



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1949.

Kick-off at 3 o'clock.

CARDIFF CITY v.



LUTON TOWN

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION II.

Up to and including matches played Saturday, October 22nd.

	HOME			GOALS.			AWAY			GOALS.			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Tottenham Hotspur	13	6	0	1	20	6	4	2	0	11	4	22	
Sheffield Wednesday	13	5	1	0	17	7	3	1	2	7	8	18	
Hull City	13	4	2	0	19	12	4	0	3	13	15	18	
Barnsley	13	6	1	1	21	13	0	4	1	6	7	17	
Preston North End	14	3	3	1	10	6	2	2	3	10	9	15	
Grimsby Town	13	5	1	1	21	11	1	2	3	9	13	15	
Swansea Town	13	4	1	1	10	3	2	2	3	8	11	15	
West Ham	13	3	2	2	13	13	2	3	1	9	6	15	
Sheffield United	14	1	5	1	7	7	3	1	3	9	11	14	
Chesterfield	14	4	0	2	7	4	2	2	4	8	15	14	
Southampton	12	3	2	1	8	5	2	1	3	6	10	13	
Blackburn Rovers	14	5	0	2	12	6	1	1	5	9	17	13	
Bury	13	4	2	1	19	8	1	0	5	7	12	12	
Leeds United	14	2	3	2	10	9	2	1	4	5	9	12	
Luton Town	13	3	4	0	8	4	0	2	4	4	12	12	
Cardiff City	12	4	0	2	8	5	0	3	3	7	11	11	
Queen's Park Rangers	14	2	2	3	8	10	1	3	3	7	9	11	
Leicester City	14	1	2	3	11	11	2	2	4	10	14	10	
Brentford	14	1	3	3	4	8	2	1	4	8	13	10	
Bradford	13	2	2	2	9	11	1	2	4	9	18	10	
Plymouth Argyle	13	2	1	3	7	9	1	1	5	7	17	8	
Coventry City	13	2	1	4	8	11	0	2	4	10	16	7	

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CARDIFF**SOCCER QUIZ. DO YOU KNOW?**

1. Does a club promoted from either section of the Third Division to the Second Division of the Football League have to pay any fee?
2. Which Football League team contained both its player-manager and its player-coach, but was captained by another member of the side?
3. What proportion of Football League match receipts have to be paid to the Football League itself?
4. The First Division of the Football League has been running since the start of season 1888-89, the Second Division since 1892-93, the Southern Section since 1920-21, and the Northern Section since 1921-22. How many clubs altogether have played in each division?
5. In over 70 years through which both Association and Rugby Union international matches have been played how many players have won caps at both codes?
6. What payments may be made to players of a Football League Club undergoing a close season foreign tour, and is it permissible for players to make a profit?

*Answers on Page 10.***INTERESTING POINTS ABOUT LUTON TOWN.**

Club formed in 1885.

Record attendance: 27,319 v. Tottenham Hotspur (League), last Saturday, October 22nd., 1949.

Biggest Football League Victory: 12-0 v. Bristol Rovers, April 13, 1936.

Most Football League goals for club: 150 by A. Rennie from 1925-26 to 1934-35 inclusive.

Record individual total of Football League goals for one season: 55 by J. Payne in 1936-37.

Best individual scoring feat for one Football League match: Ten goals by J. Payne v. Bristol Rovers, April 13, 1936.

Best individual scoring feats against for one Football League match: Four goals by: Hunt (Woolwich Arsenal), December 31, 1896; H. J. Fleming (Swindon Town), August 28, 1920; E. T. Watkins (Brentford), January 28, 1928; J. W. Holliday (Brentford), February 1, 1933; W. H. Lake (Coventry City), February 19, 1938.

Total players (while with club) supplied for International Championship matches: Four. Two English, two Irish.

Longest service in club's employ among present registered professionals: D. Gardiner, signed in summer of 1938.

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TODAY'S VISITORS.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

Luton Town, who visit us this afternoon, are always assured of a real Welsh welcome for our association goes back many years and the older generation of City followers will recall the struggles between the clubs as far back as the old Southern League days before World War I and after up to 1920. In those days the Bedfordshire club's supporters used to invade Cardiff wearing the team's colours on their strawplaiter boaters—the emblem of Luton's then main industry.

A Luton ground record crowd of 27,319 saw them run Tottenham Hotspur to a goal each draw last Saturday when George Stobbart, secured from Newcastle United three weeks ago, who has taken over the leadership of the forwards, opened his goal scoring account for his new club. Big Jock Arnison, who registered 17 goals last season at centre forward, is now playing at inside left. B. Streten, the former amateur international goalkeeper, since joining the professional ranks has established himself as one of the best keepers in League football.

Last season's corresponding game resulted in a draw of three goals each.

FULL SOCCER COVERAGE.

