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No. 7.

Saturday, October 16th, 1948.

NOTES FROM THE HIVE

News not so good this time—one point from last two games! Furthermore the Bees have at last been beaten away from home but there is no need to panic.

For a London "Derby" our game with West Ham United, at Griffin Park, a fortnight ago was a grand spectacle; in fact almost a classic. The Bees might well have clinched the show with a win for undoubtedly our boys had more real scoring chances than fell to the Hammers but the game was so full of incident, played at such a fast pace and more important still in such a magnificent sporting spirit that even the most rabid Brentford supporter must have felt satisfied with the result. The critics, too, wrote up the match in glowing terms one going so far as to say that "the Bees were the most improved team of the day."

Certainly our boys put up an excellent show and gave hopes of better things to come, and with Peter McKennan and Jackie Gibbons included in our side it was fully contemplated that our "goals for" would improve and it was little short of surprising that we drew a blank in the matter of goal-scoring. Still, that's how it goes sometimes and don't forget that some "sitters" were missed. Both teams were certainly amiss in the art of goal-getting which was the only blot on an otherwise great show. Even so, it was certainly the most entertaining game seen at Griffin Park for a long time.

The vagaries of the game are always with us and just when the Bees seemed to have run bang into form we sustained our first away defeat of the season. That happened in another London "Derby" game, against Queen's Park Rangers, at Shepherds Bush, on Saturday last. The small Loftus Road playing pitch is always something of a handicap to visiting clubs although we are not offering that as an excuse for our 2—0 defeat, but as a spectacle it bore no comparison to the show of the previous week. True, the Bees did not play anything like so well although putting up a fairly good show in the first half. The big turning point came when the Rangers got a quick goal in the second half to take the lead and after that the Rangers proved the better side to eventually finish deserved winners by virtue of

their superiority during the homeward journey. For some unknown reason the Bees seemed to lack fire after the Rangers had got in front which was rather surprising in view of the magnificent fighting spirit which our boys have generally shown this season. Perhaps it is best to treat this game as a closed book and forget all about it.

To-day we have the pleasure of a visit from old friends in Luton Town who beat us twice last season by the decisive margin of three clear goals—the first games between the two clubs for many years.

So far this season Luton has only collected three points from six away games but curiously enough they were two splendid performances which gave it those precious points—a 2—1 win at Barnsley—the only team to win on the Yorkshire club's ground this season—and a 3—3 draw at Cardiff, being the first club to take a point from Ninian Park until the 'Spurs' won there last week-end.

The Bees will undoubtedly have to recover their best form to finish ahead of Luton to-day and we all hope the game will be as thrilling as the last home match—or is that expecting too much?

"BUSY BEE."

JOTTINGS FROM THE BOARD ROOM—Continued.

We wish him the very best of good luck and trust that he has many more seasons in which to serve the Bees. He joined this club in May, 1937 from East Fife F.C.

Tickets for numbered and reserved seats can now be purchased for our game v. Southampton on October 30th at 5s. Od. and 6s. Od. (Block 'B'), there has already been a very heavy demand for tickets for this game. Applications by post must be accompanied with remittance and stamped addressed envelope.

Paddy Brown who has been on the injured list since the Public Trial game, appears to have fully recovered. He played against Brighton Reserves and felt no effects of his injury. It will no doubt take a game or two before he will have regained his confidence.

Tony Harper, who has also been unable to play through an injury, played on Monday last against Walthamstow Avenue, but although he played through the game, he complained that he is not yet 100 per cent. fit.

Alec Blakeman, pulled thigh muscle, is still unfit.

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JOTTINGS FROM THE BOARD ROOM

After the interesting and pleasing game v. West Ham on October 2nd, the game v. Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday last was a complete contrast. Our boys gave a fair display in the first half, but with the home team scoring in the first minute after change of ends, they fell to pieces and were defeated by 2 goals to nil. The inability of our forwards to score goals is causing much concern, especially as many, what appear easy opportunities, have been missed, but the players themselves are equally concerned, so it is hoped that our patrons will continue to give their cheers of encouragement to the players.

Comparative records with last season are:

	Goals							
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	
This Season	12	3	3	6	9	11	12
Last Season	12	2	8	2	12	28	6

A set of miniature field glasses was found in the Stand on Saturday, September 18th, 1948. Please apply to Mr. Bain at the Main Office.

