
Ipswich	10.	5.	2.	3.	27.	23.	12
Millwall	12.	3.	6.	3.	19.	19.	12
Exeter City	11.	4.	3.	4.	20.	16.	11
Torquay United	10.	4.	3.	3.	14.	18.	11
Brighton & Hove	10.	4.	3.	3.	11.	14.	11
Southend	10.	3.	4.	3.	10.	9.	10
Aldershot	11.	4.	2.	5.	18.	15.	10
Walsall	10.	4.	2.	4.	12.	15.	10
Norwich City	10.	3.	3.	4.	13.	13.	9
Leyton Orient	10.	2.	5.	3.	14.	17.	9
Northampton	10.	3.	2.	5.	13.	18.	8
Watford	11.	2.	4.	5.	13.	17.	8
Reading	10.	3.	1.	6.	19.	23.	7
Bristol City	10.	2.	3.	5.	8.	15.	7
Crystal Palace	10.	2.	3.	5.	9.	20.	7
Newport County	10.	0.	4.	6.	13.	26.	4



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