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CLUB NOTES.

OUR journey to Coventry last Saturday failed to produce the two points we all confidently expected.

We have ourselves to blame for losing these valuable points. Our boys gave one of their most listless displays.

All too frequently players stood about waiting for the ball to come to them instead of going to meet it. They did not work as a team and although we had the major part of the play during the first half we turned round two goals down.

Indecision and lack of thrust at inside forward cost us several goals. It must be said, however, that Ronnie Stitfall in the centre worked like a trojan and really deserved a goal.

Poor covering by our defence led to the two Coventry goals taken well by Jamieson and Murphy.

A general tightening up in all departments is necessary and we must produce at all times that will to win spirit as shown in the last five minutes after Doug. Blair's goal.

The Combination team had a grand game against Arsenal and were unlucky to lose by one goal to nil.

The improved form of the Welsh League side continued with a good 4-2 victory at Aberaman. Elvet Evans (2), Gordon Pembrey and Viv Howell scored our goals.

On Wednesday at Ninian Park they beat a strong Merthyr Tydfil Welsh League team by the only goal of the match scored when George Thomas, from a well placed centre by Bob Lamie, headed in.



SNAPSHOTS FROM SOCCERDOM.

Charlton Athletic are the youngest of London's eleven League clubs, but they are building up an astonishing record in the production of managers. All these present pilots were together as Charlton players in season 1936-37; George Stephenson (Huddersfield), Syd Cann (Southampton), Bob Wright (Bristol City), Don Welsh (Brighton), and Alec Stock (Orient). Bill Dodgin (Fulham manager), Albert Lindon (Merthyr manager), George Robinson (Charlton assistant-manager), and Norman Smith (Chelsea trainer) are other ex-Athletic players.

Many of the bright stars of the day in League life were the despised and discarded of other clubs in the past. Take Gateshead leader Eddie Passmore, first in the Football League to hit two "hat-tricks" this season and chief scorer in the whole country. Portsmouth first recruited him from Horden Colliery in June, 1939, but later let him go. Swansea Town signed him after the war, but they, too, gave him a "free." Both regret it now.

Not since Sheffield Wednesday first entered the senior grade way back in 1892-93 have Yorkshire been without at least one club in the first Division in any season. There is little danger of that 57-years-spell being smashed if Huddersfield Town and Middlesbrough, the county's two survivors up aloft maintain their present improved form and a bad early season start.

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TO-DAY'S TEAMS.

(Alterations will be announced by Loudspeakers).

RIGHT

CARDIFF CITY
(Royal Blue)

LEFT

JOSLIN

2 LEVER

3 STITFALL, R.

4 WILLIAMS, G.

5 MONTGOMERY

6 SHERWOOD

7 WILLIAMS, R.

8 HOLLYMAN

8 BLAIR

10 BAKER

11 EDWARDS

Referee:

Mr. R. J. BURGESS
Reading.

Linesmen:

Mr. A. H. TOLLEY
Mr. S. G. FINNING



11 TAYLOR

10 ARNISON

9 WALSH

8 STOBART

7 GLOVER

6 GARDINER

5 OWEN

4 WATKINS

3 AHERNE, T.

2 COOKE

STRETEN

LEFT

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

What was expected to prove a most interesting and attractive encounter between the City and Liverpool had to be postponed owing to the bad state of the ground at Ninian Park resulting upon a steady downpour of rain. Despite the unfavourable conditions many thousands of would-be spectators had collected outside the ground. About 20 minutes before the fixed time for the kick-off the referee, Mr. Vickery, of Birmingham, decided that the pitch was unplayable.

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The match was played later in mid-week when the City lost 3-1.

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Football Combination.
CITY v. MILLWALL
Saturday, November 5th.
Kick-off at 3 o'clock.
★
WELSH LEAGUE.
CITY v. LOVELL'S ATH.
Wednesday, November 9th.
Kick-off at 3 o'clock.
★
LEAGUE, DIVISION II.
CITY v WEST HAM UTD.
Saturday, November 12th.

Date to Remember.

★
November 9th.
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HALF-TIME SCORES.

LEAGUE, DIVISION II.

A...Blackburn v Coventry
B...Bradford v Grimsby
C...Brentford v Southampton
D...Bury v West Ham
E...Chesterfield v Q.P.R.
F...Hull City v Leeds Utd.
G...Leicester v Sheff. Utd.
H...Plymouth v Preston
I...Sheff. Wed. v Swansea
J...Tottenham v Barnsley

LEAGUE, DIVISION I.

K...Aston V. v Stoke City
L...Blackpool v Bolton
M...Charlton v Burnley
N...Everton v Derby
O...Fulham v Liverpool
P...Huddersfield v West Brom
Q...Man. C. v Sunderland
R...Middlesbro v Birmingham
S...Newcastle v Arsenal
T...Portsmouth v Man. U.