The Reserves were defeated on Saturday last by Brighton Reserves by 3 goals to 1 (Devonshire) and on Monday last they drew 1—1 (Keene) against Walthamstow Avenue in the first round of the London Challenge Cup, the replay takes place on this ground on Monday next, 18th October, kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

The winners of the Brentford v. Walthamstow Avenue Cup-Tie play Charlton Athletic at Charlton on Monday, October 25th, in the Second round of the Cup.

We still continue to receive applications for tickets for the England v. Scotland International game at Wembley next April. These applications cannot be considered until we know this Club's allocation. A notice will be inserted in this Programme at a future date when and how to apply.

Our Juniors met their first defeat when Chase of Chertsey F.C. beat our boys by 2 goals to nil on Saturday last.

The Reserves are to-day away at Northampton.

The Directors have unanimously agreed to pay the maximum sum of £750 as a benefit to our very popular goalkeeper Joe Crozier. Joe has given excellent service to this Club in the 11 seasons he has been with us.

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CLUB NOTES

Mr. Stacey

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. E. Stacey, who was fatally injured last week in a road accident. On behalf of all members whom he served so loyally on the Committee, we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Stacey and family in their sad bereavement.

AWAY GAMES

The Supporters' Club continues to provide transport to away games at a very low cost. The coaches for BRADFORD will leave the Brook Road Entrance, Clifden Road, at Mid-Night on Friday, October 22nd. On the return journey, they will depart from Bradford at 10.45 p.m., arriving in Brentford at 7 a.m. Sunday, October 24th. Fare as in Membership Card. Tickets may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from the Supporters' Hut under Stand 'A'. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope when applying by post. NOTE.—It is not possible for juvenile members to travel at reduced rates at present.

BADGES

The new metal badges may be obtained from the Supporters' Hut on production of the Membership Card, at the cost of 1s. 9d. each.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB DANCE

The second Club Dance of the season will be held at the Castle Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday, November 18th from 8 p.m. to mid-night, with Bert Randall and his West End Band. Tickets 3s. Od. single may be obtained from the Supporters' Hut or at the door.

ICE SKATING

Will all supporters interested in forming an Ice Skating section of the Supporters' Club please contact the Social Secretary as soon as possible, either at the Supporters' Hut or by letter. Arrangements can be made to hire the Rink at Richmond if the response is sufficiently great.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Mounted photographs of the presentation of the new flag at the last Dance are now available from the Supporters' Hut or General Secretary, price 4s. Od. each.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division II			
	1948	1949	Result
Aug.	21—Coventry City " 25—Leeds United " 28—Shef. Wednesday	H A A	D 2—2 D 0—0 D 0—0
Sept.	1—Leeds United " 4—Lincoln City " 6—Leicester City " 11—Chesterfield " 15—Leicester City " 18—West Bromwich A. " 25—Bury	H H A H H H	W 1—3 D 0—0 W 1—2 L 1—2 D 0—0 W 2—1
Oct.	2—West Ham United " 9—Queen's Park R. " 16—Luton Town " 23—Bradford " 30—Southampton	H A H A H	D 0—0 L 0—2
Nov.	6—Barnsley " 13—Grimsby Town " 20—Nottingham F. " 27—(1) Fulham	A H A H	
Dec.	4—Plymouth Argyle " 11—(2) Blackburn Rov. " 18—Coventry City " 25—Cardiff City " 27—Cardiff City	A H A H A	
Jan.	1—Shef. Wednesday " 8—(3) " 15—Lincoln City " 22—Chesterfield " 29—(4)	H A H	
Feb.	5—West Bromwich A. " 12—(5) " 19—Bury " 26—(6) West Ham U. Mar. 5—Queen's Park R.	A H H A H	
"	12—Luton Town " 19—Bradford " 26—(S.F.) Southampton	A H A	
April	2—Barnsley " 9—Grimsby Town " 15—Tottenham Hotspur " 16—Nottingham F. " 18—Tottenham Hotspur " 23—Fulham " 30—(F.) Plymouth A. H.	H A A H A A	
May	7—Blackburn Rovers	A	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section A			
League	1948	Result	
Aug.	21—Birmingham City	A	L 0—
"	25—Reading	H	L 1—
"	28—Chelsea	H	W 1—
Sept.	1—Luton Town	H	L 0—
"	4—Plymouth Argyle	AA	L 0—
"	6—Chelsea	AA	L 0—
"	11—Watford	H	D 1—
"	18—Ipswich Town	AA	L 0—
"	22—Leyton Orient	AA	W 3—
"	25—Swindon Town	H	W 3—
"	29—Ipswich Town	H	W 5—
Oct.	2—Queen's Park R.	AA	L 1—
"	9—Brighton & Hove	AA	L 1—
"	16—Northampton T.	AA	L 1—
"	23—Luton Town	H	AA
"	30—Leyton Orient	H	AA
Nov.	6—Norwich City	H	AA
"	13—Brighton & Hove	AA	AA
"	20—Northampton T.	AA	AA
"	27—Reading	AA	AA
Dec.	4—Queen's Park R.	H	AA
"	11—Swindon Town	AA	AA
"	18—Birmingham City	H	AA
"	25—Swansea Town	AA	AA
"	27—Swansea Town	H	AA
1949			
Cup			
Jan.	1—Leyton Orient	A	
"	8—Tottenham H.	AA	
"	15—Tottenham H.	H	
"	22—		
"	29—Reading	H	
Feb.	5—Reading	AA	
"	12—Chelsea	H	
"	19—Chelsea	H	
"	26—Queen's Park R.	H	
Mar.	5—Brighton & Hove	AA	
"	12—Fulham	H	
"	19—Queen's Park R.	A	
"	26—Leyton Orient	H	
April	2—Fulham	A	
"	9—Brighton & Hove	H	
League			
April	15—West Ham United	H	
"	16		
"	18—West Ham United	A	
"	23—Plymouth Argyle	H	
"	30—Norwich City	A	
May	7		
Undated—Watford			
		A	

