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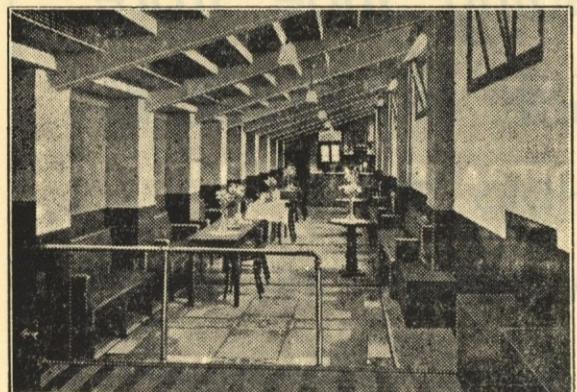
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**CLUB NOTES**

With last Saturday's match behind us we have embarked once more on another Football Season, with its many ups and downs for players and spectators alike. You have all by now analysed the game we had here last week-end with West Ham and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that we were unlucky to drop a point. They were two very fit teams and considering the two very big handicaps under which they played in the way of heat and a bone-hard ground, the football witnessed was very good indeed. It was a pity from our point of view that just as we had obtained a firm grip on the game that West Ham should be able to make that break away and score to make us a goal in arrears, but it only went to show what a splendid game our defence had put up for the only two chances the "Hammers" had throughout the game resulted in a goal each time. As usual with our encounters with West Ham the game was played without the slightest sign of ill-feeling from any player which just goes to prove that this game can be played with both sides striving for a win but at the same time played like sportsmen.

Congratulations to Sid Owen in being our opening scorer for season 1949/50. It was a splendidly taken goal and shows what can be done by a centre half who is not afraid sometimes to join in an attack. It is unfortunately seen all too seldom these days but how refreshing to see it done occasionally. The other goal scored by Jack Taylor was another very fine effort and fully deserved to score. There were other shots from the other forwards which against a less capable goalie than Gregory would have found a billet in the back of the net but luckily Jack was able

to find a way past him and so gain for us a valuable point.

The Stiffs at Reading were also involved in a drawn game, but there were no goals scored in this one. We should have won if all the chances had been taken but there again the conditions were all against good football. Unfortunately Charlie Burtenshaw and Peter Walsh sustained ankle injuries during the match, Peter's occurring after about only five minute's play. We were therefore prevented from assessing the true worth of Walsh but we are hoping it will not be long before we see him playing again for he looks the type we want in our forward line. It is an ill wind, however, which does not blow up some good for in this instance it gave the Team Manager the opportunity of playing Michael Cullen at outside right against Millwall Reserves last Monday evening, and from all accounts he gave a very promising display. Another of our new captures, Percy James, took over the position vacated by Charlie Burtenshaw at outside left and showed that with that extra training he will receive when he comes on full time that he will be quite an acquisition. Leslie Slatter also played and showed that he had not lost any of his cleverness and is settling down very nicely.

As the reserves lost by three goals to one you may well be asking how is it that with all this promising talent that we lost. The fact is that Millwall fielded four of their players who were in their first team on Saturday last and well though our lads played the little extra experience of the "Lions" carried the day. Our boys however were in no way disgraced and will be among the leaders again at the end of the season if they continue to play as well as they have done these two games.

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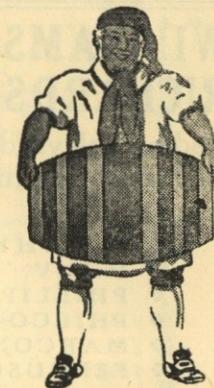
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F. A.

			1948/49	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 20	<b>West Ham United</b>	0 1	<b>H</b>	<b>2 2</b>
Wed., 24	<b>Coventry City</b>	2 0	<b>H</b>	
Sat., 27	<b>Sheffield United</b>	...	<b>A</b>	
Mon., 29	<b>Coventry City</b>	0 2	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Sept. 3	<b>Grimsby Town</b>	1 1	<b>H</b>	
Wed., 7	<b>Bradford</b>	1 4	<b>A</b>	
Sat., 10	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	3 0	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Preston North End</b>	...	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Swansea Town</b>	...	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Oct. 1	<b>Leeds United</b>	0 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Leicester City</b>	1 1	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Bury</b>	1 3	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>	1 1	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Cardiff City</b>	3 3	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Nov. 5	<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	2 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Brentford</b>	0 2	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Hull City</b>	...	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Sheffield Wednesday</b>	0 0	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Dec. 3	<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	3 1	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Chesterfield</b>	0 1	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>West Ham United</b>	1 0	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Sheffield United</b>	...	<b>H</b>	
Mon., 26	<b>Southampton</b>	1 1	<b>H</b>	
Tues., 27	<b>Southampton</b>	1 1	<b>A</b>	
Sat., 31	<b>Grimsby Town</b>	1 2	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Jan. 7	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	...	
...	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	0 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Preston North End</b>	...	<b>A</b>	
...	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	...	
Sat., Feb. 4	<b>Swansea Town</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
...	F.A. Cup—Round 5	...	...	
...	<b>Leeds United</b>	0 2	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Leicester City</b>	1 1	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Mar. 4	<b>Bury</b>	1 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>	1 2	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Cardiff City</b>	3 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	1 4	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Apr. 1	<b>Sheffield Wednesday</b>	2 1	<b>H</b>	
Fri., 7	<b>Barnsley</b>	1 0	<b>A</b>	
Sat., 8	<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	1 1	<b>A</b>	
Mon., 10	<b>Barnsley</b>	2 1	<b>A</b>	
Sat., 15	<b>Brentford</b>	2 1	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Hull City</b>	...	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Chesterfield</b>	1 0	<b>H</b>	
Tues., May 6	<b>Bradford</b>	0 1	<b>H</b>	