DIVISION III, SOUTH.

U...Exeter v Newport

SUPPORTERS' CLUB CHATTER.

We have a feast of good things in store, so it would be wise to get your diary and make notes of the following:—

First of all, any communications regarding this column should be addressed to the General Secretary, 59, Fairwater Grove East, Llandaf, Cardiff. This will save time and delay and dealing with any items.

Whitchurch, for Rhiwbina and Llandaf North, meet every Monday at the Cross Inn, Caerphilly Cross Roads. They are making up for lost time and a hearty welcome awaits you whether you live near or not. It is hoped to arrange transport for all home games soon.

Taff's Well meet every Friday at Tynant Inn, Morgantown, and they too are hoping to fix transport for all home games.

Penarth. An inaugural meeting has been arranged at the Y.M.C.A., Penarth, on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped to form a provisional Committee for the purposes of establishing a Branch and any one interested, whether members or not, will be welcomed.

Llanharan are now arranging to meet every week most likely Thursdays at the Turberville Hall and commence operations with a grand Whist Drive on Thursday, November 3rd, at 7 p.m. Will all members in that area please note.

Canton are now all set for their Carnival Dance at Victoria Ballroom on Monday, November 14th. They are making a special night of this and a real good time is assured for all. Tickets 3/- each may be obtained from the Secretary's office under the Canton Stand or from Mr. J. Crawford, 77, Romilly Road.

Hengoed. Not satisfied with their successful Leeds visit, this Branch is now arranging a great drive for membership and a special function is being held at the Junction Hotel on Saturday, November 19th, when all in the district will be welcomed.

Grange. On Thursday, November 24th, a Grand Dance will be held at the Regent Ballroom, Mardy Street. Special prizes are being offered and as these people like to do things in a big way a grand evening is assured. Nimble fingers Frank Davison and his Band will be there and for 2/6 you can add to your bumper fun list. Tickets are now on sale at Secretary's Office

under Canton Stand or from Mr. R. Pearce, 19, Moordale Road, Grange.
Ferndale. On the next night this Branch of the Rhondda are holding their big effort with a Carnival Dance. More details later.

Ebbw Vale. Here's another date for the next night. Three nights in succession. Phew! We don't get time to breath. A big supper and dance is being held at the Beaufort Hill Welfare Club. Here's a fine opportunity for all living so far away to spend a grand evening.

Rhondda are not letting the other Rhondda Valley get away with things for they have organised a Carnival Dance at the King's Hall, Pentre, for the last day of the month, Wednesday, November 30th.

Darts. Plans are under discussion for making established arrangements for all members, also for table tennis. Organised plans are being reviewed, so watch for future announcements in a big way.

Enrolments. We are having trouble with lost cards mainly through names and addresses not being clearly written. Please watch this point very carefully. We have a case of Mr. Davies, 88, Carmarthen Street, Canton. The letter has been returned as no such number. Please call at our office and rectify this error.

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Winners Welsh Cup 1911-12, 1919-20, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1929-30.

Winners Western League Championship 1913-14.

Winners South Wales and Mon. Cup 1913-14, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1928-29.

Winners Welsh League Championship 1922-23, 1928-29, 1935-36.

Welsh League Challenge Cup 1937-38.

Football League Division III (Southern Section) Championship 1946-47.

SOCCER QUIZ.

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS.

1. Yes, a fee of £200 has to be paid to the Football League by each such club.
2. The Luton Town team in season 1947-48 included Douglas (Dally) Duncan (player-manager), and Frank Soo (player-coach), yet the side was captained by Horace Gager, its centre half back.
3. The Football League receives one per cent. of the net gate and stand receipts of all First and Second Division matches, one and a half per cent. of those at Southern Section games, and two per cent. of those in the Northern Section.
4. 42 in the First Division, 77 in the Second, 38 in the Southern Section, and 38 in the Northern.
5. Only seven—R. H. Birkett, C. P. Wilson, and J. W. Sutcliffe (England), H. W. Renny-Tailyour (Scotland), R. D. Garrons-Williams (Wales), and the brothers Kevin and Michael O'Flanagan (Ireland).
6. Out-of-pocket expenses may not exceed £1 per day for each player. Players must not be allowed to make a profit over and above ordinary match bonus of £2 for a win and £1 for a draw.

WHO WOULD BE A LINESMAN?

THERE is one follower of the bouncing ball who cannot possibly do right, and who never by any chance receives praise. This is the man on the line. His position compares very unfavourably with that of the referee. For he has no power to enforce his decisions. And he is nearer the spectators. Should a loud-voiced crowd show over-much resentment against a referee's rulings, that individual—provided he be endowed with sufficient nerve—can soon put a stop to the display of animosity by stopping the game until things cool down somewhat. The linesman can stop nothing.