HALF-TIME SCORES

A—Charlton v. Sheffield U.	J—Leeds v. Southampton
B—Chelsea v. Blackpool	K—Leicester v. Bradford
C—Everton v. Derby	L—Lincoln v. Notts Forest
D—Portsmouth v. Sunderland	M—Sheffield W. v. Grimsby
E—Preston North E. v. Arsenal	N—Spurs v. Queen's Park R.
F—Bury v. Blackburn R.	O—West Brom. A. v. Plymouth
G—Chesterfield v. Fulham	P—West Ham v. Cardiff
H—Coventry v. Barnsley	R—Swansea v. Millwall

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II	Goals					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Spurs	12	6	4	2	23	10
W.B.A.	12	6	4	2	20	9
Barnsley	12	5	5	2	23	12
Soton	12	6	2	4	22	14
Bury	12	6	2	4	21	17
Cardiff	12	5	4	3	15	13
Bradford	12	5	3	4	20	16
Q.P.R.	12	5	3	4	15	21
Sheff. W.	12	4	4	4	22	21
Leicester	12	4	4	4	22	22
Leeds U.	12	4	4	4	20	21
West Ham	12	3	6	3	11	12
Blackburn	12	5	2	5	18	22
Brentford	12	3	6	3	9	11
Chesterf'd	12	3	6	3	13	16
Fulham	12	4	3	5	19	17
Luton T.	12	3	5	4	15	19
Grimsby	12	3	4	5	19	20
Lincoln	12	2	5	5	13	23
Plymouth	12	3	2	7	11	16
Coventry	12	3	2	7	16	26
Notts F.	12	3	2	7	7	16

FOOTBALL COMBINATION
SECTION "A"

	Goals					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
Chelsea	14	9	2	3	32	10
Luton. T.	13	9	3	1	35	17
B'minh'm	13	8	3	2	28	13
Norwich	13	8	4	1	22	16
Swansea	13	7	4	2	31	24
Plymouth	14	6	5	3	21	15
Q.P.R.	14	6	5	3	24	23
Reading	13	6	5	2	28	26
Ipswich T.	15	6	8	1	25	28
Brighton	13	6	6	1	20	24
Leyton O.	14	5	8	1	20	33
Watford	13	4	7	2	9	18
West Ham	14	3	8	3	21	31
Brentford	13	4	8	1	16	25
N'th'mpt'n	14	3	8	3	17	30
Swindon	13	3	9	1	15	31

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