			1948/49	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 20	<b>Reading</b>	...	...	<b>3 0</b>
Mon., 22	<b>Millwall</b>	...	...	<b>A 1 3</b>
Sat., 27	<b>Southend United</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
Wed., 31	<b>Coventry City</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
Sat., Sept. 3	<b>Northampton Town</b>	3 2	<b>A</b>	
Wed., 7	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	5 2	<b>H</b>	
Sat., 10	<b>Northampton Town</b>	5 2	<b>H</b>	
Wed., 14	<b>Birmingham City</b>	2 0	<b>H</b>	
Sat., 17	<b>Swansea Town</b>	0 3	<b>A</b>	
Wed., 21	<b>Birmingham City</b>	3 1	<b>A</b>	
Sat., 24	<b>Arsenal</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
Mon., 26	<b>Coventry City</b>	...	...	<b>A</b>
Sat., Oct. 1	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	2 1	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Southend United</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
...	<b>Fulham</b>	15	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	...	...	<b>A</b>
Sat., Nov. 5	<b>Cardiff City</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
Sat., Nov. 12	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	5 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Leicester City</b>	...	...	<b>A</b>
...	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	26	<b>H</b>	
Sat., Nov. 19	<b>Leicester City</b>	...	...	<b>A</b>
...	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	26	<b>H</b>	
Sat., Dec. 3	<b>Leyton Orient</b>	3 2	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Leicester City</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
...	<b>Reading</b>	3 2	<b>H</b>	
Mon., 26	<b>Arsenal</b>	...	...	<b>A</b>
Tues., 27	<b>Swansea Town</b>	1 1	<b>H</b>	
Mon., 10	<b>Millwall</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
Sat., 15	<b>Fulham</b>	...	...	<b>A</b>
...	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	...	...	<b>H</b>
...	<b>Cardiff City</b>	29	<b>A</b>	
<b>Combination Cup</b>				
Sat., Dec. 31	<b>Northampton Town</b>	2 1	<b>H</b>	
Sat., Jan. 7	<b>Birmingham City</b>	3 2	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Norwich City</b>	2 3	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Watford</b>	2 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Bury</b>	28	<b>H</b>	
Sat., Feb. 4	<b>Leicester City</b>	0 0	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Birmingham City</b>	3 0	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Norwich City</b>	3 1	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Ipswich Town</b>	2 2	<b>H</b>	
Sat., Mar. 4	<b>Leicester City</b>	1 1	<b>H</b>	
...	<b>Northampton Town</b>	2 1	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Watford</b>	1 0	<b>A</b>	
Sat., Apr. 1	<b>Ipswich Town</b>	0 0	<b>A</b>	
...	<b>Coventry City</b>	1 0	<b>H</b>	
To be arranged	<b>Coventry City</b>	2 2	<b>A</b>	

**LEAGUE TABLES, 1948-49 — Final Positions**

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
<b>Fulham</b> ...	42	24	9	9	77	37	57
<b>West Brom.</b> <b>Albion</b>	42	24	8	10	69	39	56
<b>Southampton</b> ...	42	23	9	10	69	36	55
<b>Cardiff City</b> ...	42	19	13	10	62	47	51
<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>	42	17	16	9	72	44	50
<b>Chesterfield</b> ...	42	15	17	10	51	45	47
<b>West Ham United</b>	42	18	10	14	56	58	46
<b>Sheffield Wednesday</b>	42	15	13	14	63	56	43
<b>Barnsley</b> ...	42	14	12	16	62	61	40
<b>LUTON TOWN</b> ...	42	14	12	16	55	57	40
<b>Grimsby Town</b> ...	42	15	10	17	72	76	40
<b>Bury</b> ...	42	17	6	19	67	76	40
<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	42	14	11	17	44	62	39
<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	42	15	8	19	53	63	38
<b>Leeds United</b>	42	12	13	17	55	63	37
<b>Coventry City</b>	42	15	7	20	55	64	37
<b>Bradford</b>	42	13	11	18	65	78	37
<b>Brentford</b>	42	11	14	17	42	53	36
<b>Leicester City</b>	42	10	16	16	62	79	36
<b>Plymouth</b>							

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