The roar of the crowd generally comes to the referee well away in the centre of the field as a dull murmur. The ejaculations of only a few exasperated spectators never reach him at all.

But they reach the linesman all right.

As he follows the run of the ball along his line he runs a continuous gauntlet of criticism. Should he award a doubtful throw-in to the visiting team a few thousand spectators implore him to "Get one of their jerseys on!"

He is besieged with inquiries as to whose side he is on, and his power of vision is the subject of pitying comments. He is told to "Get a pair of Bevan's specs., old man," etc.

He is snubbed by the players and very often ignored by the referee.

There is, for instance, the case of the tricky outside player who waltzes round and round with the ball until he is hemmed in by colleagues and opponents. There will be three of each team kicking at the ball at the same time. Suddenly the ball emerges from the confused ruck of feet and rolls out of play.

The linesman has no more idea as to who played the ball last than the man in the moon. Neither has anyone else. The players themselves don't know. But, of course, each team claims the throw-in. Well, it is the linesman's duty to decide.

To show his firmness and impartiality he gives a throw-in to the visiting team. An explosive yell arises from the spectators in the immediate vicinity and the poor linesman has to go through oftentimes much abuse.

In addition to giving out-of-play decisions he is supposed to call the referee's attention to any infringement of the rules which that official has missed seeing. Never a game passes but what the referee fails to see some glaring misdemeanour.

But the spectators never miss it. (If the visiting team is at fault, that is). Some of them may, but a great number are sure to detect it and object in the good old way.

The linesman waves his flag to attract the referee's notice. If the referee awards something to the home team the referee is duly applauded.

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But sometimes he disregards the linesman's signal and allows play to proceed. This fact is audibly commented upon by sarcastic spectators and they ask the linesman what he is there for and what good is he?

Again, the outside man is dribbling swiftly along the line. A difference of a few inches and the ball will be out of play. The linesman dashes desperately in the wake of the winger. Suddenly the outside man's headlong career is stopped by the back who takes a flying kick at the ball which strikes the engrossed linesman and bowls him over. Immediately there arises a howl of rapturous delight. For the rest of the game the linesman sees nothing but grinning faces.

Where on earth is the attraction for any man to become a linesman? All honour to those men who take on this essential part in our great game.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

1949.	Goals.
Aug.	F. A.
20 Blackburn Rovers ...	A 0 1
22 Sheffield Wednesday ...	H 1 0
27 Swansea Town ...	H 1 0
29 Sheffield Wednesday ...	A 1 1
Sept.	
3 Tottenham ...	H 0 1
5 Hull City ...	H 2 0
10 Bury ...	A 2 2
17 Leicester City ...	H 2 4
24 Bradford ...	A 3 3
Oct.	
1 Chesterfield ...	H 2
8 Leeds United ...	A 0 2
+ Southampton ...	H
+ Date to be arranged.	
22 Coventry City ...	A 1 2
29 Luton Town ...	H
Nov.	
5 Barnsley ...	A
12 West Ham United ...	H
19 Sheffield United ...	A
23 Wales v Belgium at Ninian Park.	
26 (1) Grimsby Town ...	H
Dec.	
3 Queen's Park Rangers ...	A
10 (2) Preston North End ...	H
17 Blackburn Rovers ...	H
24 Swansea Town ...	A
+26 Plymouth Argyle ...	A
27 Plymouth Argyle ...	H
31 Tottenham ...	A
+ Boxing Day.	
Jan., 1950.	
7 (3) F.A. Cup ...	
14 Bury ...	H
21 Leicester City ...	A
28 (4)	

Feb.

4 Bradford H

11 (5)

18 Chesterfield A

25 Leeds United H

March

4 (6) Southampton A

11 Coventry City H

18 Luton Town A

25 (S.F.) Barnsley H

April

1 Grimsby Town A

+7 Brentford A

8 Queen's Park Rangers H

*10 Brentford H

15 West Ham United A

22 Sheffield United H

29 (F.) Preston North End A

May

6 Hull City A

+ Good Friday. * Easter Monday.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.

1949.	Goals.
Aug.	F. A.
20 Coventry City ...	H 0 1
25 Southend United ...	A 2 1
27 Fulham ...	A 0 2
29 Fulham ...	H 1 1
Sept.	
3 Reading ...	A 1 1
10 Bristol Rovers ...	H 5 1
12 Bristol Rovers ...	A 2 3
17 Crystal Palace ...	A 0 1
19 Reading ...	H 2 0
24 Leicester City ...	H 4 1
28 Southend United ...	H 1 0
Oct.	
1 Leyton Orient ...	A 2 2
8 Queen's Park Rangers ...	H 4 0
15 Birmingham City ...	A 1 1
22 Arsenal ...	H 0 1
29 Luton Town ...	A